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Reflecting on the Past, Looking Towards the Future

By: Katrina Shkreli, Sigma Sigma Sigma Public Relations Chair

As the Zeta Delta Chapter of Sigma Sigma Sigma looks forward to another great year, we decided to take a look at our events from last semester to start getting inspired for the upcoming one. During our Spring Semester, we put on many great events, one of the biggest being our fundraiser, Rockin' For Robbie, a benefit show where local bands came together to help raise money for the Robbie Page Memorial. The night was filled with a variety of musicians and fans all coming together for a common cause. We also took part in the annual Relay for Life where sisters participated in not only walking, pie eating contests, news-

paper dress making contests, and many other events. We also helped raise money for a little boy with terminal cancer, volunteered at Bugbee daycare center, and participated in a program called Into The Streets. Into The Streets was a community service event where people were broken up into groups and scattered throughout Otsego County doing various volunteer activities, such as re-modeling a farmer's market, working at a soup kitchen, planting trees and flowers, as well as other activities. As we look forward to the upcoming semester, we are getting ready for a busy but exhilarating school year.

Recently, we held a car wash and will be donating some of the proceeds to Save the Music Foundation. Sisters will also be volunteering throughout the semester at a local soup kitchen and Bugbee. We will also be taking part in Relay for Life again this Spring and are planning another successful Robbie Page Memorial Event and hosting a blood drive. The Zeta Delta Chapter has been constantly gathering more and more ideas for community service and fundraising and cannot wait to see what else this year brings!

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Greek Ambassador Program a Success by Jaclyn Fettinger, ΣΣΣ Greek Life Intern

As the rain was pouring the crowd was roaring as Greek Ambassadors helped over 1,000 new students move in on Sunday, August 22, 2010. The students dedicated much time and effort to help welcome the students and their parents, and try to reduce the stress of move in day. The Greek Ambassadors spread the word about recognized Greek Life here at SUNY Oneonta at infor-

mational tables in the freshmen buildings the next two days. They were there to answer any questions having to deal with Greek Life and benefits of recognized vs. unrecognized. They finished off the program by cheering the new students as they participated in the Pass Through the Pillars ritual. They served the students ice-cream and again answered any questions the

new students might have. The Greek Ambassadors did an amazing job and gave Greek Life a positive image here on campus. Both Res Life and Greek Life are excited to work together again next year with what we hope is an even better turn out.

Local Support from a Local Group of Girls by Laura Boff-ΣΓΦ

Even though the semester is young, Sigma Gamma Phi has been extremely active in the community. They have been planning their chapter Philanthropy and other community service projects. Sigma Gamma Phi, also known as Arethusa, is dedicated to helping their community.

Arethusa's Philanthropy is Opportunities for Otsgeo. Since Sigma Gamma Phi is a local organization, they pride themselves in helping Oneonta. In addition to Opportunities for Ostego, they also play bingo weekly at Robynwood assisted living, fundraise and participate in Relay for Life, participate in Into the Streets, fundraise for The Ninash Foundation, and collect bottle caps for cancer treatment. Last year for Into the Streets they planted and

cleaned College Camp and traveled to Cooperstown to clean up an old train. Furthermore, they volunteer at a local childcare center for Valentine's Day and collect cans, bottles, and clothing to donate to the Lifehouse Organization for runaways. They have also assisted another organization in running a blood drive.

Not only does Arethusa plan their own community service activities, but they also participate and are active with other organizations' community service events. Sigma Gamma Phi pride themselves in doing community service for the Oneonta community, as well as other organizations.

Arethusa is excited to keep volunteering and helping the community!

Giving Back to the Community by Elissa Apar-ΦΣΣ

On September 11 the sisters of Phi Sigma Sigma volunteered at the United Methodist Church to help out at Saturday's Bread. We do this three or four Saturday's each semester and serve food to those less fortunate. Every Saturday there is a hot meal provided to the community without any cost or any questions asked. As volunteers, we wait and bus tables, make sandwiches,

serve on the buffet line, and clean up afterwards. It usually runs from 9am-2pm and there is always a great turn out; the line is out the door! This Saturday we served a delicious meal of spaghetti, fried chicken, vegetables, and cheesy garlic bread. After their meal, they can pick up two sandwiches, pb&j or meat and cheese, to take home with them, as well as a dessert. Overall it is a wonderful

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Important Dates from our Greeks:

- September 1-Club Expo
- September 2-Sorority Preference Parties
- September 2-Fraternity Informationals
- September 3-Bid Day Ceremony in the Quad
- September 11-Chi Phi 9/11 Vigil
- September 18- Sigma Delta Tau PCAA Walk
- September 20-24-National Hazing Prevention Week
- September 21-NHPW Hazing Documentary/Discussion
- September 22-NHPW Step Up! Be a Leader! Make a Difference!
- September 24-NHPW Hazing Panel Discussion
- September 24-New Member Retreat

experience and when the day is done, it makes us feel great knowing we brightened someone's day and helped feed a hungry family. The families that come are so thankful for the food they receive and love to sit down with us and have nice, enjoyable conversations. We have been volunteering here for a couple of semesters now and will continue doing so since we enjoy it so much.



Kappa Sigma and Sigma Gamma Phi at Philanthropy Night.

Greek Recruitment a Success by AnneMarie Cucci-ΣΓΦ

During the first two weeks of this semester, our recognized Greek students surrounded campus with their organization's letters in hopes of finding their next group of new members. Greek recruitment week is not only a time when Greeks flaunt tee shirts with catchy slogans, it is more a time for brothers and sisters of all organizations to openly voice the benefits of recognized Greek life by inviting interested students to various events. As the Inter-Greek Council Sorority Recruitment Chair, it was my job, alongside the Fraternity Recruitment Chair, Zach Silver, to plan many on-campus events in order to bring current Greeks and interested students together. This semester's recruitment week was highlighted by events such as Meet the Greeks, Sorority Socials, a Greek Fiesta, Fraternity Informationals, Sorority Preference Parties, and our Bid Day Ceremony, which

was held in the academic quad on the last day of recruitment. During these and other events, each organization was able to display their best qualities, such as academic excellence, community service, and pride in their chapters. Unfortunately, recruitment week is often viewed as a time when students simply go out and party every night of the week, but I am proud to say that our recognized Greek community values the time they have at on-campus events in order to build new bonds and friendships with people who will become their brothers or sisters. At Meet the Greeks, interested students mingled with all our recognized organizations in a relaxed atmosphere in order to learn more basic information about each chapter. At Sorority Socials, interested girls were able to visit each sorority individually in a round-robin style atmosphere in order to ask questions

and find out more specific information about each chapter. Also, at Sorority Preference Parties and Fraternity Informationals, potential new members attended the event of the organization they were most interested in joining, in an effort to make their final decision about which organization they would like a bid from. Attendance at many of this semester's events was outstanding. Events such as the Greek Fiesta and Philanthropy Night filled the Ballroom in Hunt Union. On Friday, September 3rd, 58 new members received Bids from recognized organizations at the Bid Day Ceremony. After completing their pledge process, these new members will join our Greek community, which currently consists of about 200 students. I am pleased to say that this semester's recruitment week was extremely successful and enjoyable for all students involved.



Sigma Gamma Phi with their new member class in the Quad on Bid Day.

Congratulations to Sigma Gamma Phi for raising \$600 for the Ninash Foundation!

If you have any questions about recognized Greek recruitment, please contact the Inter-Greek Council Recruitment Chairs.
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Rockin' for Robbie-A Ghoulishly Good Time by Kayla DiMuro-ΣΣΣ

This fall, the girls of Sigma Sigma Sigma are happy to announce that we are planning a Halloween themed Rockin' for Robbie concert. Typically, as a chapter, we hold the concert during the spring semester and donate our proceeds to our sorority's philanthropy, the Robbie Page Memorial, which pays for terminally ill children to have play therapy in hospitals. We have everything donated to us, which includes food, raffle prizes and the entertainment. Then we came up

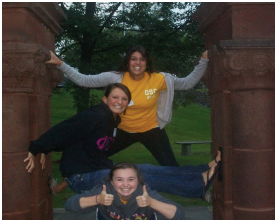
with the idea to hold the concert in the fall as well, where sisters could dress in costume for the concert, and we would invite families from the Oneonta community to come and support us and, of course, wear their costumes too. This way, we are reaching out to more than just the campus community and Greek life, but also trying to provide a night of fun for the children of Oneonta. It will be held on October 27th,

2010 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Hunt Union Ballroom. The entrance fee will be about \$3. Anyone who is interested is more than wel-

Sisters of Sigma Delta Tau at their first PCAA Walk.



A Rhyme for Greek Life by Alexa Mann, ΣΣΣ Greek Intern



Three of our sisters from Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority attending Pass Through the Pillars where they welcomed incoming Freshmen and Transfers.

The Oneonta IGC will sponsor a fun run/walk on Sunday, October 24 at 9am. The walk will start at the Hunt Union and will follow a 2 mile trail through the campus. To register contact Alumni Affairs at www.oneontaalumni.com



Pi Delta Chi Sorority with their new members at the Fall Bid Day Ceremony.

Here at SUCO, Greek Life is a blast
 This year's Recruitment Week was more successful than in the past!
 On August 25th, Meet the Greeks was our first event, despite the rain
 Interested men and women trekked to the ballroom and we never heard them complain!
 Sorority Socials was a time for women to meet girls from each sorority
 Everyone enjoyed mingling and learning about groups, not just me!
 Ay ay ay! Greek Fiesta was the place to be Friday afternoon
 Everyone wanted Bid Day to come soon!
 We got dressed up to eat and listen at IGC's Philanthropy Night
 Seeing everyone looking so fancy was truly a great sight!
 Pref Parties and Informationals were a nice way to wrap up our Recruitment Week
 Everyone was narrowing down their choices of which organization they wanted to seek.
 Bid Day started early on Friday, with congratulatory phone calls
 Anyone could hear the cheering in all of the Residence Halls!
 Groups of people came to the IGC Office, ready to pick up their bids
 The Oneonta campus was full of excited new Greek kids!
 At 4 PM sharp, we all met to celebrate outside
 We cheered and chanted for our new members and wouldn't let them hide!
 Each organization showed off their new member classes and looked so proud
 Our songs and celebrations were of course so loud!
 We look forward to our Spring Recruitment and hope for the same things,
 Big thanks to AnneMarie and Zach, for all of your work, you deserve angel wings!

Greek Engagement-Heather Mylott '07 ΠΔΧ and John Juhasz ΦΚΨ

After a February 13, 2010 proposal on top of the Empire State Building, we are proud to announce the engagement of Heather Mylott and John Juhasz. The couple met three years ago when they both attended SUNY Oneonta. Heather, a sister of Pi Delta Chi sorority, graduated from Oneonta May 2007 with a Bachelor of Science in Mass Communications. John, who is a brother of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, currently attends St. Josephs College where he will be graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice this May. Heather and John will be getting married June 24, 2011 at Our Lady of Lourdes in West Islip, NY



Interest Leads to Expansion by David Lucas, ΦΚΨ Greek Intern

The end of last semester brought about quite a change as we welcomed two new fraternities on campus. SUNY Oneonta is proud to welcome Alpha Phi Delta and Kappa Sigma, as they seek college recognition. Both fraternities have already taken the reigns and are getting involved on campus, helping out with Greek Ambassadors and Move-in Crew, hosting a blood drive, and taking part in the Greek Life experience in general. This year will be a busy one now that we have two new organizations that will be planning philanthropy events, fundraising, and getting involved on campus. We look forward to see what comes from them, and their involvement in the coming year.