



THE GREEK BEAT

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Greek Week 2008



Every year, the Greek Community hosts a week's worth of events to raise money and awareness for a local or national charity of their choice. Last year, Greeks chose to donate to the American Cancer Societies' Relay For Life and they raised over \$9,000 towards cancer research. As a Greek system, their focus and determination this year was even more evident. "We wanted to increase our philanthropic efforts from last year," says Myra Conley, Relay for Life Development Chair. "Being a member of a Greek Organization myself, I take pride in the things we do and the positive view that it creates for Greek Life." Many Greeks and fellow Tennessee Tech students alike have been affected in one

way or another by the debilitating disease. Just this spring, Tennessee Tech Golf Coach Bobby Nichols passed away after a long battle with cancer and that was still very fresh in people's minds. "Relay for Life is a great cause to be fighting for and I really think that it united the campus. It's really inspiring to see everyone working together for the common good," comments Conley. The events of the week culminated on Friday with the Relay for Life walk-a-thon that lasted from 6pm-5am. Each Greek Organization, along with other participating Tech academic and athletic groups, had their respective teams construct a campsite and raise money during the walk-a-thon. Teams had at least one team member walking at all times during the event. At the end of the night, winners were announced for achievements including total money raised, most unique campsite, and the greatest distance walked by an individual. "This year, Tennessee Tech raised \$20,752 for Relay for Life and of that Greeks raised \$14,370," says Katie Williams, Director of Greek Life. "Overall, I would say it was huge success for Tennessee Tech and Greek Life."



Take Back the Night

On April 8, Pi Sigma Alpha & Dr. Maxwell's Political Science Class hosted "Take Back the Night," a place free from sexual assault and abuse. The event invited students to become part of the solution to end sexual violence and forced people to make a stand and take back the night. This event was an opportunity for students to speak out against violence and come together with other students, community members and

various government and university officials to campaign for a change. Robert E. Cooper Jr. addressed the crowd before the March. A number of Greek Organizations were also in attendance including: Kappa Sigma, Phi Delta Theta, and all the Panhellenic sororities.



Pike Hosts 3rd Annual Fireman's Cookout



The brothers of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity hosted their 3rd annual Fireman's Cookout at Station 1 on Saturday April 19, 2008. Hamburgers and hot-dogs were grilled with sides and refreshments for the firemen from each station to stop by and enjoy. Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity also presented the firemen with a plaque of appreciation highlighting their courage and dedication for risking their lives to protect others.

Phi Mu Executive Council Attends Leadership Conference

The Phi Mu's executive council recently got back from a Leadership Conference in Birmingham, Alabama. The two-day workshop was designed to educate all new officers in their respective positions and for the council, as a whole, to determine chapter goals for the upcoming year. About 20 other Phi Mu chapters from around the south-east were in attendance. They also participated in a T-shirt swap and a silent auction, as well as many shopping opportunities to add to their already "pink" wardrobe!



Meet the Council Members



Jordan Jozwik
IFC VP of Recruitment

The IFC VP of Recruitment for 2008 is Jordan Jozwik. Jordan is a brother of Phi Gamma Delta and is also a Student Orientation Advisor. Jordan's goals for the year are to implement a program to educate new students about Greek Life before they get to Tech and also to help and encourage all Greek Organizations to form a late and use a year-

year round recruitment plan. Hopefully, this will help the Greek Community grow at the same rate as Tech.

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The Panhellenic Vice President Recruitment for 2008 is Amber Stamps. She is a senior Political Science major who is a member of Kappa Delta Sorority. She is also involved in Campus Outreach. This year Amber's goals are to focus on communication skills for the sorority recruitment directors, Pi Chi's and chapter members. She says that communication is not only valuable in recruiting

new members but it is valuable in many aspects of life as well. Amber is very excited about the changes all the sororities have made this year to their recruitment and she cannot wait to come back in the fall and begin to apply what they have learned.

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Amber Stamps
PC VP of Recruitment



D'Juan Love
NPHC Vice President

The National Panhellenic Vice President for 2008 is D'Juan Love. He is a senior marketing major and president of the Alpha Beta Xi chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. His position in NPHC is to assist the president or fill in for the president when the president is not available. D'Juan is also a member of the TTU Football team. D'Juan's goals for the year are to help lead NPHC and it's members and to pro-

mote Greek unity by hosting events with different fraternities and sororities.

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“Service is the rent we pay to be living. It is the very purpose of life and not something you do in your spare time.”

**MARIAN
WRIGHT
EDELMAN**

KΔ’s Shamrock Philanthropy is Huge Success



The members of the Delta Upsilon Chapter of Kappa Delta Sorority at Tennessee Tech University hosted their annual Shamrock Project for the prevention of child abuse. The events included a Chik-Fil-A Spirit Night and a See-Saw-A-Thon at

Wal-Mart to collect donations from the community. The big event was a Shamrock N’ Bowl bowling tournament and the War of the Wings Contest at Bowling World. 17 teams competed for prizes in the bowling tournament while nearly 300 people came out to participate in the “all-you-can-eat wings” festivities. “I go to lots of Shamrock events and this is the best one yet,” commented Carla Snodgrass, director of Prevent Child Abuse Tennessee. The ladies of Kappa Delta raised over \$9,600 for Prevention of Child Abuse America.

Greek Awards Banquet

Greek Scholars of the Year

Trae Crowder – Pi Kappa Alpha
Meagan Michael - Kappa Delta
John Pelham – Sigma Phi Epsilon
Spencer Tidwell – Kappa Sigma

New Greek Scholars of the Year

Kaysha Walker – Zeta Tau Alpha
John Ponzio – Phi Gamma Delta
Frank Ponzio – Phi Gamma Delta
Joseph Wigington – Phi Gamma Delta
Mackenzie Bray – Alpha Delta Pi
Kelly Augspurger – Alpha Delta Pi
Richard Mayo – Sigma Chi
Sarah Ginn – Alpha Delta Pi
Kelly Comer – Phi Mu

Chapter Advisors of the Year

Dr. Jed Young - Phi Gamma Delta
Robert Owens - Phi Beta Sigma
Brittany Jaynes - Alpha Delta Pi

Chapter Presidents of the Year

Josh Hogan - Kappa Sigma
Meredith Green - Alpha Kappa Alpha
Stephanie Garren - Delta Gamma

Most Improved Chapter

-Delta Gamma

New Members of the Year

Peter Farestad - Sigma Phi Epsilon
Myron Douglas - Alpha Phi Alpha
Kacyn Goranson - Delta Gamma

Greek Members of the Year

Matt Nisbet - Phi Gamma Delta
D’Juan Love - Phi Beta Sigma
Ashley Warrington - Alpha Delta Pi

Individual Community Service

Matthew Bauer - Sigma Phi Epsilon
Charles Quiet - Kappa Sigma

Outstanding Scholastic Performance

Sigma Phi Epsilon - (2.946)
Kappa Delta - (3.082)
Delta Sigma Theta - (2.892)

Outstanding Chapter Programming

“The Senior Experience” - Phi Mu

Outstanding Community Event

Thanksgiving on the Mayflower - Sigma Phi Epsilon

Outstanding Philanthropic Event

KD Shamrock - Kappa Delta

5 Star Chapters

-Kappa Delta
-Phi Gamma Delta
-Sigma Phi Epsilon

4 Star Chapters

-Alpha Delta Pi
-Delta Gamma
-Phi Mu
-Sigma Chi

3 Star Chapters

-Alpha Kappa Alpha
-Alpha Phi Alpha
-Delta Sigma Theta
-Kappa Alpha Order
-Kappa Sigma
-Phi Delta Theta
-Pi Kappa Alpha
-Sigma Alpha Epsilon
-Zeta Tau Alpha

2 Star Chapters

-Alpha Gamma Sigma
-Phi Beta Sigma
-Omega Psi Phi
-Zeta Phi Beta

For a complete listing of all the awards received go to:

www.tntech.edu/greek/greek_awards.html

Greek Student Spotlight: Josh Hogan, ΚΣ

Hometown: Springhill, Tenn.
Year and Major: 4th, Marketing

Why did you decide to “go Greek?”

Throughout high school I had a lot of teachers coaches that I looked up to that were members of Greek letter organizations and they always impressed upon me what a great experience it had been for them. When I got to Tech I had already considered going through formal rush so I started looking at the different chapters on campus and met some of their members. By the time rush came around I felt a strong connection with a few people and knew that being a member of their organization could be a big benefit for me.

What other organizations are you involved in outside of the Greek Community?

I am serving as a student orientation advisor for 2008. I am the captain of Tech's Rugby club and a member of the marketing club. I am also a Petty Officer 2nd Class in the United States Navy.

How has being part of the Greek Community benefitted your college experience?

The majority of things that I am involved in and people I know are because I am a member of Tech's Greek Community. I have made some of my best friends because of it and I know that they are people I will be close with for the rest of my life. I am a better student and person because of my organization. When I was younger I had older brothers who were like mentors and taught me to balance my studies with a heavy plate of extracurricular activities. Now I see myself trying to pass on some of the things I have learned to my younger brothers and more over to make sure I am setting a good example for them.

What advice do you have for someone considering joining a Greek organization?

There is an organization that is right for everyone. Check out different chapters. Look at their local and national websites and find out what they are all about. Make an attempt to meet and get to know members from every organization. Most importantly once you find the right place and become a member, be active. Just being active in Tech's community alone is one of the best experiences you can have. You only get out of something what you put into it, so make an attempt to leave it better than you found it.



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Greek Student Spotlight: Eve Rice, ΚΑ

Hometown: Hermitage, Tenn.
Year and Major: 3rd, Journalism

Why did you decide to go Greek?

My mom and dad were both involved in the Greek system when they were in college, so I knew when I came to college I was definitely going through recruitment. I knew that by getting involved in a sorority, I would have great opportunities such as getting involved on campus, taking on leadership roles, making new friends, participating in community service projects, and taking part in social events.

What other organizations are you involved in outside of the Greek Community?

I have been involved in Mortar Board, Society of Collegiate Journalists, the Student Alumni Association, and SGA in the past.

How has being part of the Greek Community benefitted your college experience?

Being part of the Greek Community has made my college experience the absolute best! I have been given the opportunity to do all the things mentioned above, but multiplied by 100 and more importantly, I have met my life-long friends (sisters) through being part of my sorority and the Greek Community.

What advice do you have for someone considering joining a Greek organization?

Keep an open mind and join the organization where you feel most comfortable. After you join, STAY INVOLVED... don't sit on the sidelines.



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Corey Smith Concert at Tech

Tennessee Tech hosted an outdoor concert on April 15th during Greek Week at Sherlock Park. The concert was hosted by Tech Activities Board (TAB), Greek Life, Residential Life, TTU Dining Services, and WTTU. Along with the concert the event included free food and drinks and inflatable games. The concert was opened up by and coming artist Garth Asher before Corey Smith took to the stage.



Jonathan Higdon of Kappa Sigma with Corey Smith after the show.

Interesting Facts About Greeks:

- Nationally, 71% of all Greeks graduate, while only 50% of non-Greeks graduate
- 48% of all US presidents have been Greek
- 42% of all US senators are Greek
- 30% of all US congressmen/women are Greek
- 40% of all US Supreme Court Justices have been Greek
- 30% of Fortune 500 Executives are Greek
- 10% of all listed in Who's Who are Greek
- Greeks make up 3% of the US population
- 9 Million Members Total
- 750,000 Undergraduate Members
- 12,000 Chapters
- Located on 800 campuses in USA and Canada
- Largest and Most Visible Values-Based Organizations on Campus
- Most Successful Leadership Development Program for College Students
- Largest Network of Volunteers in the US
- 10 Million hours of volunteer service annually
- Largest Not-for-Profit Student Landlord
- Own and Manage \$3 Billion in student housing
- House 250,000 students in 8,000 facilities