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Fall 2009 Sorority Recruitment Success!

The fall 2009 semester started off with a successful recruitment period. With over fifty new members and three brand new events we are very pleased with our accomplishments. Sorority New Members accounted for thirty-nine of the new members. Our new events this semester included a Sorority Tea Party that was held in the Waterfront Café. This was an elegant event that included all of our sorority members and potential members who dressed for an afternoon of tea and cookies. This provided the potential members as well as sorority members to have the opportunity to intermingle and enjoy a classy event all together. Another event we held for all of Greek life was a movie night in the Hunt Ballroom. We all gathered together to watch Old School. People brought pillows and blankets, as well as popcorn provided by the Inter-Greek Council E-Board.

Throughout the recruitment week we also had other traditional events such as Meet the Greeks in the quad, Preference Parties and concluded the week with a Bid Day Ceremony. We hope to continue to develop new, fun and interesting recruitment events for both

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fraternities and sororities in the upcoming semesters to help improve our recruitment process.



National Hazing Prevention Week: A Large Success

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NHPW is a collaborative effort of the Greek students and administration working along with the athletics department to coordinate a week full of events which began on September 21. The main goal of last year's prevention week was to focus on what hazing is and why it is bad. This year, a new twist was given to the week, focusing on options that Greeks and athletes have instead of hazing. With tons of publications handed out by the Greek Life Office, there was a rather large turnout! The week consisted of numerous programs covering a diverse array of topics. The first night was a mixer of Greek and athlete leaders, to discuss stereotypes and other issues dealing with hazing as well as the countless issues with being a leader. Tuesday's event showed "Unless a Death Occurs" at 8pm in the Red Dragon Theatre,

followed by a discussion to talk about the severity of hazing, and what leaders can do to prevent it. At noon on Wednesday in Hunt Union, there was a Panel Discussion of Greeks, athletes, and faculty/staff to discuss hazing, leadership, and to answer questions students and faculty had about such topics. Wednesday night, there were programs geared towards the different educational class levels of Greeks and athletes, focusing on defining hazing, groups, and being sure that their respective organization is not hazing. On Thursday, the final day of NHPW, there were tables in the Mills and Wilsbach Dining Halls to give out information and answer questions about hazing. This week was open to all students and staff, and we encourage you to educate yourselves on such topics as well! Go to hazingprevention.org!

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A Leader Is...

The 2009 Emerging Leaders Conference was held on Friday, September 18 and Saturday, September 19. SUNY Oneonta's recognized Greek life was involved full force. This year's Emerging Leaders was a program developed to help freshman and sophomore students learn how to get involved on campus and build their leadership skills. It was a two day program filled with learning blocks, including how to write a resume, how to use Facebook properly, and it taught them new healthy

behaviors since swine flu is such a concern to the college environment. The program also taught students about diversity, community service, and how to build new friendships with their fellow participants. This year, members of SUNY Oneonta's recognized Greek life were very active in the planning and participation of the event. On the Emerging Leaders planning committee eight out of ten participants were a part of different Greek organizations, including Phi Sigma Sigma, Pi Delta Chi, Chi

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Phi Fraternity, and Phi Kappa Psi. Greek students realize the importance of helping freshman and sophomores learn about leadership and the different ways that they can get involved on campus without focusing on Greek life at all. It is important for Greek students to share the knowledge that we learn through our programs and activities, and Emerging Leaders was a great medium to do so. Whether planning, facilitating, or just being an extra helping hand during the day of the event, Greeks were there to help!

Greeks Remember 9/11

The Chi Phi Fraternity held their 2nd annual "9/11 Candle Vigil" on September 11, allowing the community to come together to remember those we lost eight years ago, while supporting those who were directly affected. There were numerous guest speakers including Dr. Steven Perry and Mayoral Candidate and Chi Phi member Jason



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Corrigan. The event also saw an original guitar performance from Giancarlo Sidoli and finished with Hooked On Tonics performing The National Anthem. The event saw about 150 people in attendance, including City Fire Chief Robert Barnes and Police Chief Joseph Redmond.

Fall 2009 Greek Ambassadors

The fall 2009 semester was kicked off with the Greek Ambassadors on August 22, the Saturday before classes started. On Sunday the Greek Ambassadors assisted with Move-In Crew to help incoming students move into their dorm rooms. Sunday evening the Greek Ambassadors worked with FYE to help run the Freshman Block Party.

This year the event included a DJ, Sandy Candy, Frisbee making, information tables, Wall Runs, Boxing, Balloon Bursting, and Jousting provided by Bobby K Entertainment, as well as lots of snacks. This year's Block Party was the most successful in its history with a turn-out of over 500 students. Monday and Tuesday our Ambassadors

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set up information tables in each of the freshman dorms to educate incoming freshman about Greek Life on our campus. The Greek Ambassadors wrapped up the week by helping serve ice cream to the freshman class at the Pass through the Pillars event on Tuesday evening to help start off another great year.