

Panhellenic Newsletter

March 2008

Panhellenic Dates to Remember

MARCH:

8th: Greek Diversity and Recruitment Training

17th-21st: Spring Break

26th-30th: Greek Week

“First you become a part of it, then it becomes a part of you.”

Greek Week is fast approaching. Plans are being finalized and rules have been sent out. The excitement of the friendly competition is rapidly growing. A different approach will be taken this year including a shorter week new activities to ensure all chapters are able to participate and be successful. The theme for 2008 is “first you become a part of it, then it becomes a part of you.” T-shirts will be made with this slogan and will be worn throughout the week by members of the Greek Community.

Greek week is held annually and will run from March 26-30. Though the usual length is shortened many activities will be offered to the community. The Chili Cook Off will commence the week and will be held the same night as the tug of war. On Thursday Kappa Delta Pi, the Education Honorary will be holding a date auction and Greeks are encouraged to show their support before the Talent Show. Both of these events will be held in the College of Education Auditorium. On Friday volleyball will be offered starting at 8 p.m. This year we are including the Center for Volunteer Services with Greek week and there will be a Philanthropy held on Saturday morning. The CVS is locating different facilities in Laramie that need our assistance. The community will be split up into smaller groups, and each group will participate in a different service activity. After we finish volunteering there will be Basketball held in Half Acre Gym. To finish off the week Flag Football will be held Sunday morning and there will be a closing mixer in the afternoon.

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Panhellenic Tea

The annual Panhellenic Tea was hosted at Pi Beta Phi on February 24. We enjoyed a variety of breakfast food that each of the chapters prepared. Kate Steiner, Coordinator of Greek Affairs and Lauren Carroll, Panhellenic President, presented news about our past Panhellenic year and about our current goals. The brunch was a great way to connect our Panhellenic Alumni with our present council.



Greek Diversity In Recruitment Training

This Saturday, March 8, the Dean of Students Office, Panhellenic Council, Interfraternity Council and Multicultural Affairs have worked together to bring the Greek Diversity In Recruitment Training to the University of Wyoming campus. The training will educate our Greek Community about using different approaches to ensure values based recruitment. We are not sure what to expect because this training is being developed specifically for our campus, however we can expect to have an educational and productive afternoon. The two facilitators for this training will come from CampuSpeak and Phired Up Productions, both nationally recognized agencies in providing leadership and recruitment training. For more information please contact Kate Steiner at (307) 766-6790 , ksteiner@uwyo.edu

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Sorority Spotlight

Chi Omega:

Busy, busy, busy. That's all us sorority girls know how to be! But there's nothing wrong with that! The first week in March is the Big Sis, Little Sis revelation. On March 7 there will be a national consultant. On Saturday, March 8, we will all be having dinner at the Altitude. We are also having a career and advising clinic on March 10. The next day, we will be having "Clue Night" for the new girls wanting to join our sorority with CR. We will then have another event with these girls on March 30. Gotta love your Chi-O girls!

Delta Delta Delta:

In the upcoming month Delta Delta Delta sorority has many exciting events planned. On Monday, March 3rd we will be holding our Scholarship Banquet for the semester in conjunction with formal dinner. The ladies of Delta Delta Delta will be encouraged to invite their favorite professors over to the house for dinner, and those women in the house who have gone above and beyond academically will be recognized. After celebrating the importance of academics in our house we will begin preparations for two other very important events: Initiation of our new members and Greek Week. The ladies of Delta Delta Delta cannot wait to perform to the best of their ability in all of the exciting Greek Week events, and look forward to spending time with the rest of the Greek community. Immediately following the Greek Week festivities we will be making the final arrangements for initiation. With eleven amazing women officially becoming a part of our house this will be a very exciting time. March is setting up to be a busy and exciting month at here at Delta Delta Delta.

Kappa Kappa Gamma:

During the month of March the ladies of Kappa Kappa Gamma have some exciting events. To start the month off Kappa will be holding its Second Annual Wing Fling at the Kappa house before the final Cowboy basketball game from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The proceeds from the event will be split evenly between Kappa's national philanthropy Reading is Fundamental, and the Rose McGill Foundation. The second philanthropy for the month will be a clothing drive held the week of March 3. Also on March 3, Kappa will be holding its Scholarship Banquet for the semester. Several professors have been invited and the ladies expect a high turn out.

March 10 will bring an education workshop to keep the new member program rolling. Following the workshop, the Kappa women will attend an alcohol education seminar hosted by Sigma Alpha on Wednesday, March 12.

After returning from Spring Break, the Kappa women will show their appreciation for their devoted hashers March 24, by serving them dinner. Then to finish out the month Initiation Week will begin for the Kappa women March 31.

The logo for Chi Omega, featuring the Greek letters Χ and Ω in a stylized, bold, red font with a gold outline.The logo for Delta Delta Delta, featuring three stylized Greek letters Δ in a row. The middle Δ is green and has a pink flower on top. Above the letters is the text "1999-2000" and below them is "Delta Delta Delta" in a purple font.The logo for Kappa Kappa Gamma, featuring the Greek letters ΚΚΓ in a bold, red font on a light gray background.The logo for Pi Beta Phi, featuring the Greek letters ΠΒΦ in a bold, blue font with a red outline.The logo for Sigma Alpha, featuring the Greek letters ΣΑ in a bold, red font.The logo for Sigma Lambda Gamma, featuring the Greek letters ΣΛΓ in a purple font with a white outline.

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Pi Beta Phi:

March is going to be a fun-filled month for Pi Beta Phi! We are having an Easter Egg Hunt with Alpha Tau Omega the first weekend of March and there will be plenty of egg finding and crafts for children. National Badge Day is March 3rd, and we are all planning on showing our Pi Beta Phi pride. Girls picked their Big Sisters last month after we had our Sister Speed Dating, and we will be having our Big Sis Reveal on the 5th. We're also planning on having the gentlemen of Sigma Phi Epsilon over for our annual Cinderella dinner. We will have women attending the Greek Diversity in Recruitment on March 8th. We are also partnering with Lambda Chi Alpha for the Jackalope Jump; and some of them are even jumping into the lake! We are having our Professor's Dinner on the 10th and it will be a great way to network with the UW faculty. As for Spring Break, we are all very excited for it, but as soon as we get back we can't wait to jump straight into Greek Week!



Sigma Lambda Gamma:

Sigma Lambda Gamma just recently created the Diversity Award. It is going to be given out to a sorority or fraternity on campus during the end of the year Greek Awards. Cultural Awareness is one of Sigma Lambda Gamma's principals, and believes strongly in promoting diversity on campus. The award is based on a point system and the sorority/fraternity must submit an application before the Greek Awards to apply for this award. Some of the events coming up in March that greek members can participate/attend is the Pow Wow hosted by Keepers of the Fire and the Cesar Chavez Banquet sponsored by Sigma Lambda Gamma. The Pow Wow will be held March 29th and 30th. During this event there will be many tribes performing their traditional dances. The Cesar Chavez Banquet is going to be March 28th. There will be performances entailing cultural dances, chicano theatre, and a keynote speaker.

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Sigma Alpha

In the spirit of education and understanding, the University of Wyoming's Sigma Alpha professional agriculture sorority will host an Alcohol Awareness Panel Forum at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 12 in the Agriculture Auditorium.

The panel will feature five to six individuals from the Laramie area who have professional experiences with the effects of alcohol consumption. The panel members will range from a medical professional to a law enforcement officer to a young individual who has been involved in an alcohol-related incident.

Sigma Alpha chapter President Kendall Eisele said the forum will be an event that participating students will walk away from with a broader understanding of alcohol abuse and its effects on individuals. While the event is open to the entire UW student body, it will focus on alcohol abuse within the Greek community.

"We want to make sure the Greek community understands the correlation between fraternities and sororities and alcohol use," Eisele said. "We need to pull together as dry sororities and wet fraternities to deal with the issues that it presents."

Sigma Alpha Panhellenic representative Caitlin Gappa said while the event has not been made mandatory for UW sororities, the Panhellenic Council has strongly encouraged all members of its Greek community to attend the event.

Eisele added that the event will also be a way for fraternities and sororities to fulfill their responsibilities to attend an alcohol awareness event. "We wanted to provide an opportunity to our fellow Greeks who are required to attend an event like this," Eisele said.

In addition to providing an education aspect, the event is also designed to be fun. Campus organizations like Cowboy Choices, SafeRide and the AWARE program will also be involved before the panel forum begins. Beer goggles that simulate the effects of being under the influence will be available to students to experience the physical impairments of intoxication.

The final line-up of panel speakers will be finalized by March 3.

In addition to planning the Alcohol Awareness Forum, six Sigma Alpha members attended the National Sigma Alpha Leadership Conference in Denver, Colo. Feb. 15-16.

The leadership conference was held in conjunction with the National Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. The theme of the conference was "Building Blocks of Leadership" and focused on building upon individual and chapter leadership skills.

The Sigma Alpha sisters attended breakout workshops that discussed managing personal stress, building professionalism, conflict management skills, effective communication skills and more. All students attending the conference attended a group workshop that stimulated risk management situations and how to deal with large-scale issues like alcohol abuse, hazing, date rape and academic dishonesty within fraternities and sororities.

While these active Sigma Alpha sisters learned ways to improve their chapter at the conference, a new slate of membership candidates began their first steps into sisterhood. After a week of spring rush activities at the beginning of February, six young ladies were initiated into the Sigma Alpha membership candidacy program Feb. 4.

The Alpha Epsilon chapter is proud to welcome the following women into the program:

Shannon Brophy

Jessica Coonts

Shelly Heizer

Nicole Kerstetter

Alicia Komloski

Tessia Steingrebe

Congratulations to these spring membership candidates! The women of Sigma Alpha wish you the best of luck through your educational journey to sisterhood.