

The Leader's Lantern

Spring 2005

EKU Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council Honored at Regional Conferences

The Southeastern Interfraternity Conference, SEIFC, was held in Atlanta, Georgia February 17 through February 20. Eastern Kentucky University's chapter of the Interfraternity Council, IFC, sent 5 executive officers and one advisor. Prior to the conference, ECU's IFC submitted their applications for the annual awards given out during the conference. At the SEIFC awards banquet on Saturday, February 19, the fraternity men at ECU received four honorable mention awards in the following areas; Publications, Risk Management & Judicial Procedures, Community Service and Philanthropy and Outstanding Publication. They received two first place awards for Excellence in Alumni Development and Fraternal Excellence. For the Fraternal Excellence Award, IFC chapters must demonstrate 85% proficiency in certain development areas. ECU's IFC demonstrated excellence in the following categories; IFC Management, Judicial Processes, Leadership Development, Philanthropy & Community Service, Public Relations, Recruitment, Scholarship & Academic Achievement, and Social Programming. This is the top award an IFC can receive. For the 14 award categories there are two divisions, large (10+ fraternities on campus) and small (under 10 fraternities). There is an overall winner in each division and an honorable mention for each division. ECU is in the large division.



The Panhellenic Council attended SEPC, Southeastern Panhellenic Conference, in Atlanta from March 31 to April 3. They came home with an award for Outstanding Programming Efforts in Women's Issues, for their work with Date for the Cure, a date auction to raise money for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. A member of Panhellenic Executive Council was also voted as the Kentucky representative to the national conference planning committee. Megan Pitstick, Panhellenic 2nd Vice-President, will be responsible for

hiring all 2006 conference hosts as well as working with women who wish to serve on the 2007 conference planning committee. The 24 women who attended SEPC came back with new ideas for recruitment and a renewed Panhellenic Spirit.

EKU Greek Community tops last year's record



From Walking for Wishes to the Haunted Forest to Cleaning the Highway, members of the EKU Greek Community were busy! Greeks could be found sponsoring a cheerleading competition for breast cancer research, Arthritis Research, and the Children's Miralce Network, to name a few! Supporting their local and national philanthropies, the Greek Community contributed over 37,000 hours of community service. They also raised over \$115,000 for their philanthropies. Thank you to everyone who participated in a philanthropy event. Your time and effort helped make a difference!

Greek News Continued...

Fall 2004 was a great semester for the sisters of **Alpha Omicron Pi**. We got 17 great girls, held our annual AOPi Lip Sync, which was a flawless success. Our newly elected officers had busy spring semester planned, full of philanthropy opportunities, great rush ideas, and exciting socials. Spring recruitment went extremely well, we got six amazing girls ready and willing to get involve with our chapter alone but with the entire Greek Community. Our big philanthropy project for Spring was our second Arthritis Walk. It was a huge success. The end of the semester doesn't mean the end of our preparations for the arrival of Rush '05. This summer gives us the opportunity to prepare for a new semester filled with great new members and more opportunities.

Last semester **Sigma Chi** expanded our philanthropic efforts, competed fiercely in sporting events and participated in numerous activities around campus. In the spring semester, we looked forward to an exciting spring formal in Gatlinburg as well as multiple other social events. Also, we anticipate victories on the athletic field ranging from basketball to softball. In addition, we plan to increase our philanthropic efforts by organizing a flag football tournament and participating in the Relay for Life. Our chapter expects a productive, exciting, and memorable fall semester.



Kappa Delta Sorority is involved on and off campus in many ways. On campus, we have recieved many awards including Distinguished Service Award, first in grades for 4 consecutive semesters, ECU Outstanding Social Sorority, Community Service Award, Most Improved GPA, Overall Scholarship Award, Best Non-Alcoholic Social Event, ECU Outstanding Community Service, Most Improved GPA, Best Active GPA, 3rd place in AOII Lip Sync, 2nd place KA Rodeo, 1st place Alpha Gam Slam, 1st place Sigma Chi Derby Days, Sigma Chi Derby Days Spirit Award, Spring 2004 Pledge Class first in grades, ECU Homecoming Queen 03-04, ECU 2nd runner-up Homecoming Queen 03-04, 3 Kappa Deltas on Homecoming Court, 2nd place America's Promise Book Drive 03, Sigma Pi Sweetheart, Sigma Chi Sweetheart, Sigma Alpha Epsilon Sweetheart, Lambda Chi Alpha Crescent Girl, and Kappa Alpha Southern Belle. Many sisters are involved with local church youth groups and are involved in one other organization on campus other than Kappa Delta. As a chapter, we also are involved with all four of our national philanthropies: Prevent Child Abuse America and Kentucky, Children's Hospital of Richmond, Virginia, National Orthopaedic Research, and Girl Scouts of the USA.

It's been a great semester fo Epsilon Lambda chapter. The brothers of **Sigma Pi** kicked off Fall 2004 with a bang, taking 25 new members out of rush. In the following months, our guys participated in Greek activities such as AOPi Lipsync, DZ Fratman, and the ADPi Poker Run. On November 17th, Sigma Pi initiated 16 new members into our brotherhood putting us up newar the top of the EKU Greek system in active members. The end of November brought our annual Tree of Hope philanthropy project, in which we collected over \$2200 dollars that went towards Christmas gifts for underprivileged children at a local elementary school. As successful as Fall 2004 was, the brothers are hoping to see just as much success in the coming months of Spring 2005, especially during Greek Week. Our annual Pig Roast/Softball Tournament was on April 23 and 24th.



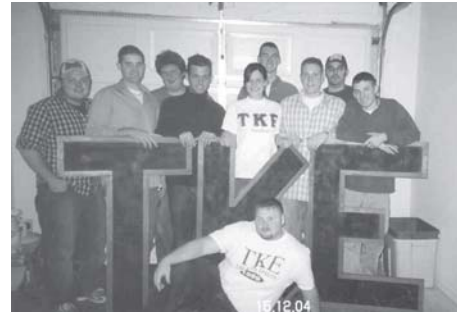
The Fall 2004 semester marked the 100-year anniversary for the **Alpha Gamma Delta** Sorortiy. The Gamma Omicron chapter at ECU proudly welcomed nineteen beautiful baby squirrels into the fall semester, and started off the year involved in numerous philanthropy events. The sisters of Alpha Gam sold wrapping paper as a fundraiser for the American Diabetes Association, as well as participated in the annual Cheer for the Cure cheerleading competition supporting the Susan G. Komen Foundation. On the athletic field, the girls were no strangers to first place as we took the championship for the ladies division in flag football, and were rewarded with a road trip to Pensacola, Florida for the National Division of College Intramurals. Overall the ladies of Alpha Gamma Delta made the semester a very memorable one as we celebrated a century of sisterhood.

Fall 2004 was another great semester for the **Phi Kappa Tau** chapter at Eastern Kentucky University. The chapter initiated 12 new members late in the semester, adding to the chapter's thirty active members. In October, the Phi Kappa Tau chapter held Oktoberfest, which is our annual fall Philanthropy event. This event raised approximately 700 dollars to support the fraternity's national philanthropy, Paul Newman's Hole in the Whole Gang Camps for terminally ill children. Besides raising money for charity, Phi kappa Tau also made improvements with their grades. Overall, the active members' GPA was 4th among all fraternities and 2nd overall among all new members classes. The Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity ended a great year in 2004 and looks to improve upon those marks in 2005.

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Thanks to everyone who submitted information. Congratulations on a terrific semester!*

Greek News

The brothers of **Tau Kappa Epsilon** are proud to announce that our new president is Larry Ebert and our Vice President is Justin Roederer. We are looking forward to a strong pledge class in the fall. Also, we had several events planned for the spring semester including TKE Basketball and Date a TKE for a week, both were successful. TKE Basketball is a basketball tournament open to anyone in the Greek community, and Date a Teke for a week is an auction in which we will be auctioning ourselves off to any women in the Greek community. We are looking forward to a great fall semester, and hope that everyone in the Greek community has a great summer.



The Theta Theta chapter of **Sigma Nu** at Eastern Kentucky University is busy, as usual. With Greek week and the intramural basketball season, along with intentions to fare well in both, things were heating up on the Campus Beautiful this spring. Also on the agenda for the semester was the charity Bowl, a charitable, "all-star" style basketball game consisting of members from several other fraternities, and the Colonel Awards, which are awards intended to bridge the Eastern Kentucky University and Madison County communities by recognizing non-profit organizations, groups, and individuals who volunteer their time and/or money to help those in need. Needless to say, the Sigma Nus at ECU had their work cut out for them this past semester.

Fall 2004 semester was filled with great things for **Kappa Alpha Theta**. We saw many new faces and made many new memories. With a wonderful fall and spring recruitment, we now have a full chapter with a pledge class ready to excel. Our grades continue to be outstanding and we are anxiously awaiting final grades. The highlight of this semester was our Rock the CASA philanthropy event, in which we raised over \$3,000 for Court appointed Special Advocates. We performed well in many intramural sports programs including soccer, volleyball and flag football. We've participated in many other sororities' and fraternities' events as well, receiving the "Most Original" award for our hard work in the AOPi Lipsync, 3rd place in the Lambda Chi Alpha Watermelon Bust and 3rd place in the Phi Kappa Tau Oktoberfest. Our chapter continues to grow and exceed all expectations. We are very proud to call ourselves sisters.

Each semester begins with a number of events that consume a great deal of time from each fraternity and sorority member, thus is true with the beginning of this semester for **Phi Delta Theta**. Rush, as it always is with the spring semester, was slow. We inducted two Phikeias (Pledges/New Members). Our chapter volunteered at the "All-A Classic" held at Alumni Coliseum as a part of Greek Week. We worked with the St. Jude's Letter Writing Campaign to help raise money for extremely ill children. Our plans for this semester included a Risk Management seminar on February 21st on the issues of underage drinking and alcohol abuse, Formal on April 1st and 2nd, and our annual Alumni Golf Scramble on April 22nd and 23rd.

At the beginning of the Fall 2004 Semester, **Chi Omega** kicked off the 2004-2005 school year with a great Fall recruitment. We were able to invite wonderful women full of potential through leadership and campus involvement into our sisterhood. We also hosted our 3rd Annual Walk For Wishes to support the Make A Wish Foundation. At the event, many Greek organizations supported us through donations and attendance. During the past three years we have been able to exceed our expectations of the walk through campus and community support. We would like to thank all Chi Omega alumni, campus organizations, faculty, and community members for their support. This year we were able to raise more than \$21,000 for the Foundation, which will allow us to grant four wishes for children in Kentucky.



Greetings from the Delta Mu chapter of **Kappa Alpha Order**. During the fall semester we won our fifth straight Fraternity Flag Football Championship. In the spring semester, we held Convivium on Feb. 26, KA Rodeo April 13, and Old South on April 16. The chapter would also like to take this time to say thanks to our "Rose" Whitney, and all of our "Southern Belles" for their hard work and dedication to the Order. Without you ladies, none of this would be possible.

Greek News Continued...

The brothers of the Eta Beta chapter of **Theta Chi** have been working hard this semester to keep our name among the elite in the Greek community. Our largest spring pledge class in several years had nine new members and boosted our number of members to more than sixty, making us one of the largest fraternities on campus. Our philanthropy event, The annual Theta Chi Kickball Tournament, happened in March. The attendance was high, enabling a generous donation for the American Heart Association. Thanks to all who participated. In February, we were fortunate to have three brothers attend a regional Theta Chi leadership conference which helps develop and hone the skills of our chapter's future leaders.

The Fall of 2004 **Lambda Chi Alpha** gained the highest recruitment numbers since the 2001-02 school year when 25 signed bid and we initiated 12. The semester started off well when we won both the Intramural championship in soccer and took first place in all events at Delta Zeta Fratman. Lambda Chi Alpha posted some of the highest numbers for community service raising over 4000 pounds in canned food, raising in excess of 30,000 dollars for Richmond City Parks and Recreation, and logging more than 7000 service hours through out the semester and the Watermelon Bust was a success as usual. The Spring of 2005 started off with an Associate Member class of 10 and a busy month of February with the start of the Greek Week events.



The Xi Beta chapter of **Delta Zeta** here at Eastern has had an exciting and successful spring semester, and expects to continue that success through the fall semester. During spring recruitment, we gained fifteen new members during one of the most successful spring recruitments we have had. Also, we hosted Region Day this year, in which Delta Zeta chapters from all over our region visited Eastern. All of this makes our chapter very excited to see where the upcoming semester will lead us, and thankful for what we have already gained.

The Fall 2004 semester at ECU proved to be a very busy one for the sisters of **Pi Beta Phi**. Aside from the usual school activities, the Pi Phi angels were involved in numerous social events, such as Lambda Chi Watermelon Bust (where Pi Phi Ashley Kelly was crowned Watermelon Girl), Phi Kappa Tau Oktoberfest, and many mixers. As usual, Homecoming was a great time for everyone, as the girls got together with alumni and cheered the team on. Amongst all the fun and games, the Pi Phis saved time to make contributions to the community as well as Eastern's Greek system. The first of many Pi Phi Poker tournaments was held, and was a tremendous success. Over \$1,000 was raised and donated to the Family Life Abuse Center in Rockcastle County. Other service efforts included Cheer for the Cure, which raises money for cancer research, and the fall 2004 new members took time out on certain afternoons to read to children at a local YMCA. Although very busy with service and social events, the Pi Phis could not be happier to be a part of the strongest Greek system around, and are looking forward to another fabulous year in 2005.



Alpha Delta Pi last semester raised \$2,000 at our first annual Poker Run tournament. It was a great way to get the campus involved as well as the community; our hopes are high for next year. Out of all eight sororities who participated in Alpha Omicron Pi's annual Lip Sync competition, we went home with first place for the seventh year in a row. We plan to compete again next year. We continued to help our community through meals-on-wheels, a system which provides meals to the elderly sponsored by the BSU. Because of our dedication to our community we also helped out with Kid's Fest, Boo Fest, and our local Ronald McDonald

House where we received a national award for donating over \$10,000. For the spring semester, we planned a softball tournament for all of Richmond, Rock-a-thon, non-alcoholic socials, and much more. The ladies of Alpha Delta Pi love to show their loves and concern through their desire to help. When the community needs service, remember you can always rely on us!

Last semester, the brothers of **Sigma Alpha Epsilon** were involved in many projects around campus. We hosted a successful rush with the initiation of five men. We fared very well in athletics, getting to the second round of the playoffs. We also started an annual Christmas Dinner, a catered dinner in which we invited alumni to come and see how the chapter was doing and it gave the brothers a chance to relax before finals began. We had a philanthropy event planned and were actively involved in Greek Week activities. We have many planned brotherhoods, pledge retreats, and other events to promote a stronger bond. We are in the process of getting a floor in Commonwealth Hall. We are competing in all sports, and have plans to get together with the rest of the chapters of Sigma Alpha Epsilon in the summer for a softball tournament at Morehead State University. We will also be participating in the "True Gentleman" Day of Service in which all chapters of Sigma Alpha Epsilon across the nation do good deeds to promote a stronger community.