Michigan Greeks Welcome ZTA To Panhel

By Sarah Smith

The Office of Greek Life was proud to welcome Zeta Tau Alpha to the University of Michigan this fall, making it the 16th chapter in the Panhellenic Association and adding 155 new women to the Greek Community.

ZTA’s national organization sent five leadership consultants to Ann Arbor at the beginning of the year to lead its recruitment efforts. In addition to a presentation given to all potential new members at the Mass Meeting, ZTA led a three-week recruitment initiative of their own.

During these three weeks, the leadership consultants sought to get the word out about ZTA, the benefits of sorority life, and their national philanthropy, breast cancer awareness. They actively spread the word and trademarked the popular “Think Pink” slogan.

“We’re very blessed to have the philanthropy that we do,” ZTA Traveling Leadership Consultant Annette Dimeck said. “Breast cancer is something that a lot of people can relate to and something that all of our chapters across the country are very passionate about.”

The last week of ZTA Recruitment invited interested women to participate in one-on-one orientation sessions with a national ZTA officer, seven of whom flew to Ann Arbor for these sessions. The week then culminated in a celebratory Bid Day, where 155 women were welcomed into Zeta Tau Alpha on it’s National Founder’s Day, October 15th.

“Our girls are absolutely incredible,” said Kat Lopez, also a Traveling Leadership Consultant. “The morale in the chapter is so high because everyone is excited to be a part of something new. They have a unique opportunity to make themselves what they want to be on campus, and they’re really embracing it.”

The new ZTA pledges have been busy trying to get to know everyone and foster a sense of sisterhood. To do this, they’ve been doing bonding activities at colony meetings, and they also went ice skating recently as a group. They’re looking forward to their upcoming New Member Retreat, where they will participate in the Challenge Program sponsored by the Rec Sports Department. The program will feature ropes courses, a climbing wall, and other team-building activities.

Another exciting thing that ZTA members are looking forward to is the opportunity to live together in a sorority house next year. The girls will be moving into the house currently used by Delta Phi Epsilon on Wash dorm. Since there were more girls that wanted to live in than there were available rooms, ZTA used a lottery system to determine who would get to live there.

“The girls are really excited to have a house next year,” Dimeck said. “We won’t be changing the house much this summer. We’ll do some basic painting, landscaping and cleaning – but in future years we look forward to being able to personalize the house and really make it our own.

The future looks bright for the new ZTA pledges. The girls have already elected chapter officers, who have gone through extensive training and have begun to set their goals for the rest of the year. All of the pledges will be initiated on January 16th, and then ZTA will celebrate their official reinstallation a banquet afterward.

On the behalf of Zeta Tau Alpha, Dimock and Lopez would like to thank the entire Greek community for their support in the past months.

“We are extremely appreciative of all of the assistance we have received from the Panhellenic Association and the Office of Greek Life,” Lopez said. “They have provided us with phenomenal support from the minute we stepped on campus and have been outrageously helpful resources for us throughout this process.”

“Ultimately, though, we have to tip our hats to all of the women that we have in our organization,” Dimock said. “They are down-right amazing individuals and we are very confident in ZTA’s future here at Michigan.”

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This Old House

Sigma Chi makes 548 S. State their own

By Christopher Ambrosoli

The Sigma Chi fraternity house is currently one of the oldest buildings on Michigan’s campus. The house, which was built in 1912, underwent extensive renovations during the summer and is looking better than ever. Many of Sigma Chi’s brothers put in countless hours during their summer breaks working on the house to prepare our return to campus this fall. The entire house has received a new coat of paint, most notably the common areas and stairwells. The fraternity has also replaced much of the flooring on the first floor and has installed new carpeting and wood flooring. It is just one of the many projects the brothers have put into the house thus far, and we will continue to make improvements as we become reestablished on campus. Go Blue!

Who’s On Campus?

Panhellenic Chapters

- AXA - Alpha Chi Omega
- AAI - Alpha Delta Pi
- AEØ - Alpha Epsilon Phi
- AG - Alpha Gamma Delta
- ΑΦ - Alpha Phi Alpha
- XX - Chi Omega
- ΔΑ - Delta Delta Delta
- ΔΓ - Delta Gamma
- DLØ - Delta Phi Epsilon
- KAØ - Kappa Alpha Theta
- ΚΚΤ - Kappa Gamma
- ΨΦ - Phi Sigma Rho Engineering Sorority
- ΠβΦ - Pi Beta Phi
- ΔΣΤ - Sigma Delta Tau
- ΖΣΑ - Zeta Tau Alpha

Interfraternity Council

- ΑΦ - Alpha Delta Phi
- AEΠ - Alpha Epsilon Pi
- ΑΣΦ - Alpha Sigma Phi
- ΑΣΩ - Alpha Tau Omega
- ΥΦ - Chi Phi
- ΧΨ - Chi Psi
- ΔΧ - Delta Chi
- ΔΚΕ - Delta Kappa Epsilon
- ΔΣΤ - Delta Tau Delta
- ΔΥ - Delta Upsilon
- ΚΞ - Kappa Sigma
- ΧΑ - Lambda Chi Alpha
- ΦΔΘ - Phi Delta Theta
- ΠΙΦ - Pi Kappa Alpha
- ΠΦ - Pi Phi
- ΠΨ - Psi Upsilon
- ΚΑ - Sigma Alpha Epsilon
- ΚΑΑ - Sigma Alpha Mu
- ΚΥ - Sigma Chi
- ΚΦΣ - Sigma Phi Epsilon
- ΚΠ - Sigma Pi
- ΕΣ - Tau Kappa Epsilon
- ΕΚΦ - Theta Chi
- ΕΣ - Theta Xi
- ΖΨ - Zeta Psi

Multicultural Greek Council

- ΑΚΦ - alpha Kappa Delta Phi
- ΔΤΑ - Delta Tau Lambda
- ΔΩΨ - Delta Theta Psi
- ΚΦΑ - Kappa Phi Lambda
- ΑΦ - Lambda Epsilon Phi
- ΛΦΑ - Lambda Theta Alpha
- ΛΦΩ - Lambda Theta Phi
- ΜΞ - Omega Gamma Pi
- ΠΦ - Phi Alpha Phi
- ΣΩΒ - Sigma Lambda Beta
- ΣΚΩ - Sigma Kappa
- ΔΠΘ - Delta Phi Theta
- ΠΒΦ - Pi Beta Phi
- ΠΦ-Phi Beta Sigma
- ΔΠΘ - Delta Xi

Panhellenic Chapters

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- ΑΦΑ - Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
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**Divine Nine Host NPHC Week**

By Anaysha Turnipseed

The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) is an organization of nine historically African-American, international Greek-lettered fraternities and sororities. The nine NPHC organizations are sometimes collectively referred to as the "Divine Nine". The council promotes interaction between and among fraternities and sororities and other mediums for the exchange of information and experiences in cooperative programming and initiatives through various activities and functions.

When preparing for this year’s NPHC Week, we wanted to revamp our ideas to increase our turnout and effectively impact the campus. To do so, we had a collaborative program between the eight active NPHC organizations on our campus and we focused the program on media misconceptions of Greeks and African American Greek Life. To do so, we had a collaborative initiative through various activities and other mediums for the exchange of information and engaged the community to formally introduce themselves to the organization to formally introduce themselves to the campus and it allows interested parties to gather information about the different fraternities and sororities within our council. Overall, NPHC Week 2009 week was a great success - thanks to everyone who attended the events!

**HIN1 and Panhellenic Recruitment:**

By: Relsey Reitz

Every year, students on campus are candidates to introduce hundreds of girls scurrying from house to house during the month of September. The annual period of Panhellenic Recruitment involves somewhere between 800 and 1000 girls visiting each of the sorority houses on campus to determine who will be the best fit for them. Recruitment consists of "sets" or visits, spanning across two weeks. Needless to say, determining the fifty girls out of 1000 that are the best fit is no easy task. With the start of classes, move in, and no air conditioning to this time crunch, one can see how life begins to unravel.

After a summer of working on logistical details to fulfill my role as recruitment chair, I hit the recruitment process knowing that the next few weeks were going to be challenging. Sleepless nights and hours in my sorority house bathroom spending time with house's progress at set to set. What I could have never anticipated, though, was the detrimental effects on a little known illness called HIN1.

Within days of returning to campus, several cases of the disease were reported. With almost 900 girls coming in and out of our house, I knew that serious planning needed to be done immediately. As we were taking no chances. At Panhel’s request, all members were assigned to sanitize common areas of the house, numbers were critical and had to be high. Set one, spanning two days, was our most critical time, as all 900 women came to visit.

Luckily, health precautions had seemingly held us up and we prevailed despite the dangers of an epidemic. However, set two was not quite as simple. After spending hours preparing each house to make sure our house to meet the incoming girls for round two, the phone calls reporting illness on the day of the event caused me to realize that a lot of rearranging was necessary. Though the preparation and careful planning of around 30 minutes of restructuring, by the time it was time to begin set two, all the affairs were in order, and we were ready to go.

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**For Those About To Rock**

A Preview of Greek Week 2010

By Monica Stonery

It’s hard to believe, but Greek Week 2010 is already just around the corner! Get ready to throw away the superhero capes from last year and bring out the feather pants, hair spray, and your old electric guitar - this year's theme is Battle of the Bands! Team names will be inspired by classic rock bands from the past four decades, such as The Beatles, Led Zeppelin, and KISS. Even better, all of this rocking will be for a cause.

Coming from humble beginnings as a fraternity singing competition, Greek Week is now one of the largest student-run philanthropic events on campus, consisting of chapters from all of the four councils participating. Headed by Roo Miter and Dave Schiavone, the Greek Week Steering Committee is always looking for new and fresh ideas to make Greek Week better. If you know of any ideas for Greek Week 2010, please contact them. Each Greek Week will kick off the festivities on March 15th, with the week culminating in the ever-popular Sing and Variety competition on March 25, where the week's winner will be announced.

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**FIJI and Pike Run For A Cause**

By Garrett Johnson

Seven years ago, the U of M fraternities of Phi Gamma Delta (FIJI) and Pi Kappa Alpha (PIKE) began two separate relay runs to raise money for cancer research. The brothers of each fraternity carried the game ball from the Ohio State vs. Michigan football game on 30 hours in a 187-mile run from the away stadium to the home stadium around 30 minutes of restructuring. By the time it was time to begin set two, all the affairs were in order, and we were ready to go.

Together, our fraternities have worked hard to transform the Run from a small philanthropy event to the leading cancer relief fundraiser in Ann Arbor. In 2007, we raised nearly $800,000 which has since been split by the 2008, providing the recession, we managed to raise over $60,000.

Every year, our Michigan chapters of FIJI and PIKE compete to boost our final donation. Here in Ann Arbor, we organize several benefit nights at local restaurants and bars. We also collect donations at tailgates before home games. Much of our past success has been a product of the passion of our members.

While the bragging rights may rest on the succeeding football game, our chapters place the greatest emphasis on raising money than the Buckeye chapters.

On November 20, 2009, we met the OSU chapters in Findlay, OH and ran through the night. The next day, we made it back to Ann Arbor by the 12pm game. In an effort to expand this year’s fundraising within the Greek system, we opened the Run to sororities. We had around thirty girls running for the cause. FIJI and PiKke want to thank the girls who donated and hope to see more enthusiastic participation next year.

Although we have not yet determined this year's totals, we are certain we raised a great deal for the cause despite the difficult economic times. The proceeds will benefit the following organizations:

The American Cancer Society is a nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing its impact through research, education, advocacy and service.

The Coach CARR Caring Fund supports a variety of services benefitting cancer patients and their families while they receive treatment at the U of M Comprehensive Cancer Center. Donations will go towards services such as the "Strength For Caring" family program which teaches family members how to juggle the demands of care giving and cope with the emotional, physical, and financial stressors.

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Go Blue, Think Pink
Sammy and SDT Unite Against Breast Cancer

By Sara Winik

Sigma Delta Tau and Sigma Alpha Mu put on their third annual Go Blue Think Pink breast cancer awareness and research fundraiser as part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The two groups worked together to sell t-shirts and promote education throughout the University of Michigan campus. After a week of selling t-shirts in the Diag, Mason Hall and South U, as well as at sorority and fraternity houses, SDT and Sammy were able to raise $24,000 with all proceeds benefitting the Susan G. Komen Foundation. SDT and Sammy are still continuing their sales of shirts until winter break.

It was important to SDT and Sammy that Go Blue Think Pink reach not only the entire Greek Community but also all of the University. The shirts were designed to have a wide appeal to students and faculty.

The SDT chair of Go Blue Think Pink, Sara Winik, said that the most rewarding part of the week was walking around campus and seeing how the community came together for this cause. “I know that breast cancer is something that has impacted so many people around me, but to see girls in my sorority volunteer to help because it means something to them made the entire fundraiser worthwhile. People would buy a shirt on the Diag and say how they were doing it in honor of a friend or family member, and I realized how this event goes beyond a Greek Life fundraiser. It was for a cause that is important to all of us in Ann Arbor.”

Sam Carmel, the Sammy Chair, agreed and said he looks forward to seeing Go Blue Think Pink grow in the future. “My Freshman year was the first year we started Go Blue Think Pink, and it’s amazing to see how significant the event goes beyond a Greek Life fundraiser. It was for a cause that is important to all of us in Ann Arbor.”

Sammy President Brian Kostukovsky says that he is proud of his fraternity’s involvement in the fundraiser and knows that this event is something that will be a SDT and Sammy tradition for a long time.

Interested in getting involved year round?
Check out the Greek Philanthropy Organization! Their next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 12th at 6 pm in the Parker Room of the Michigan Union.
Alpha Chi Omega
The sisters of Alpha Chi Omega have already had a very active beginning of the fall. To start with recruitment, the sisters have been busy welcoming in their new members, each and every one gland ball games together, and preparing for our upcoming Alpha Chi Omega, along with neighbors Kappa Kappa Gamma, also hosted a fall pumpkin painting party on October 10th and both houses gathered on the lawn of 1212 Hill Street to drink cider, eat pumpkin spice cupcakes and paint pumpkins for the other Panhellean sororities. Also, we had our Noodies in November philanthropy event on November 4th, which was held at Noodles and Co, and benefited SAPAC’s domestic violence survivor fund.

AΦI Alpha Delta Phi
Alpha Delta Phi is off to a great fall semester. We welcomed 48 pledges for Fall Bid Day and celebrated with dinner at the house and a night of powderpuff football. We also went to Zep for some local panhel social activities. Our social calendar has been full of fun themed mixers and carry ins, and we have not failed to entertain our new members. Barn Dance was also held during our annual trip to the Apple Orchard andsequent weekend to complete our Bid Day and celebrated with a fall pumpkin painting party on October 10th, and both houses gathered on the lawn of 1212 Hill Street to drink cider, eat pumpkin spice cupcakes and paint pumpkins for the other Panhellean sororities.

AΦB Alpha Epsilon Phi
Alpha Epsilon Phi is thrilled to introduce you to Milly Cyrus...our new pledge class is 45 strong, the largest on campus, and is cer‐ tainly one of the most dynamic on campus. Notable accomplishments include the maintenance of our national AEPi arch, many house (located at 1912 Geddes Avenue), and host of pranksters that have infiltrated the house, and living up to our name as Michigan’s own Animal House. Love, AEPi

AΦC Alpha Gamma Delta
We are looking forward to initiating our new members in December. Shortly after Bid Day, our new members will go on a trip to visit Miley Cyrus and her family. We are also thankful for our community, and the families to whom we have given back. Our chapter has already given back to many of our community through our philanthropic events. We are excited to continue our philanthropic events this semester.

AΦD Delta Phi Epsilon
Delta Phi Epsilon has been off to a great start this year! We have hosted our first date party with a “CASA” themed event. Our chapter has participated in several philanthropic events, including our annual “Kappasta” philanthropy event, which has raised over $25,000 for the Susan G. Cole‐ man Breast Cancer Awareness Foundation. We have also participated in our annual “Kappasta” philanthropy event, which has raised over $25,000 for the Susan G. Coleman Breast Cancer Awareness Foundation. We have also participated in our annual “Kappasta” philanthropy event, which has raised over $25,000 for the Susan G. Coleman Breast Cancer Awareness Foundation.

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