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Welcome!



Greetings! With another fall semester underway, students have returned and campus is full of life once again after the quiet lull of summer. Fall is always an exciting time for the entire campus, but particularly for our fraternities and sororities as recruitment activities abound and new members are welcomed into the organizations. And as I watch the newest members learn about this thing we call fraternity and sorority, I can't help but be reminded of my own undergraduate experience and about those who came before me to help create the organization that I came to call my own.

In my many conversations with the students, I often find myself reminding them that the commitment that they have made as an undergraduate fraternity man or sorority woman does not end once they leave UW-Eau Claire, but that membership in a fraternity or sorority is a lifetime commitment – and more than that, a privilege. There are not many other organizations that boast such an extensive network of alumni and alumnae who all share the common bonds of brotherhood and sisterhood.

Yet, as each of us get older and more removed from the collegiate experience, it can be harder to remain connected to what was once so familiar. I visited my alma mater, Butler University, not too long ago, and watched young women I didn't know go in and out of the Alpha Phi chapter house that I had called home for three years as an undergraduate. I wondered how many of those women were eating soft serve during late night study sessions down in the kitchen or gathering in the TV room on Thursday nights to watch a favorite show together. I remembered the anxiety I experienced with my fellow seniors as we wondered if the younger members would carry on the legacy that we had helped to create. As I stood there, it was evident that life in the chapter had gone on, and while some things were certainly different, many of the traditions I experienced as an undergraduate are still being shared with the newest members – the Observatory Night during initiation week, the Bounce for Beats philanthropy event, the Alumnae Brunch during Homecoming.

So, while chapter life goes on after we graduate and leave our alma mater, it is my sincere hope that this newsletter serves as a way to help you feel reconnected to the UW-Eau Claire campus and the fraternity and sorority community. We are acutely aware of the legacy you have helped to create as an alum and we invite you take a few moments to reminisce and read about the recent happenings in the community.

Sincerely,

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Delta Tau Delta Expansion Scheduled for Spring 2011

Spring 2011 will begin a new chapter for the fraternity and sorority community at UW-Eau Claire – quite literally. After more than a year of planning and preparation, the community is excited to welcome Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, which will colonize a new group at UW-Eau Claire in late January or early February.

In November 2009, letters were sent to inter/national men’s fraternities inviting them to submit proposals for expansion at UW-Eau Claire. Proposals were due in January and then reviewed by the expansion team, which consisted of the Interfraternity Council president, the Phi Gamma Delta and Delta Sigma Phi presidents, and the fraternity and sorority community advisor. After reviewing all proposals, three groups were invited for campus presentations. A staff from each organization visited campus in March and met with the expansion team and various community members and advisors. After the visits were completed, the expansion team reviewed all the feedback and extended an official invitation for expansion to Delta Tau Delta.

In a recent press release, Delta Tau Delta Director of Growth, David Sirey, said, “We are very excited to join the Greek community at UW-Eau Claire. We believe any Delt expansion must be a mutually beneficial agreement between the school and our organization and we are looking forward to helping the UWEC Greek community grow.”

UW-Eau Claire’s Interfraternity Council President, Nick Lund, commented on his enthusiasm for the new chapter saying, “I am very excited for Delta Tau Delta. It will help create a Greek buzz on campus, and make IFC’s function more important. The addition of a new fraternity will increase the need for communication between the fraternities on campus, which is one of the goals of IFC. I feel that Delta Tau Delta will offer more choices for non-Greeks which will allow for a more diverse Greek population.”

An invitation for expansion has also been extended to Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity for Spring 2012, and more information regarding the expansion will be forthcoming.



Homecoming Happenings



Homecoming 2010 was a great success for the Greek community at UWEC. A new event, Can-Struction, was won by the fraternity and sorority team. The event was added to the Homecoming Sweepstakes competition and was designed in an effort to boost awareness of social justice issues. Can-Struction involved collecting canned food items and other

non-perishables and building structures out of the collected items, which were later donated to the local St. Francis Food Pantry. The Greek community worked together to collect and donate over 300 pounds of the 530 pounds of total food collected.



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Meet the Presidents

Caitlin Redmond
Alpha Xi Delta
Panhellenic Council President



“I think that being Panhellenic President has been such a great growing opportunity. While I have held positions in my chapter, I believe that being President has allowed me the opportunity to greatly enhance my leadership abilities as well as my management and creative thinking. I have so enjoyed making our Panhellenic Council here at UWEC much stronger, finding new ways to give back to campus and the community under the creative eye of our Service and Philanthropy Chair, Whitney Hedge; implementing a budget system under Finance and Marketing Chair, Megan Heinz; participating fully in Homecoming and creating social events under Social Chair Lucia Weg Fernadaz, and creating a better and bigger community with the help of our Recruitment Chair Kristi Wanous.”

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Fraternity/Sorority Grade Summary

Spring 2010

Organization	Semester GPA	Cumulative GPA
Alpha Xi Delta	3.43↑	3.25↑
Delta Zeta	3.11↑	3.11↑
Sigma Sigma Sigma	2.85↑	2.92↑
Sorority - Mean GPA	3.17↑	3.12↑
All-Women's GPA	3.28↑	3.26↑
Delta Sigma Phi	2.77↓	3.06↑
Phi Gamma Delta	2.51↓	2.76↓
Fraternity- Mean GPA	2.64↓	2.92↓
All-Men's GPA	2.99↑	3.03↑
F&S - Mean GPA	2.99↓	3.05↑
All-University GPA	3.16↑	3.17↑

↑ indicates increase from previous semester

↓ indicates decrease from previous semester

* indicates no change from previous semester



Nick Lund
Phi Gamma Delta
Inter-Fraternity Council President



“I have learned how to coordinate bigger events between multi organizations. I have learned how important communication is, and how to organize my life and organization. I have enjoyed working with my officers and the University. I have also enjoyed being involved/ running something much bigger than myself.”

Potential New Member Recommendations

Do you know a current UW-Eau Claire student who would make a great fraternity man or sorority woman? Tell us about them! Please send the name, address, phone number, email address, and year in school, of the student along with a brief statement about why they would be a great addition to the community to:

PNM Recommendations
Attn: Angie Bong
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Sorority Recruitment

The sorority community was pleased to welcome 26 new members to the community through this fall's formal recruitment process. Recruitment was held September 15-18. Recruitment kicked off with "Scholarship and Sisterhood Night," followed by "Philanthropy Night" and "Preference Night." The week culminated in chapter Bid Day activities to help welcome new members. Congratulations to the following new sisters:

Emily Albrent, Haleigh Amant, Sam Bruyere, Kayla Calhoun, Molly Collman, Samantha Decker, Chelsee deNeui, Brandi DeRouin, Nicole Franzen, Brittney Gonzales, Aleshia Green, Rebecca Hiekel, Kailey Huber, Heidi Klein, Krysten Marshall, Julie McKeever, Jessica Mueller, Tanya Neill, Rachel O'Neil, April Palmer, Juliet Pelligane, Seama Rezai, Olga Sobakina, Hilary Stone, Alaina Streblow, and Lauren Yanez



Upcoming Events

Lamplighting Ceremony: 11/15/10 & 11/17/10
Delta Zeta

New Member Initiation Ceremony: 11/19/10
Delta Zeta

New Member Initiation Ceremony: 11/20/10
Alpha Xi Delta

Get Involved

If you are interested in getting involved with the fraternity and sorority community, please contact Angie Bong via email at bongal@uwec.edu or via phone at 715-836-3855.

Contact Us

We hope that this issue was helpful to you and we welcome your suggestions and contributions concerning this newsletter.

If you would like to share some important news, please feel free to contact us. We would love to include your successes in upcoming issues.

Please direct questions and comments to:

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