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IFC Gives Back to the Community

The coat drive, Kappa Sigma President Blake Subinsky along with Erich Stolz coordinated a toy drive for gifts for child patients at Texas Children’s Hospital in Houston, TX. IFC raised and purchased an estimated 50 toys to give to the hospital hoping to put a smile on children’s faces that are dealing with illnesses currently. IFC philanthropy chair Eric Stolz said he was proud of IFC and the SHSU community for their contributions this semester and hopes the next philanthropy chair will improve on what he did.

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Leadership Speaker David Stollman to Visit SHSU

Campus Speak co-founder and renown speaker David Stollman will be speaking to the SHSU Greek community and any other students involved in student organizations at SHSU interested in hearing on January 26, 2011 at 4:30pm in the LSC Ballroom. David's message will inspire those that want to care about the core values of Greek Life—friendship, service, leadership and scholarship. He will challenge your members to embrace the best and get rid of the rest. It will touch on topics that range across all major issues facing Greek life. His speech will target members who don't pull their own weight and give your organization a bad name to buy in or get out!

Divine Nine Author to Visit SHSU

Lawrence C. Ross Jr., the author of "The Divine Nine: The History of African American Fraternities and Sororities," will be on campus at Sam Houston State University on February 3rd at 7 p.m. in LSC Ballroom to discuss the topics addressed in his book. The Divine Nine are nine historically Black Greek-letter organizations founded between 1906 and 1963 to help African-American college students succeed on campus and develop into leaders. He will lecture about the historical origins of African American-based fraternal organizations, reasons for existence and issues that face members and organizations. Mr. Ross will also discuss the struggle for relevancy in today's society, pledging and hazing. Since it was published in 2000, The Divine Nine has been the standard for anyone interested in African American fraternal history, and is a Los Angeles Times and Essence magazine bestseller. Mr. Ross is regarded as an expert on African American fraternal issues, and has written articles for CNN and The Root.com.

The lecture is free and open to the SHSU community and is co-sponsored by SHSU’s National Pan-Hellenic Council and Office of Miss. Ross holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from the University of California at Los Angeles, and a Master of Fine Arts degree in screenwriting from the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and has spoken at more than 350 universities. Ross is the president of Afroboho, a film and television production company that has a development deal with the TV-One cable network. Ross' other books are The Ways of Black Folks: A Year in the Life of a People (Kensington Books, 2003); Friends With Benefits (Kensington Books, 2005) and Skin Game (Kensington Books, 2007), both of which were chosen as a main selection by Doubleday's Black Expressions book club; and the non-fiction Money Shot: The Wild Nights and Lonely Days in the Black Porn Industry (Thunders Mouth Books, 2007).
IFC Recruitment Week will take place February 1-5, 2011. Recruitment is open to any male student attending SHSU that is in good standing with the university. All returning SHSU students as well as transfer students must have a 2.25 or higher cumulative grade point average. There is a $20 registration fee, but students will be refunded $5 if they attend all of the week's activities.

National Pan-Hellenic Council at SHSU will be sponsoring its biannual informational session called NPHC Greek Assembly in the LSC Ballroom at 5pm on January 31, 2011. Each NPHC chapter sponsors its own event to meet prospective members. The Assembly is required for all students interested in being considered for membership in an NPHC fraternity or sorority.

Panhellenic Spring Recruitment

Sorority formal recruitment will take place January 19-20, 2011 for the Spring 2011 semester. Spring recruitment is a formal process for prospective sorority members to meet women of the four Panhellenic Association chapters at SHSU and for the chapter women to meet the potential new members. It is also a time for potential new members to learn what it means to be a member of the Panhellenic Association and the SHSU Greek community. It is the perfect time to learn about the principles, standards, traditions, and programming of each individual sorority. Some chapters may also recruit after the formal recruitment period during a period called Continuous Open Bidding (COB) or informal recruitment (which takes place after formal recruitment later on during the spring semester). The process during informal recruitment varies from chapter to chapter. Each member group is autonomous as a social, Greek-letter society of college women and alumnae. Each member organization of the NPC focuses on different aspects of sorority life including athletics, academics, campus involvement, leadership, and sisterhood. The National Panhellenic Conference provides a way for member organizations to work together and achieve a greater level of success.

For information on Panhellenic Recruitment visit: www.shsu.edu/~org_npc

MGC Week

MGC Week will take place on January 24-27, 2011 in the LSC and it provides those students who are interested in learning more about the many aspects of the Multicultural Greek life an opportunity to meet the members from the organizations and learn specific information about each of the seven chapters that make up the Multicultural Greek Council. The Multicultural Greek Council is the newest Greek Council at Sam Houston State University. MGC is composed of the following organizations: Delta Xi Nu, Kappa Delta Chi, Lambda Theta Alpha, Sigma Lambda Gamma, Sigma RhoMet, Omega Delta Phi, and Sigma Kappa Omega. Members of MGC will be passing out flyers with room locations of their week's events and programs the first week of school and during MGC Week as well.

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Greek Spotlight

Paula Teague is a graduating senior at Sam Houston State University majoring in Psychology with a minor in Mass Communication. She became a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc, Lambda Eta Chapter in spring of 2008 and was the Chapter President of the 2009-2010 school year. Paula has served on the e-board for the National Pan Hellenic Council for 2 years as Chaplain in 2009-2010 and is now the NPHC Vice President. She also serves as Order of Omega National Greek Honor Society Membership Chair. Black Student Alliance President, is the founder of a new campus Organization ACT One, and serves in the Huntsville community as a coach of the Mance Park Middle School Step Team. Paula has received the "President of the Year" award from her sorority's Houston Area Grad Chapter, and has been a Who's Who Among American Universities and Colleges Award recipient for the past two years. Paula graduates in May 2011 and plans on receiving her Master's in Industrial and Organizational Psychology. Paula believes that determination and dedication are the true keys to success.

Erich Stolz is a senior at SHSU and is pursuing a double major in Economics and International Business. He has been an active member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity since fall 2008, serving as house manager, public relations, and is currently chairman of Derby Days. After serving for a year as the IFC Philanthropy chairman, putting on a very successful Greek Week and raising over 250 coats for the annual IFC coat drive, Erich is entering his second term of service to the IFC Executive Board and is currently the Athletics chairman. He is the Vice President of the Order of Omega Greek honor society and is in the process of creating a new student organization. Erich has very high ambition and drive in everything he does and looks forward to new challenges. His hobbies include playing football, basketball, soccer, and softball, as well as lifting weights. He loves music, especially Hip-Hop and R&B, and enjoys playing piano. Erich is originally from the New Jersey/Philadelphia area and is considering moving back after graduation. He plans on graduating in December 2011 and starting a very successful professional career using the tools he learned over the past four years at SHSU.

Contact Us

We hope this issue is helpful to you and welcome your contributions, comments, and suggestions concerning this newsletter. It is our hope that this newsletter will help keep the community informed and connected to Greek Life.

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For information on IFC Recruitment and to register visit: www.samgreeks.com