1st Ever SHSU Greek awards showcase, “The Pantheon,” took place on May 1st to recognize outstanding Greek students and organization's accomplishments throughout the past academic school year. Chapters received awards based on the Greek life office’s star program, which is made up of leadership, service, scholarship, organization management, educational programming, new member programs, and Greek unity. Awards were also given based on the Greek students themselves nominating and voting for them fellow Greek student leaders. Over 40 awards were given to Greek students, advisors, and organization along with the students being several very talented performances by Greek students. The Greek honor society, Order of Omega, coordinated the awards show and hope their hard work will turn into a longstanding tradition at SHSU. The LSC ballroom was packed full of Greek students and their families who came to support the recipients of the awards. A lot of hard work was put in by Order of Omega and the Greek Life office to make the Pantheon happen because they truly felt that the Greek student leaders deserve these awards for the hard work they do as they are the some of the most involved, respected, and called upon groups on campus that sometimes are overlooked and go unappreciated. The hope is for it to get bigger each year.
"Fraternities and Sororities symbolize all that we wish to accomplish in our lives. They represent the struggles we all face as we grow. Why we cling to them no one can explain, but in the end, we are all stronger for it."

**Sneak Peek at Greek**

The Greek Life Office will be holding the 2nd Annual, “Sneak Peek at Greek,” on August 23, 2011 at 7pm in the mall area of the Lowman Student Center. The event will consist of live music, food, and the opportunity to mingle with members of SHSU’s Greek community. Each Greek council and chapter will have informational tables and items to educate incoming, and/or returning members about their fraternities and sororities. Don’t miss this opportunity to get to know the university’s student leaders.

After all, studies have shown that students involved in Greek organization’s are more likely to obtain a degree than non-affiliated students.

**Panhellenic Recruitment**

Sorority formal recruitment will take place August 25-28, 2011 for the Fall 2011 semester.

Fall 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 also is 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 or during the spring semester). The process during informal recruitment varies from chapter to chapter.

For information on Panhellenic Recruitment and to register visit:

www.shsu.edu/~org_npc
National Pan-Hellenic Council at SHSU will be sponsoring its biannual informational session called NPHC Greek Assembly in the LSC Ballroom at 5pm on September 12, 2011. Each NPHC member organization will give a brief overview of the history, programs, and membership requirements for their chapter as well as provide a better understanding of the NPHC Greek experience. Information is also presented on current university policies regarding hazing. After the program is over, there will be a designated place in the LSC for refreshments and the chance to meet and interact with members for each the NPHC organizations. Attendance at the NPHC Greek Assembly is required for all students interested in being considered for membership in an NPHC fraternity or sorority.

IFC Fall Recruitment Week

IFC Recruitment Week will take place September 6-10. 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 2.3 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.

To get more detailed information on IFC Recruitment and to register we encourage you to visit our website samgreeks.com. You may also visit the IFC table at Passport to Sam and talk to IFC’s executive board members during Sneak Peek at Greek the day prior to classes beginning which is August 23rd. Fraternities are ethical and value-based organizations where strong bonds form and life-long friendships are developed. While IFC fraternities will provide valuable professional networking across the country, they provide interested young men with a family of like-minded and similarly motivated men immediately—and throughout their four years as an undergraduate at SHSU. IFC looks forward to meeting their potential new members and leaders of the undergraduate community at SHSU.

MGC Week

MGC Week will take place on August 27-31, 2011 with most events 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 youngest 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 Lambda Beta, Sigma Rhemea 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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On April 13th, the university honored students and staff who had impacted and served the school and Huntsville communities in a big way. The award for Outstanding Community Service Project went to Greek Life in honor of the work accomplished during Greek Week 2010, the proceeds of which served to send a dying young girl to New York City as per her final wish. Zeta Tau Alpha took home the outstanding social sorority award while Omega Delta Phi won the outstanding social fraternity award. Megan Lee won the outstanding junior leader award and Chelsea Crane won the outstanding sophomore leader award. Congrats to all winners!

On August 29 – September 1, the Greek Life office is sponsoring Risk Management Week. The week will feature guest speakers from the University Police Department, Greek Life workshops, and a keynote anti-hazing speaker, Dr. Walter Kimbrough. Dr. Walter Kimbrough has forged a national reputation as an expert on historically Black fraternities and Sororities and in the risk management area. He will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Sam Houston State University Greek community as he is a nationally renowned speaker and lecturer. Dr. Kimbrough has given presentations at over 100 universities and 90 Greek conferences. With Greeks across the nation on being looked at for many risk management issues on college campuses, SHSU’s Greek Life office wants to be proactive in educating the SHSU Greek community on the proper risk management practices chapters should adopt for their member’s safety.

Greek Week rep Erich Stolz accepts award
Sammy joins Greek award winners for photo
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Dr. Walter Kimbrough to top off Greek Life’s Risk Management Week

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. Please direct your questions and comments to the editor of The Olympian:

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