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From the IFC President

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Bucknell Greeks continue to positively impact the University and local communities. In 2007, the efforts of our twenty Greek organizations resulted in more than \$161,500 being raised for charity, and over 26,000 hours of community service. In addition, Greek students continue to demonstrate academic excellence with average GPAs consistently above 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 O'Sullivan, the 2008 Panhellenic President, and I are passionate about uniting all of our organizations to combat such scrutiny.

Through our experiences with other Greek organizations nationwide, it is apparent that Bucknell's Greek system is generally successful. Our continuing improvement is evident by Delta Gamma sorority, for example, which was the first Greek organization to be recognized as a "Gold-Star Chapter" within Bucknell's Plan for Prominence. 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.

The Interfraternity Council, the governing body of Bucknell's fourteen fraternities, is perpetually aiming for increased communication and unity. Building on the past, plans are currently 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. Going forward, we believe it is of great importance to further our relationship with administration and faculty. These initiatives are unique in distinguishing Bucknell's Greek system. Mary and I believe that a united 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 Kappa Sigma Fraternity for its successful return to campus this fall, and David Goodwin, who has been hired as the Interim Assistant Director of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs. Bucknell University should be proud of its Greek system. It continues to offer 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.

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Community Service and Philanthropy Update

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In 2007, the Bucknell Greek community made a remarkable impact upon a variety of local and national organizations. In the 2007 calendar year, men and women from the Greek community contributed a total of 26,359 service hours, with over \$161,500 in philanthropy money. As part of the Million Penny Project in 2007, Greeks raised \$10,000 for the Blue Butterfly Fund, a local organization dedicated to aiding families whose children have cancer by covering various expenses. Money was raised through fundraisers such as the annual Wing Fest in the spring and the Greek Iron Chef competition in the fall. Many sororities and fraternities, as well as the Alumni Greek Council, made significant contributions to the MPP.

This past February, Bucknell's annual Greek Awards Ceremony recognized two sororities and two fraternities for their impressive contributions to community service and philanthropy. The Community Service Program Awards for 2007 were given to Delta Gamma and Delta Upsilon, with astonishing averages of more than 26 and 34 hours of service per member, respectively. Furthermore, the 2007 Philanthropy Awards were earned by Chi Omega and Sigma Alpha Epsilon, raising over \$140 and \$310 per member, respectively, each with multiple projects.

In this 2008 spring semester, Bucknell Greeks have already taken part in countless community service and philanthropic projects, both local and

national. To name just a few, numerous fraternity men took part in the Polar Bear Plunge in February to raise money for the Downtown Lewisburg Partnership, while a noteworthy number of sorority women are expected to be significant contributors to the March Locks of Love hair drive whose hair donations will go to children suffering from medical hair loss. Bucknell Greeks will also continue to participate in events such as Relay for Life, Light the Night, and the Great Strides walk, raising philanthropy money for organizations such as the American Cancer Society, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The IFC and the Panhellenic Executive Council are also excited for the annual Wing Fest, which will take place on Wednesday, April 2. This year, all the money raised from Wing Fest will benefit the new MPP for 2008. Right now, the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils are working hard to select this year's beneficiary. The local charity selected will be announced in the very near future.

With the help from the Director of Community Service at Bucknell, Poppy Goforth, IFC and Panhellenic are organizing a number of ongoing service projects. One of these projects is for high school students in Milton; Bucknell women will help organize and run the Jungle Café, a non-alcoholic alternative on Friday nights where students will be provided with plenty of safe and fun entertainment. Furthermore, Bucknell Greek men will be coaching youth basketball teams at the YMCA. We look forward to another successful year and hope to leave a positive, lasting impact upon the community.

From the Panhellenic President

MARY O'SULLIVAN '09, PRESIDENT, PANEHELLENIC COUNCIL

Bucknell's Panhellenic Executive Council began 2008 by setting high standards for ourselves and for all Greek Women. This year, Panhellenic has begun to work very closely with the Interfraternity Council (IFC). Together, the Panhellenic and IFC councils have set goals of increasing communication and cooperation.

IFC President Joe Valickus and I introduced monthly Joint Executive meetings consisting of both the IFC and Panhellenic councils. The first two Joint Executive Meetings have been very successful! Each meeting is a wonderful opportunity for all 22 council members to discuss prevalent campus issues and areas where we, as a Greek community, could improve. Through these meetings, we have discussed improving Greek relations with the local community, the faculty, and non-Greek students. We look forward to hosting our first IFC/Panhellenic Faculty event in the near future.

This February, Bucknell's Panhellenic and IFC Councils were proud to present the program "A Boy, a Girl, a Virus, and a Relationship that Happened Anyway." The program was a candid discussion about the day-to-day lives of a married couple where one, but not both of them, has HIV. The program was both educational and eye opening for all in attendance. On March 25, Panhellenic sponsored an HPV Cervical Cancer Program that was open to the campus. With HPV and Cervical Cancer being such an important topic for both women and men, we hope that it helped to answer any questions that Bucknell's students had.

All six sororities have done an outstanding job working together this semester! At Panhellenic General Council Meetings, we have discussed

the importance of improving inter-sorority relations and combating sorority stereotyping. Both the Panhellenic GAMMA Chair and I have encouraged all of the sororities to co-sponsor non-alcoholic, community service, and philanthropy events with other Greek organizations. Each sorority has taken initiative and planned events that increase inter-sorority bonding. The events thus far have been well attended and fun for all!

The 2007 calendar year was an exceptional year for chapter accomplishments! In order to ensure that 2008 is just as, if not more, successful, Panhellenic Meetings have set a tone of sharing experiences and supporting each organization in its efforts. Through monthly Presidents' Lunches, where all of the chapter presidents come together for lunch while openly sharing and discussing struggles and successes that their chapter has faced, chapter presidents have the ability to turn to each other for suggestions and brainstorming. We hope that regularly scheduled gatherings, such as the Presidents lunches, will help Bucknell's Greek System continue to grow through conversation and unity.

With Open Suites quickly approaching, Panhellenic and all of Bucknell's sororities will be very busy! In addition, this February, Panhellenic voted to begin the process of extension, adding a seventh sorority to Bucknell University. While there is a lot in the future for Panhellenic and for the Bucknell's Greek system, this is a very exciting time! Everyone should be proud of all Greek Life's outstanding accomplishments, and of the high expectations that we as a Greek community have set for ourselves!



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 look forward to planning this event again for Homecoming weekend. The luncheon 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 offers a wonderful chance for students to hear first-hand accounts of their interests and provides beneficial interactions for students preparing to make their transition into the workforce. Additionally, we are in the final stages of setting up a new newsletter specifically for Bucknell alumni. This newsletter will be published once per semester, and will detail the latest accomplishments of the Bucknell Greek community. 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.

Letter from the Editors

As the new Vice Presidents of External Affairs for the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils, we would first like to say how thrilled we are to be taking on these roles in the upcoming year. For the Spring semester, we have been working diligently to plan the first ever BU Olympic Games. This new event, which will be replacing Greek Week, is designed to have the same level of excitement and fun as Greek Week but will open its arms to the entire campus. This event is being co-sponsored between the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs and the Bucknell Athletic Department. The duration of the BU Olympic Games will be four days and include events and competitions such as the annual Wing Fest, beach volleyball, pie eating contests, water balloon toss, and much more!

In keeping with Greek tradition, the money we raise from Wing Fest, which will be on the first day of the Olympics, will benefit the Million Penny Project. While unsure of the recipient of these donations at this time, the potential beneficiaries have been narrowed down and will be decided upon in the very near future.

Additionally, we would like to take this time to reflect on how well all of the chapters are doing. This has been a very successful year thus far and we are happy to be a part of such a strong, energetic and exciting Greek system. This year has already shown a great deal of leadership, hard work and success. Please take a moment to note the past year's success with the entire listing of the 2007 Greek Awards.

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INTER-FRATERNITY AND PANEHELLENIC COUNCILS

Fraternity & Sorority Updates

Alpha Chi Omega

Alpha Chi Omega has been very busy of late, as our chapter has been involved in numerous exciting endeavors. We started off the semester with great news, when our former chapter President, Alyssa Beckler, as well as our faculty advisor, Jane Haile, were honored by the university at the Greek Awards. Beckler received an award for Creative Programming, for bringing Andrea Cooper to the Weis Center last year to present "Kristin's Story;" a riveting program about sexual assault awareness. In addition, Haile was a deserving recipient of the Outstanding Advisor Award, as she has devoted much time and energy to bettering our chapter, specifically through her presentation of an interesting and informative health presentation.

Moreover, we are currently in the midst of a philanthropy project called "A New Materialism," wherein we are collecting lightly used, vintage jewelry in order to sell downtown at the Terra Sylvan store. All proceeds from this project will be donated to the Donald Heiter Community Center. We successfully collected great jewelry from our fellow Bucknellians and we cannot wait to sell it downtown later this spring!

In addition, we have been building relationships with other Greek organizations this semester. Alpha Chi Omega joined the sisters of Delta Gamma in hosting a very fun non-alcoholic event on February 29th. This ice cream social event was a great way to get to know girls in Delta Gamma as well as first-year women who attended, and we look forward to co-hosting events with other sororities in the future. Similarly, we are looking forward to co-hosting our major philanthropic event of the spring, a volleyball tournament, with the brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon. The

tournament was a great success last year, and we hope to build on that!

All in all, Alpha Chi Omega has had a very exciting start to 2008. We plan to continue to build relationships with our fellow Greek organizations while achieving success internally through our philanthropic efforts, community service, and sisterhood bonding and unity.

Chi Omega

The sisters of Chi Omega have begun what looks to be another fabulous semester! We recently completed Spring Open Bidding and are excited to welcome four new sisters to our chapter! The upcoming weeks will be filled with excitement as we reveal to them our ideals of sisterhood and share with them our wonderful experiences as Chi Omegas.

Recently, the accomplishments of our chapter were recognized at the Annual Greek Awards. We are extremely proud to have received the Philanthropy Award for the second year in a row. Our sisters organized many philanthropic events throughout the year. This past semester we held our annual "Just Wish For It" auction, which raised approximately \$2,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation in order to grant the ultimate wish of a child suffering from a life threatening illness. Furthermore, our chapter held its second annual key chain sale, which raised about \$1,000 for the Million Penny Project. Our chapter also achieved Silver Star standing for the second year in a row. We are proud to have the many efforts of our sisters recognized.

We look forward to an exciting semester ahead of us with events planned such as our annual clothing drive and community service at the Ronald McDonald house. In addition, we are excited to announce the

organization of a new event. We will be hosting a Powderpuff Football Game with Tau Kappa Epsilon this April, in which sorority sisters will compete against each other in a game of flag football while being coached and cheered on by fraternity brothers.

The Chi Mu chapter looks forward to another great semester as we continue to uphold the ideals of Chi Omega.

Chi Phi

The brothers of Chi Phi are looking forward to a productive and enjoyable spring. The semester started off with successful officer and committee workshops that generated valuable discussion and ideas. We are especially pleased with our sophomore class, which represents a great deal of involvement in the fraternity's officers and committees. Furthermore, we feel confident that their enthusiasm will carry over to what will hopefully be another successful semester.

As the semester goes on, we will be participating in Relay for Life, as well as hosting Special Olympics with the sisters of Kappa Alpha Theta. A number of our brothers scheduled to go to Tallahassee, Florida to participate in an alternative spring break experience and build houses for Habitat for Humanity. In terms of recruitment, we will be considering potential rolling rush candidates and hosting dinners with freshmen at the house. Lastly, we will be having an open house on admitted students' day so that students considering Bucknell can come and see a fraternity house in a non-threatening environment.

All in all, we look forward to another successful year for our fraternity and, more importantly, for the Greek system as a whole.

Delta Gamma

After a very successful fall, the sisters of Delta Gamma are very excited for the spring semester! After a successful officer transition, our new chapter management team is working hard to continue in Delta Gamma's tradition of excellence. The Bucknell Greek Awards were a highlight of the early part of the semester, where we received the Educational Programming Award and Community Service Award. Delta Gamma was also proud to be Bucknell's first-ever Gold Star Chapter! Former President Kathryn Batchelor was honored with the Outstanding Chapter Leader award. Congratulations Kathryn! We are so proud of our achievements and hope to continue the success in 2008. So far this semester, our sisters have put their efforts into many campus activities, including community service and philanthropy events. We held a successful non-alcoholic ice cream social with Alpha Chi Omega, and were thrilled to meet many first year women at the event. We have several teams planning to participate in Relay For Life on April 20th, and our sisters have been active in volunteering at local organizations such as Riverwoods and Evangelical Hospital. We are very excited for this year's annual Anchor Splash competition, which will be held on Thursday, April 10th at 8pm in Kinney Natatorium. Last year's Anchor Splash raised over \$7,500 for Service for Sight, Delta Gamma's national philanthropy. Our "Nautical or Nice" themed night of pool relays and games promises to be an entertaining and successful night! We hope to see other Greek and campus groups participating! The remainder of the semester promises to be filled with many more opportunities for our sisters to continue to serve the community, make meaningful bonds with each other, and help Bucknell's campus thrive!

Delta Upsilon

Delta Upsilon is pleased announce the completion of its first year under the plan for prominence. After two semesters of hard work we were able to achieve overall Good Standing with Gold Standing in nearly every subcategory. Most notably, we are proud to have served 34.4 hours of community service per member in 2007.

This Spring semester is off to a great start for Delta Upsilon. We have already co-hosted one very successful non-alcoholic event with Chi-Omega sorority and are looking forward to hosting several more. This year's Super Bowl party was a great success as we welcomed freshmen to join us for the evening. We have plans to continue our recruitment efforts this semester and hope to bring our chapter size up before the beginning of formal rush this fall. DU has already begun a strong semester of community service and will continue to dedicate our time in the coming months.

Delta Upsilon would like to welcome a new executive board lead by Vice Presidents Nick Scilingo and Rob Hrapczynski and President Jim Ritter. We would also like to congratulate Brother Joseph Valickus on his election as President of the Interfraternity Council. Delta Upsilon is very excited for the spring semester and hopes to continue their trend of chapter excellence.

Kappa Alpha Psi

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated was founded on the campus of Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, on January 5, 1911. Elder Watson Diggs, along with nine other determined gentlemen, began the fraternity that has since become one of the most respected African American organizations today. Being in an environment of racism and hard times, these ten founders surpassed the elements and created an unbreakable bond that would stay strong for years to come. In this same era, African

Americans were not even expected to complete a high school education, let alone have university degrees and lead professional careers. These men set the standard for every member that would follow in their footsteps. They succeeded in life no matter the circumstances or the type of environment to which they were exposed. With achievement as the motto, every chapter in the fraternity is expected to uphold this principle.

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 and philanthropy events. Recently the chapter has done the Kappa Koin drive, which donates its proceeds to Haven Ministries. The chapter has also been involved in the annual Million Penny Project, and the Bucknell Martin Luther King, Jr. program. This year the chapter had its annual Dinners and Dates auction and donated the proceeds to the Susan G. Koman breast cancer fund, Susquehanna Valley Women in Transition and the Community Alliance for Progressive Positive Action (CAPPA Program), which helps troubled teens in the Williamsport area. This April, the fraternity will hosts its annual Kappa Week which will include and number of community service projects, a campus movie night and Women's Appreciation Day. Though only two members, we have achieved and surpassed many of the standards set by the University for community service as well as philanthropy.

Kappa Alpha Theta

The sisters of Kappa Alpha Theta have continued their commitment to excellence. This was highly evident at this year's Greek Awards. As a chapter, Theta received awards including



Community Relations Programming, Recruitment and New Member Education and achieved Silver Star standing. We are also proud of Doan Huynh who received the Commitment to Excellence Award, as well as our advisor, Jen Wakeman, who received the Outstanding Chapter Advisor Award. These awards were a culmination of a year of hard work.

After the addition of 48 wonderful new sisters last fall, Theta began working on philanthropy events. We sponsored Preppy Sports, where teams had fun competing in games such as badminton, bocce ball, and croquet. We also held a Pancake Brunch during Family Weekend, and many families came out for some delicious pancakes cooked by the sisters! Thank you to everyone who participated as we were able to raise money for our philanthropy, Court Appointed Special Advocates, which helps children in foster care find permanent homes.

When not serving the community through Community Harvest, Head Start, or the upcoming Relay for Life event, Thetas have been active participants in University sponsored events. We attended Bison Mania as a chapter to show our support for our athletic teams. After dancing to “Get Your Head in the Game” and doing a

whole lot of cheering, Theta was chosen as the Most Spirited chapter!

Kappa Alpha Theta looks forward to continued success throughout the semester and the start of a new recruitment in the fall!

Kappa Delta Rho

This semester is a new beginning for the brothers of Kappa Delta Rho. After working closely with the members of the Alumni Association and our Headquarters, we have set up a plan of action for the following semester. Under the leadership of Consul Will O’Brien, Senior Tribune Nick Donahue, Junior Tribune Chris Dunne, Quaestor Sid Makker, and Praetor Mike Zack, KDR plans to excel in the classroom and get involved in all areas of campus life.

We will now be focusing on community service and philanthropy projects more than ever. We will be holding our own events as well as taking part in Relay for Life, Delta Gamma’s Anchor Splash, and other campus favorites. You can also look forward to seeing the brothers coach a YMCA basketball team and hold dodge ball pick up games later in the spring. Community Service Chair Phil Nazareus and Philanthropy Chair Nick Doyle will be busy working with the other fraternities and sororities at Bucknell to develop new and interesting ways for undergraduate students to get involved on campus and in the local community.

Although the fraternity is currently considerably young compared to the others on campus, our strong presence will not diminish in any way. We are currently going through an informal spring recruitment process and are looking forward to new member education and initiation. You may have already heard about us giving what seemed like gallons of blood (as some of us are not so good with needles) at the American Red Cross’s Blood Drive coordinated by Alpha Phi Omega. Will

O’Brien was also recently auctioned off to the highest bidder at the Kappa Alpha Psi Dinner and Date Auction, the proceeds of which went to benefit the Community Alliance of Progressive Positive Action. At the conclusion of a successful semester, the brothers of Kappa Delta Rho will look forward to moving back into their chapter house.

Kappa Kappa Gamma

The Delta Phi chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma completed a successful fall semester, and with a newly elected council we are ready to continue to improve our chapter this spring. Though the chapter seems smaller due to the majority of the juniors being abroad, their absence has allowed the opportunity for the sophomores to get to know the seniors better. We were honored to achieve the Lois Heenehan Scholarship Award this February, for the highest Greek GPA in 2007, earning an overall average of 3.54. This award was especially meaningful because it was named after a former Kappa and Delta Phi advisor! Since scholarship is one of our fundamental values, we were quite pleased with this accomplishment.

Our emphasis on community service and philanthropy continues to be strong, and this past Valentine’s Day we sponsored Kappa Kisses, an event organized by sophomore Renee Weissand. We were able to raise funds by selling and delivering Hershey kisses to fellow students, and all proceeds will be given to our philanthropy, Reading is Fundamental. We are sponsored Locks of Love at the beginning of March, and senior Jamie Schwartz has worked hard to organize and run the drive. In April we will be hosting our annual Kappa Klassic, a huge soccer tournament that will also raise funds for Reading is Fundamental.

At the beginning of the semester we were able to participate in a Kappa conference at Penn State with other local Pennsylvania chapters, which allowed us to exchange ideas of how

to continue to run a successful chapter. We also hosted a leadership consultant in January, who assisted us in developing our new council. With such a strong chapter we are excited for the spring, and are already getting enthused for fall recruitment!

Kappa Sigma

The Alpha Phi Colony of Kappa Sigma is proud of its current success in returning a historic fraternity to its place among Bucknell’s Greek community. The colony celebrated its kickoff in the Fall of 2007 and has since then grown leaps and bounds in terms of size and brotherhood. With a burgeoning pledge class nearing thirty of some of Bucknell’s finest scholars, athletes, and gentlemen, Kappa Sigma currently boasts one of Bucknell’s largest pledge classes. The brotherhood has since raised a great deal of excitement among both students and alumni. They are certainly looking forward to ushering in the next pledge class, which will undoubtedly continue to contribute further in the colony’s goal in becoming a chapter of excellence.

Kappa Sigma is also proud to announce the return to their historic house, located at 64 University Avenue. The house is considered by many Kappa Sigmas across the country to be one of the crown gems of the fraternity. The feedback from Kappa Sigma alumni has assuredly been extremely positive. Many have waited years for this return, and the pledge class of the Alpha Phi colony will make the highest effort in returning the house to its former condition.

Since last semester’s extensive and highly successful rush period, the colony has since focused on meeting the expectations outlined in the Plan for Prominence, and surpassing the standards of the national fraternity. No doubt will Kappa Sigma achieve all of its goals for this spring semester and in the future.

Lambda Chi Alpha

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, which raised \$3,500 for the Million Penny Project given to the Blue Butterfly Fund. We also held our 19th annual 5k run, raising an additional \$1,150. Our recruitment effort results were very successful with a sophomore class of 21 new members. We are holding Spring rush and are looking for other high quality men to potentially become Brothers.

This semester, we look to maintain our local involvement by working with the Donald Heiter Community Center by participating in the Chocolate Festival. Efforts are also being made to participate in Lambda Chi’s North American Food Drive, a new endeavor to Lambda Chi Alpha but a very noble and worthy cause that the brothers will be proud to put their names to. We look forward to House Party and hosting events that will produce an entertaining and safe weekend for all that participate.

Phi Gamma Delta

The Brothers of Phi Gamma Delta have already gotten off to a great start on campus this semester. Our primary focus this semester will be to build on the Delta Chapter’s strong history and tradition here at Bucknell. Our annual Luigi Fiji philanthropy event in the fall was a huge success as always, and we were able to raise over \$1,000 for charity. Several brothers have also been helping the American Red Cross by setting up and taking down the local blood drives. This Spring we are planning on hosting a themed party at the “Jungle Café” in Milton, as a safe weekend alternative for high school students.

This past January, our chapter sent three members to one of Phi Gamma Delta’s largest gatherings; Fiji Academy.

There, they spent several days learning new ways to carry on the great traditions and rituals of Phi Gamma Delta. Each returned with a greater sense of what it really means to be a Fiji.

We hope to finish out this Spring semester stronger and more vital than ever before. We know that as a brotherhood we can accomplish the challenges set before us by relying on our core values of friendship, knowledge, service, morality and excellence. Fiji has been an institution at this university for 126 years and we are confident that we have the motivation and skills to continue our tradition far into the future.

Phi Kappa Psi

It is hard to believe that the Fall semester at the Pennsylvania Gamma Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi is already over. Fortunately for the brothers here, there have been no regrets. The sophomore class has been initiated and is excited to be a part of the brotherhood.

Throughout the Fall months, Penn Gamma participated in many community service events. As in past years, we worked with the Lewisburg Lions Club at the Bucknell University football concession stands. Furthermore, The Donald Heiter Community Center in downtown Lewisburg hosted many activities that the Phi Kappa Psi brotherhood volunteered at, including numerous community soup kitchens and a weekend carnival to provide kids with an entertaining Saturday afternoon. Many brothers braved the cold and raised philanthropy dollars at the Polar Bear Plunge, led by senior and former President Jack Bierwirth, who wore a SpongeBob towel and Vikings helmet into the Susquehanna. Numerous other activities besides these philanthropy and community service events have brought the brothers closer together. Everyone participated in touch football games in the Fall, and many have exhibited school spirit in forming basketball cheering sections at the men’s and women’s games.

Officer transition has gone very smoothly as a new Executive Board looks to continue the progress made in recent years and find creative ways to keep the brotherhood ambitious, motivated and eager to increase our efforts on campus. A dozen brothers went skiing for five days over winter break at Sunday River in Maine, and 10 more are attending a Phi Psi National Leadership Conference in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico over spring break. These continuous activities have brought our chapter closer together and have allowed us to get out and make a difference in the community.



Pi Beta Phi

The semester has been busy for Pi Beta Phi as our chapter continues to promote Pi Phi sisterhood, relationships with fellow Greek organizations, and community involvement. This semester, Pi Phi is excited to celebrate our Founders Day and use it as an opportunity to unite with chapters from other schools. VP of Event Planning, Caitlin O'Shea, is currently in contact with the Pi Phi chapters at Lehigh University and Lafayette College. A joint Founders Day celebration would give our members a chance to expand sisterhood bonding and share opinions on sorority issues with knowledgeable Pi Phi women.

We have also been working on our relationships with other Greek organizations at Bucknell. In February, Pi Phi joined with Kappa Kappa Gamma for a night of valentine making. The valentines were made for residents of the Riverwoods retirement home in Lewisburg. The women of the both sororities enjoyed the time spent together and look forward to collaborating in the future. Pi Phi will also combine with Kappa Alpha Theta and Sigma Alpha Epsilon for a night of community service at the "Jungle Café," a drug and alcohol free venue for teenagers in the greater Milton area, in the near future.

Volunteering at the "Jungle Café" compliments the already long list of philanthropy and community service events that Pi Phi has participated in recently. Pi Phi has spent time with the residents of Riverwoods, volunteered at the Haven House homeless shelter, tutored students from the local area through the Bucknell Buddies program, and read to children at nearby libraries. In March, we are looking forward to hosting a two-day event that celebrates the birthday of the beloved children's author, Dr. Seuss, and honors the importance of literacy. The celebration will take place at the Milton and Lewisburg libraries and provide reading games, face painting, and birthday cake. As a chapter, we take great pride in giving back to the community we consider a second home.

We are also working hard to have a strong showing at Bucknell sponsored programs. Recently, we have attended programs like "A Boy, a Girl, a Virus, and a Relationship That Happened Anyway" and the "Vagina Monologues" – to name a few. We also enjoy participating in campus and Greek activities. In February, the chapter attended "Greek Night" at Sunbury rink in support of Bucknell's club hockey team. We look forward to being a part of more events this Spring such as Relay for Life, Delta Gamma's "Anchor Splash,"

and Chi Omega and Tau Kappa Epsilon's powder-puff football tournament.

We have high hopes for the rest of the academic year and are counting on our dedicated members to carry out our goals for sisterhood bonding, inter-Greek relations, community service, and philanthropy. A special acknowledgement goes out to two outstanding Pi Phis who were recognized by IFC and the Panhellenic Council at the Greek Awards on February 12th: Senior, Margot Grant, was honored with the Creative Programming Award for the program titled, "Zimbabwe: The Next Human Crisis," and Junior, Ashley Paro, was honored with the Outstanding Alumni Relations Program Award for her efforts with the Alumni Luncheon at HC. Furthermore, our Alumni Advisor, Carol Tevis, was honored with the Paul Pigman Memorial Award for her exceptional contributions to Pi Beta Phi and Bucknell's Greek system. We hope to produce the same kind of praiseworthy work exhibited by these Pi Phi women throughout the rest of the semester!

Sigma Alpha Epsilon

The Pennsylvania Zeta chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon is continuing to build on last semester successes. We would like to thank our previous Eminent Archon, Jackson Noel, and last year's executive board for their remarkable work and accomplishments. It is with great pleasure that we announce our chapter's receiving a perfect score of 100 on Bucknell's Plan for Prominence. Our chapter GPA has increased for the fourth straight semester as well. Sigma Alpha Epsilon also received a number of awards at this year's Greek Awards. Individually, two of our brothers were recognized. James Sliger '09 received the Outstanding Junior award for his hard work, and contributions to the Interfraternity Council regarding House Party weekend. Jackson Noel '08 was selected as the Most Outstanding Male Officer in 2007, a testament to his

effective chapter management and leadership within the fraternity. Andrew Guild's dedication to his position of Philanthropy Chair resulted in our chapter receiving the Philanthropy Program Award. Sigma Alpha Epsilon has advanced its successes these past years and was recognized with the Most Improved Chapter Award. In November, we were proud to induct 31 additional True Gentleman into our chapter, and were recognized by nationals with the Best Recruitment Award. We are currently planning numerous events to continue our chapter's success. It appears that we are going to have yet another great year and I look forward to even more positive progression for our fraternity.

Sigma Alpha Mu

Sigma Alpha Mu International is preparing to celebrate its 100th anniversary next year. We are looking forward to celebrating this event with our alumni.

This year Sigma Alpha Mu, Sigma Phi chapter has been helping the community with various philanthropy and community service projects. We raised money for the Alzheimer's Association with our annual reading day, Krispy Kreme Doughnut sale, and we have been working closely with the Packwood House in downtown Lewisburg to raise money for the museum.

As always, we are recruiting new members on a continuing basis. We are always ready to add new members to our brotherhood. The brothers of Sigma Alpha Mu, Sigma Phi chapter are looking forward to the new year and it's challenges and opportunities.

Sigma Chi

The Kappa chapter of Sigma Chi was proud to officially welcome 19 new brothers to our fraternity near the end of last semester. Our new brothers had an immediate impact, as seen by the election of Matt Walsh as Pro Consul,

Chris Allderdice as Magister, and Alec Yount and Chris Barr as co-Kustos. The executive board is rounded off by Consul Sean Driscoll, Quaestor Chris Yamaguchi, and Annotator Mike Cherewka. This executive board is looking to build upon last year's successes of achieving Good Standing, strengthening brotherhood, branching out to a more diverse student body, and giving back to the community. We are also aiming to win the Peterson Award again, which is presented to the most outstanding Sigma Chi chapter in our region, including Penn State and Dickinson.

Also, near the end of last semester, we hosted a non-alcoholic event with Alpha Chi Omega at our house. We all enjoyed a night of hot chocolate and s'mores, as did many other students as they stopped by to warm up after the men's soccer game.

Recently, we had a very busy Super Bowl weekend at the Sigma Chi house. On Friday night, we had a sports jersey-themed party that was very successful. Then on Sunday, we held our first recruitment event of the semester by inviting the men of the freshman class to watch the game with the brothers. This was even more successful, as we all had fun watching a great game and eating good food as we got to know potential brothers. We will be holding a similar event at the beginning of April for the Final Four. With all of this in play, the brothers of Sigma Chi are looking forward to another fun and successful semester.

Sigma Phi Epsilon

With the fall semester now behind us, the brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon reflect on our accomplishments and strive to bring in an even better semester. The fall semester of 2007 saw many programs and events that have helped our chapter grow and become an even more distinguished part of the Bucknell Greek community. This past

semester we held our annual golf tournament and raised money to help support the fight against youth AIDS. The tournament is a perennial success and allows our brothers to become closer while fighting a worthy cause. Our chapter continues to give back to the community by volunteering at local soup kitchens and American Red Cross blood drives. The brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon can even be seen volunteering at the local Haven Ministries, where they help supervise residents of the half way house. Possibly our most adventurous community service comes from 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 planting grass in the wild deer pens. Throughout the fall semester we are proud to say that we totaled over 1,120 community service hours in Lewisburg and the surrounding communities and raised over \$3,360 for charities.

For the upcoming semester we are working on several programs and projects to help us further the development of our brothers, both in and outside of the fraternity. We will continue to have unique member development programs designed to build a closer brotherhood. This semester we have scheduled house programs such as a local lawyer coming to discuss our rights as students, Buddhist monks teaching the art of deep meditation, and our house favorite, a program that teaches proper etiquette in fine dining and interview type situations. Each of these programs is seen as a way to further our goals of becoming balanced men: scholar, athlete, gentleman, and leaders. As a chapter, we hope to continue our strong relations with our alumni and are currently planning a renovation of our common room and media center. Although we are proud of what we have accomplished, we still have a lot of work ahead of us as we strive to obtain Silver Star rating.

Tau Kappa Epsilon

The Beta-Mu chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon has had a very successful year so far. We are proud to announce that Bucknell Alumnus Hayes Thompson, the Chairman of our Alumni Board, was named "Alumnus of the Year" by TKE International Fraternity. He has served on our Board of Advisors for 46 years. Along with this national recognition, TKE was recognized with the Risk Management Award at Bucknell's Greek Awards Ceremony this semester. We have had many successful social events this semester as well, including our new spring party "Tiki TKE." We are also very excited to have three new candidates this spring. We had a successful Super Bowl recruiting event with over 100 first year students in attendance and we look forward to a large candidate class in the fall. As the new year begins we are preparing again for our annual "Reagan Run" to benefit the Alzheimer's Association. In 2007, TKE Beta-Mu raised \$36,258.60. Four members of our sophomore class attended a Regional Leadership

Conference in Philadelphia this February, bringing back many new ideas that we look forward to implementing as we move forward and as our chapter continues to grow. One of our main goals this year is to be a Silver Star Chapter at Bucknell.

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 been undergoing some internal improvement projects.

Theta Chi has received the Silver Star Award for the second consecutive year, and was the only fraternity to receive the award in 2007. Last year, our members had an average GPA of 3.54 which tied for the highest Greek GPA of the year. At the national conference in Indianapolis in January, our colony was recognized by all of the Theta Chi chapters for our academic accomplishments.

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 Lewisburg, helping at a local dog festival, landscaping for a halfway house project in Williamsport, and assisting the local detachment of the Marine Corp. League package gifts for Toys for Tots. We also organized a collection of toys and monetary donations toward the local Toys for Tots, raising over \$1,500 for the cause.

The Theta Chi house is also undergoing 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. As a result of our progress, it is expected that Gamma Eta colony will be re-installed as a chapter by next spring. The hard work, motivation, and success of our members have led us to achieve great things, and we will strive to continue our success.

2007 Greek Awards

CAMPBELL RUTLEDGE JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

• Theta Chi, 3.54 GPA, 22 members

LOIS HEENEHAN SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

• Kappa Kappa Gamma, 3.54 GPA, 132 members

MOST IMPROVED CHAPTER

• Sigma Alpha Epsilon

RISK MANAGEMENT AWARD

• Tau Kappa Epsilon

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM AWARD

• Delta Gamma, 26.5 hrs./member
• Delta Upsilon, 34.4 hrs./member

PHILANTHROPY PROGRAM AWARD

• Chi Omega, multiple projects, \$140/member
• Sigma Alpha Epsilon, multiple projects, \$312/member

RECRUITMENT AND NEW MEMBER EDUCATION AWARD

• Kappa Alpha Theta; Phi Kappa Psi

CHAPTER EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING AWARD

• Delta Gamma, 11 programs
• Delta Upsilon, 12 programs

CREATIVE PROGRAMMING AWARD

• Alyssa Beckler, Alpha Chi Omega, Kristen's Story

• Margot Grant, Pi Beta Phi, Zimbabwe—The Next Human Crisis

COMMUNITY RELATIONS AWARD

• Kappa Alpha Theta, Pumpkin Painting with Faculty and Children

OUTSTANDING ALUMNI RELATIONS PROGRAM AWARD

• Ashley Para, Pi Beta Phi
• Bill Massaro, Sigma Chi

OUTSTANDING UNIVERSITY ADVISOR

• Jennifer Wakeman, Kappa Alpha Theta
• Rob Van Schooneveld, Phi Gamma Delta

OUTSTANDING FRATERNITY AND SORORITY ATHLETE

• Elizabeth Molzon, Chi Omega, Swimming

• David Mante, Chi Phi, Track & Field

OUTSTANDING CHAPTER OFFICER

• Kathryn Batchelor, 2007 President, Delta Gamma
• Jackson Noel, 2007 President, Sigma Alpha Epsilon

OUTSTANDING JUNIOR AWARD

• Katsie Calhoun, Kappa Kappa Gamma
• James Sliger, Sigma Alpha Epsilon

OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD

• Elizabeth Cavallari, Chi Omega
• Nick Panaro, Lambda Chi Alpha

2007 PRESIDENTIAL RECOGNITION

• Stacey Swift, Alpha Chi Omega
• David Quinn, Phi Kappa Psi

PAUL PIGMAN MEMORIAL AWARD

• Carol Tevis, Alumnae Advisor to Pi Beta Phi

GARY SOJKA LEADERSHIP AWARD

• Joseph Snyder, Bucknell Public Safety

JOHN DUNLOP COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

• Doan Huynh, Kappa Alpha Theta
• David Quinn, Phi Kappa Psi

GOLD STAR CHAPTER

• Delta Gamma

SILVER STAR CHAPTERS

• Chi Omega
• Kappa Alpha Theta
• Theta Chi

Working to Boost Safety

PENTON MOTT AND ALESANDRA AGRESTI, GAMMA CHAIRS

This year, both the IFC and Panhellenic GAMMA Chairs have been working closely with both Dean Marrara and Bob Thomas, from Student Health Services, to provide the Bucknell Greek community with opportunities for drug and alcohol education.

We are currently looking into a number of speakers for the coming year. These speakers include Dr. Aaron White from Duke University, who takes a scientific approach to drug use as it relates to brain development and decision-making skills, as well as the Gordie Foundation, who we anticipate bringing in the fall to speak on the danger of alcohol poisoning and hazing.

During house-party weekend we hope to make all alcohol regulations clear and available to fraternity and sorority members to ensure the safety of the event. In addition, we are working to co-sponsor a non-alcoholic alternative over the weekend to make house-party accessible and enjoyable to all members of the Bucknell student body.

Finally we are working to make an array of new events available to the fraternities and sororities that have not been done in the past, which we feel would be beneficial to our members. These include an open-forum with Public Safety, regular meetings with fraternity and sorority GAMMA chairs and promoting non-alcoholic event co-sponsored by different sororities and fraternities. We plan to make the Public Safety forum available to executive members of the Greek Community. It is being planned in response to a recent lack of communication felt by both parties. We hope that regular meetings with GAMMA chairs will increase general alcohol and health education and help chapters learn from each other in terms of risk management. We also hope that increasing sorority and fraternity interaction where alcohol is absent, will encourage responsible and mature behavior in the presence of alcohol.

Overall, the GAMMA chairs have been making great strides to further improve the overall culture of the Bucknell Greek system.



Sorority Recruitment

ERIN WOLFE, PANHELLENIC RECRUITMENT CHAIR

Regardless of the hard work involved, I am very excited for the pre-recruitment events in the upcoming months and for a successful sorority Recruitment in the fall. We are planning the second annual service event in which first-year women will have a chance to meet sorority sisters while making Jared Boxes for children at Geisinger Hospital. The event will be on March 26. The boxes, or bags in our case, will be filled with activities and toys such as crayons, coloring books, bouncy balls, puzzles, and more to keep kids in the hospital entertained. We hope that this event will be meaningful for all the women involved as they socialize and give back to the community at the same time. The goal is for first-year women to have a casual opportunity to ask about Recruitment. In addition to the service night, we are also planning Open Suites which will take place on April 16. I am ecstatic about everything the Recruitment staff and I are working on and I can not wait to meet all of the amazing first year women coming through our events this spring!

From the GAME Chairs

CHEN MAO AND IRENE TSAO, GAME CHAIRS

The GAME (Greeks Advocating Multicultural Education) Chairs plan to take an active approach in diversity awareness in Spring 2008. Representatives from each chapter have come together and formed a new GAME committee. Goals for this committee include educating each chapter in dynamic and innovative ways. The committee also hopes to incur dialogue between each sorority and fraternity about issues regarding diversity on campus. Another objective of GAME includes preparing fraternity and sorority members for the increasingly diverse working environment, which reflects the trend of globalization. The group is committed to being efficient liaisons between the Greek community and the Bucknell Office of Multicultural Student Services, Office of International Student Services, Women's Resource Center, the Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Awareness, and various religious services.

Events that GAME hopes to promote include the Day of Silence and Diversity Celebration. In addition, GAME will be facilitating community service projects involving both the Greek community and various organizations on campus.

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