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necessary role of a chapter advisor. A fixture at every meeting, Jeff offers guidance and motivates the men of Sigma Alpha Epsilon to achieve all that we can both academically and as brothers. Whether purchasing new furniture for our living room or hosting an officer transition retreat at a lake house, Jeff's devotion to the fraternity is evident. Thanks Jeff! Ω

Shattering the Stereotypes

Alice Fleet '10, KKF

 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! Ω

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Greek Week 2008: Legends of the Hidden Temple

Cornelia Gordon '10, Panhellenic Council Vice President of Public Relations



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. Men had to prepare two outfits, one they would wear on a Centre Date and another that showed how they defied their fraternity's stereotype. Women had to prepare two outfits as well, one that displayed a role model for their sorority and another that showcased their sorority's superhero. In the end, Alpha Delta Pi and Phi Delta Theta were the runway queens and kings of the fashion show.

The week concluded on Wednesday, April 23rd, with a traditional favorite: 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! Ω

“Sink-or-Swim”: Pool-Side Fun for All
Lora Gralheer '11, KAΘ

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 with a unanimous “Ohhhhh!” echoing from the stands. The whole crowd was awed as the man got out of the water – his stomach bright red, but with the look of someone who had earned straight tens at the Olympics. This young man, however, was not Olympian, but had just completed one of the most amazing belly flops in Centre history as a participant in “Sink-or-Swim”.

“Sink-or-Swim” is a fun-filled night of swimming competitions hosted by Kappa Alpha Theta, and no, it’s not your average freestyle, backstroke kind of thing. These competitions are much more inventive. Events like synchronized swimming featured football lineman in one piece leotards and the watermelon chase showcased contestants duking it out in order to hoist a greased up watermelon out of the pool, “Sink-or-Swim” was definitely a spectacle to behold.

“Sink-or-Swim” occurs annually in order to raise money for Kappa Alpha Theta’s national philanthropy, Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children (CASA). CASA is network of more than 50,000 volunteers that serve over 225,000 abused and neglected children through 900+ local program offices nationwide. CASA advocates are appointed members of the court that judges rely in order to make sure the best interests of these children are heard.

As the competition came to a close and the money was totaled, Kappa Alpha Theta had raised over \$800 through this enjoyable competition in order to continue the philanthropic efforts of Centre’s Greek community. Ω

Sigma Chi’s Derby Days

Jacob Nicholas '10 and Matt Ladwig '10, ΣΧ

Sigma Chi Derby Days started in the spring of 1933 at the University of

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

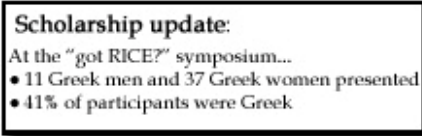
The Zeta Zeta chapter of Sigma Chi had its best showing in years for Derby Days - raising over \$2,000 for the Huntsman Cancer Institute. The local sororities were excited as they competed in numerous events including kickball, a night at Finley’s roller rink, Sigma Chi Jeopardy, a sorority dance off in front of the Sigma Chi house, and the week ended with the famous Derby Darlings, as each sorority picked their favorite new 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. Ω

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 academic term. The dessert reception, sponsored by the Panhellenic and Interfraternity Executive Councils, was a great time to enjoy sweets and the company of other Greeks on Dean’s List; Dean Samhat 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. Ω



Kappa Kappa Gamma Spreads the Love of Reading

Rachel Byrd '10 and Alice Fleet '10, KKT

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 Kappa house in preparation for the upcoming philanthropy event. At the beginning of February, the women participating in recruitment painted drawstring RIF backpacks with creative and fun designs. On March 6th, these backpacks were stuffed with the collected books and delivered to local elementary schools. Some of the women in our chapter were also able to attend RIF night at one of the schools. It was a great way that the women of our chapter were able to give to the Danville community. Ω

Alpha Delta Pi and Sigma Alpha Epsilon Co-sponsor Midnight Dodgeball

Jenny Jacoby '10, AΔΠ



On January 9th, 2008, the Centre College

chapters of Alpha Delta Pi and Sigma Alpha Epsilon co-hosted their annual Midnight Dodgeball event at Hazelrigg Gym. The event is open to 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 event every Centre term. There are ten people per team and separate men’s and women’s brackets. This year, the returning Phi Delta Theta team dominated the 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 the women of Alpha Delta Pi appreciate everyone’s participation and donations. Ω

National Hazing Prevention Week: Fall 2008

Laura Beth Griffith '10, Panhellenic Council Executive Vice President

Hello Greek world! I’m serving as Executive Vice President of the Panhellenic Council for 2008-2009, and here is a brief summary of what I’m planning for the upcoming year. After I transitioned into my office, I began considering various options for educating the Greek community, which is the primary goal of this office. Melissa Clarke suggested that I look into implementing “National Hazing Prevention Week” at Centre, and after doing so, I realized that colleges across the country celebrate this week. It seemed that Centre College was an excellent candidate for this event. While some may feel we have already extensively covered this topic, my Interfraternity Council counterpart, Jacob Nicholas and I are trying to come up with some innovative and fun ideas for this educational week which will take place in late September. Free food will likely be a part of our plan, as well as competitive events that all Greeks seem to enjoy. We hope to include the athletic department in our plan to combat hazing, as it is an issue that confronts many facets of college life and not just the Greek community. Ω

Delta Delta Delta Update

Brittany Coppola '11 and Mary Kathryn Dilisio '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 senior sisters. This week consists of activities including senior predictions, superlatives, wills and roasts. Starting off the last week of school TriDelta member Tyler Travis has organized a Purse Party, which will be selling knock off designer brands. To get everyone together before all the chaos of exams start, there will also be 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. Ω

Sigma Alpha Epsilon Attends Leadership Academy

Chris Conkright '10, ΣΑΕ

This summer, Chris Conkright '10, Steven Kull '10, Mitch Hobbs '09, and Jason Boldt '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 Imagination cruise ship, making stops in Key West and Playa del Carmen, 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 looks to send delegates to Leadership School every year to develop leadership qualities that can be relayed and implemented back in the chapter. Ω

Theta’s on Fire

Kari Walker '10, KAΘ

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 faculty, members of the community, and even some of our own women to tell frightening stories about Centre’s oldest buildings and Danville’s mysterious places. We’ll share candy, frights, and an overall good time. Hearing scary stories about Centre is a big hit on campus. The Theta’s are proud to share our love for Centre. Come join us in the fall for a Theta fright! Hope to see you there! Ω

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	Stephanie Jernigan
Laura Behrendt	Amber Mills
Kayt Bentley	Laura Pasley
Ellen Byrd	Emily Perrin
Rachael Dahlman	Caitlin Rhodes
Emily Gallt	Arshiya Saiyed
Courtney Godsey	Emily Setser
Cornelia Gordon	Morgan Smith
Laura Beth Griffith	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 acquainted with the Recruitment Process 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. Ω

Sigma Alpha Epsilon Chapter Advisor Impresses Members with His Dedication

Jack Compton '11, ΣΑΕ

In his first year as chapter advisor of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Dr. Jeff Johnson has already left an indelible mark 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 countless hours to the fraternity and has far exceeded the...

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