Shattering the Stereotypes
Alice Fleet ’10, ΚΚΓ

Coming into Centre, I had a lot of preconceived ideas about what it means to be Greek and didn’t think it was something for me. The media tends to portray Greek life as a bunch of crazy boys and mean girls who do nothing but drink and party. But what I’ve found at Centre is that Greek life is far from that. It really does shatter the stereotypes, and these are just some of the many ways:

Service: As a Greek community, we are incredibly focused on serving others. An important part of Greek life is caring about others through community service and philanthropy. This year, we served over 5000 hours and donated over $11,000 to various service agencies.

Scholarship: Greeks are smart! All members of the Greek community are held to high standards for academics. Consistently, the all-Greek GPA is competitive with, if not above, the all-campus GPA.

Leadership: The Greek community is a great place to foster good leadership skills. There are numerous office positions to fill, and leaders are always needed to initiate projects to improve our community.

Individuality: Centre Greeks are not stereotypical clones; we’re all different! People come from all different backgrounds: we are athletes, singers, actors and actresses, dancers, athletic trainers, members of honor societies, resident assistants, campus leaders, and that’s just the beginning of the list!

Friendship: While shows like “GreeK” would like to portray sorority women as catty and unfriendly, quite the opposite is true at Centre! Both men and women find some of their closest friends in their Greek organizations. I know that my sisters are the ones who always have my back and have become some of my best friends.

Once I realized what Centre Greek life is really all about, I knew it was something I wanted to experience, and I love every minute of it! Membership has so much to offer, and I encourage everyone to see what it could mean to you!

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Greek Week ’08 began with a bang on April 20th, with a kickoff service plunge that took Greek students all around the Danville community, where they gave their time and effort to serve others.

Morgan Smith, the Panhellenic Council Vice President of Enrichment, said of the event, “Affiliates from each organization worked alongside each other making cards for soldiers, cleaning brush at Clark’s Run Creek, sorting through recycling, and spending time with the elderly at a local senior citizens’ home. Not only was the event a great way to socialize with those in other organizations, but a manifestation of the importance of our Greek community’s dedication to service.” Over 120 members of the Greek community attended the event.

On Monday, April 21st, sororities and fraternities were assigned different Greek Week events to promote for a banner competition. Kappa Kappa Gamma took first place for the women with their “Spring Sing” banner, and Sigma Chi won for the men with their “Greek Week King and Queen” banner. Spring Sing was that night, and men and women from Centre’s Greek organizations came to warble a tune or two. The women of Alpha Delta Pi and the men of Sigma Alpha Epsilon won their respective competitions.

The first-ever Greek Week fashion show took place on Tuesday, April 22nd. The week concluded with Greek Olympics. Events included an egg toss, tug ‘o war, dizzy bat relay, keg toss, and cracker eating contest. The women of Alpha Delta Pi and the men of Phi Delta Theta reigned victorious, and the event was followed by a celebratory cookout. The winners of Greek Week will officially be announced at Grand Chapter.

Thank you to all those who participated, as well as the hard-working members of the steering Committee!
As the diver took his position on the high dive, the crowd waited in anxious anticipation for his dive. He leapt off diving board and the crowd rose to their feet in a burst of excitement, cheering "Ol’ Hittsburgh!"...  

California Berkley. Originally a series of humorous skits, Derby Days has become a week long tradition full of friendly competition aimed at raising money for philanthropy. In 1993 the Children’s Miracle Network was named the suggested beneficiary of each chapter's community service project. This organization is an alliance of 165 hospitals and health care facilities across the United States and Canada, serving more than 25 million children and associated hospitals. Along with The Children’s Miracle Network, in 2005 the Huntsman Cancer Institute which is founded by Sigma Chi alumnus H. Huntsman, was added as an additional charity. Today, more than 3 million dollars have been raised through chapters and alumni for these charities.

The Zeta Zeta chapter of Sigma Chi had its best showing in years for Derby Days, raising over $2,000 for the Huntsman Cancer Institute. The local sororities were excited as they competed in numerous events including kickball, a wine drinking fund raiser, games of Jeopardy, a sorority dance off in front of the Sigma Chi house, and the week ended with the famous Derby Darlings, as each sorority created their own unique rival. Sigma Chi brother to dress up as a woman and parade around town to raise money. We would like to thank all the sororities, unaffiliated students, and community members who helped to make this year's Derby Days fundraiser a success.

 Greeks are Brilliant
Morgan Smith, Panhellenic Council Vice President of Enrichment

On April 7th the men and women of our sororities and fraternities who achieved a place on Dean’s List in the fall semester of 2007 gathered to celebrate their academic excellence. Over eighty members of our Greek community earned this honor by obtaining at least a 3.6 in the fall term. The reception, sponsored by the Panhellenic and Interfraternity Executive Councils, was a great time to enjoy sweets and the company of other Greeks on campus. Dean Sanham was also in attendance to show his appreciation of the example set by the students to their organizations and the rest of the student body by pursuing scholastic excellence.

Scholarship update:
Alumna “got KELIE” ramping up...  
1 Irishmen and 17 Greek women presented with scholarship awards.

Kappa Kappa Gamma Spreads the Love of Reading
Rachel Byrd ’10 and Alice Fleit ’08, KKG

Here at Centre College, our lives revolve around reading. For Kappa Kappa Gamma, reading is something we hope to share with others through our national philanthropy, Reading is Fundamental (RIF). Earlier this year, the sisters of Kappa Kappa Gamma were given the opportunity to spread the love of reading to local elementary school kids.

In January, we collected books at the house in preparation for the upcoming philanthropy event. At the beginning of February, the women participating in recruitment painted distrawning RIF backpacks with creative and fun designs. In March 6th, these backpacks were stuffed with the collected books and delivered to local elementary schools. Some of the women were given the opportunity to participate in the RIF night at one of the schools. It was a great way that the women of our chapter could be able to give to the Danville community.

Alpha Delta Pi and Sigma Alpha Epsilon Co-sponsor Midnight Dodgeball
Jenny Jacoby ’10, ΑΔΠ

On January 9th, 2008, the Centre College chapters of Alpha Delta Pi and Sigma Alpha Epsilon co-hosted their annual Midnight Dodgeball event at Hazletriggy Court that brought together students of all classes and years from the entire campus and everyone is encouraged to put together a team. All the proceeds from the event go to the Ronald McDonald House in Lexington, Kentucky. The Ronald McDonald House is Alpha Delta Pi’s national philanthropy and dodgeball has proven to be a successful way to raise money. Over the past three years, there are ten people per team and separate men’s and women’s brackets. This year, the returning Phi Delta Theta team retained their men’s bracket for the second year in a row, while the women of Delta Delta Delta won the women’s bracket. Midnight Dodgeball raised over $500 and women of Alpha Delta Pi appreciate everyone’s participation and donations.

National Hazing Prevention Week: Fall 2008
Laura Beth Griffin ’10, Panhellenic Council Executive Vice President

Hello Greek world! I’m serving as Executive Vice President of the Panhellenic Council for 2008-2009, and in doing so I am excited to be working on planning for the upcoming year. After I transitioned into my office, I began considering various options for the council’s national philanthropy for the year, and RIF night at one of the schools. It was a great way that the women of our chapter could be able to give to the Danville community.

Delta Delta Delta Update
Brittany Coppola ’11 and Mary Kathryn Dilusio ’11, ΔΔΔ

The 2008 school year is winding down, Delta Delta Delta is finishing on a strong note. The last week of April is dedicated to recognizing the seniors this year. This week consists of activities including senior predictions, superlatives, waffles and rolls. Starting off the last week of the school year is the Triton’s Night Dance. This year Delta Delta Delta organized a Purse Party, which will be selling knock off designer brands. To get everyone together before all the changes begin, the Junior Delta Delta Delta held a Study Breaker held on Reading Day. This will be a great way to have some fun and escape from the stresses of exams while promoting a scholarly atmosphere.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon Alonso Epsilon Attend Leadership Academy
Chris Conkright ’10, ΣΑΕ

This summer, Chris Conkright ’10, Steven Kull ’10, Mitchell Hobbs ’09, and Jason Bolitz ’11, from Sigma Alpha Epsilon will be attending the 73rd John O. Moseley Leadership School. More than 1,000 SAEs from around the country will meet in Miami, Florida to depart on the first leg of the trip, a bus ride to Key West. The next stop will be Cancun, Mexico. The annual event brings an incredible line-up of world renowned speakers to help delegates explore their leadership abilities, learn new skills, and interact with undergraduates and alumni from around the country. Chris Riney ’08 attended Leadership School last summer, and had this to say: “Leadership School is a great experience because talking to people from other chapters gives you new insights and perspectives to better your own chapter.” The chapter fun designates three new delegates to Leadership School every year to develop leadership qualities that can be relayed and implemented back in the chapter.

 Theta’s on Fire
Kari Walker ’10, Θetas

There may be no fire, but you will definitely need something to warm you up after you leave chilled from the Theta Fireside. Well, it might not be that spooky but it’s a great way to warm up to our sorority! We’ll bring in Centre College’s Greek community, and even some of our own women to tell frightening stories about Centre’s oldest buildings and Danville’s mysterious history. Join us in the fall for a Theta fright! Hope to see you there!

2008 – 2009 Rho Gammas Selected
Emily Perrin ’09, Panhellenic Council Vice President of Recruitment

The Panhellenic Council is pleased to announce the 2008 – 2009 Rho Gammas:

- Sadie Allen  
- Laura Behrendt  
- Kayt Bentley  
- Laura Pauley  
- Emily Perrin  
- Rachel Dahlman  
- Emily Gallit  
- Ashira Saiday  
- Courtney Goskey  
- Melissa Hull  
- Laura Beth Griffin  
- Hannah Thompson  
- Abby Holbrook  
- Dayna Wood

The sorority community produced outstanding women for the application process and 20 excellent women were chosen. This group will begin training sessions in the fall semester to become well versed in the Greek literature as well as counseling and other pertinent skills they will use to best assist the potential new members through Recruitment in 2009. Please congratulate these women on their selection as representatives of the Greek community.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon Chapter Advisor Imposes Measures with His Dedication
Chris Conkright ’10, ΣΑΕ

In his first year as chapter advisor of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Dr. Jeff Johnson has made a big difference on his beloved fraternity. Jeff graduated from Centre in 1995 and is a pediatric dentist in Danville. In a short amount of time, Jeff has devoted himself to the fraternity and has far exceeded the...