Sam Houston’s Greek Week united the four councils of Greek Life in hopes to raise money for charities. Greek Week is Greek Life’s biggest philanthropy opportunity every year as they succeed in raising thousands of dollars for the community. This year Greek Week donate around $3,000 to Autism Speaks and Wounded Warriors Support Center. The superhero theme of Greek Week this year is “League of Extraordinary Greeks” and 25 Greek organizations are split into eight teams competing for “points” and the Greek Week Trophy. Sunday, Sept. 25, the Greeks hosted the kick-off of Greek Week by recognizing American heroes. The kick-off field day featured local Huntsville police officers, the fire department, and Huntsville families who came out to celebrate their courage and in serving the community. On Monday, Sept. 26, the Greeks held a “service blitz” consisting of 400-500 members who donated three hours of their time doing community service at various locations around Huntsville. These acts varied from Green Acorns Retirement Home to Sam Houston State Museum and even highway clean-up. Then later that night, a campus wide dodge ball tournament raised over $1,300 in one night. On Tuesday, Sept. 27, Greek Life paired with the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center to donate blood for those in need. On Wednesday, Sept. 28, Greeks were able to collect large amounts of canned goods and non-perishables, which Greeks paint children’s faces during kids community field day Greeks battle each other in dodge ball State Museum and even highway clean-up. Then later that night, a campus wide dodge ball tournament raised over $1,300 in one night. On Tuesday, Sept. 27, Greek Life paired with the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center to donate blood for those in need. On Wednesday, Sept. 28, Greeks were able to collect large amounts of canned goods and non-perishables, which Greeks paint children’s faces during kids community field day Greeks battle each other in dodge ball State Museum and even highway clean-up. Then later that night, a campus wide dodge ball tournament raised over $1,300 in one night. On Tuesday, Sept. 27, Greek Life paired with the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center to donate blood for those in need. On Wednesday, Sept. 28, Greeks were able to collect large amounts of canned goods and non-perishables, which they built into “can cities,” fit for the super hero theme. The cans were donated to SGA to help their Fire Relief effort. Thursday, Sept. 29, the “Amazing Race” commenced to start a day of competitive games. Four members from each of the eight teams will collect clues and hints around campus to different locations in hopes to be the first to enter the Greek Games at Pritchett Field. During the Greek Games, sorority and fraternity members competed in relays such as "car cram", human pyramid, tug-of-war, a wing-eating contest, and an ultimate relay. On Friday, Sept. 30, Order of Omega (Greek Life’s Honor Society) hosted a Faculty Appreciation to show appreciation for all professors and faculty. The Greeks encouraged everyone to go to 3 Spoons between 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and they received 25 percent of the proceeds which went to their philanthropy. Finally, Saturday, Oct. 1, marked the grand finale of Greek Week, a large Greek tailgate was held where there was a chili cook off and a hot dog eating contest. The winning team which consisted of Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority, Omega Delta Phi Fraternity, and Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity were awarded the Greek Week first place trophy on the field during halftime of the football game.
“Fraternity/Sorority is the fuel that allows common people to produce uncommon results.”

Zeta Tau Alpha Thinks Pink!

Zeta Tau Alpha held their annual Think Pink! Week October 24th-29th. The members used this week to help promote their philanthropy, Breast Cancer education and awareness. The chapter began their week by having three breast cancer survivors speak about their battle and how they overcame breast cancer. That night the ladies also held an event at 3 Spoon’s Yogurt, 25% of the proceeds went to Breast Cancer Education and Awareness. On Tuesday, the ladies teamed up with McKenzie’s BBQ to host an event, where McKenzie’s donated a portion of the proceeds from all orders to their philanthropy. On Wednesday, the ladies hosted a campus wide movie night in Colony Park. Thursday, the ladies partnered with Papa John’s Pizza where orders placed had a portion of the proceeds donated to the chapter’s philanthropy. Zeta Tau Alpha honored Breast Cancer Survivors at the beginning of the Pink Out football game vs. Lamar University game by having two survivors begin the game with the coin toss! The chapter pinked out the stadium with the help of the Bearkat Students, alumni, faculty/staff, and the Huntsville community. All of the proceeds from the month went directly to Breast Cancer education and awareness.

Meet SHSU’s Greek Homecoming King and Queen

On October 15, 2011, during the homecoming football game vs. Nicholls State, the SHSU Greek community’s own Joseph Anderson and Stephanie Elizondo were crowned Homecoming King and Queen by the SHSU student body. Queen Stephanie Elizondo is a senior graduating in May 2012 with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice. She plans on getting her Masters in Education with an emphasis in Higher Education Administration in hopes of one day becoming a Dean of Students. She has been involved in numerous activities on campus such as Alpha Chi Omega sorority, NPC Jr. delegate, Orange Keys, Phi Sigma Pi National Honors Fraternity, Order of Omega, Program Council, Student Health Center student promoter, 2011 New Student Convocation Speaker, Visitors Center student ambassador. King Joseph Anderson is a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing and Management, he ran and lettered in track for the university, he also has held an on campus job at the Rec Center for four years now. Joseph did not stop there; he wanted to become more involved on campus. Joseph is a member of The Exceptional Men of The Talented Tenth, Inc. He is currently the President of the Theta Rho Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., as well as the President of the National Pan-Hellenic Council. He has also been Senior Leader for the Students Athletic Advisory Council. He is a member, and the treasurer for the Iota Psi Chapter of Order of Omega Greek Honor Fraternity. Congrats to these fine representatives of Greek Life!!!
Movember has been a philanthropy organized by Epsilon Zeta Chapter of Delta Tau Delta over the past 3 years. Last year we were able to raise close to $3,500 benefiting testicular cancer research by selling t-shirts and by hosting events such as the Stache Bash, Stache Dash and a Mustache Contest. We are looking to double the amount of money we raise, and we have already received gracious support from the Greek Community, the Huntsville Community, our Alumni, Sam Houston State University, and many other individual donors.

Events this year include:

- Nov. 8th STACHE BASH: Movember Kick Off Party @ Potato Shack
- Nov. 15th 3 Spoons Frozen Yogurt Fundraiser Night Mention Delta Tau Delta Movember and a portion of the profits will be donated to the cause
- Nov. 16th Call of Duty MW3 Tournament @ Fuzzy Tacos
- Nov. 19th - Nov. 20th Stache Smash Soft Ball Tournament
- Nov. 22nd Madden Tournament @ Fuzzy Tacos and 3 Spoons Frozen Yogurt Fundraiser Night
- Nov. 29th Mustache Contest Finale

The Interfraternity Council is now conducting their 3rd Annual Coat Drive after the previous two coat drives were so successful and the homeless the Good Shepherd Mission support were so appreciative of. Since the winter season is here now, IFC is putting on drive to donate any and all old/unused coats to the ones who need them most during the upcoming cold weather months. Anyone can drop off their coats at the Dean of Students Office, which is located in suite 215 of the Lowman Student Center now through December 5th. IFC will also have tables in the mall area on certain days to collect coats as well. So while you are home for the Thanksgiving holiday please go through your closet and find any gently used coats, it will be beneficial and greatly appreciated.

Step Out For Diabetes

On November 16, 2011 on the campus of Sam Houston State University in the Concert Hall of the Performing Arts Center at 6:30pm NPHC will host the event, “Step Out For Diabetes”. This event is a culmination of different organizations and individual talent acts to push the awareness and knowledge of Diabetes. The host for this event will be world renowned comedian Mr. J Anthony Brown. Collectively they wanted to bring in a host who has been affected by diabetes, who can educate the student body, and appeal to the audience through their presentation. Not only is this organization putting forth an effort to educate, but they are also raising money to donate to J. Anthony Brown’s Foundation and the American Diabetes Association. Diabetes is an issue that is one of the leading causes of death that doesn’t receive a great deal of highlight in comparison to Aids and Breast Cancer. We want our students, faculty, staff, and community members to understand the magnitude of this disorder, so we generated a strategy to put our thoughts and ideas into affect. There will be different acts such as stepping, singing, dancing, and much more. The members within the National Pan-Hellenic Council have variety of sponsors from on campus to the local McDonalds within the community of Huntsville, TX.

IFC Coat Drive

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Greek Spotlight

Brittney Randolph is a senior at Sam Houston State University and is a Mass Communication major with a public relations emphasis and a political science minor. She has been an active member of Zeta Tau Alpha Fraternity since fall 2008, serving as Service Chairman, Social Chairman, Recruitment committee, and previous Vice President. She currently is the Recruitment Director for the National Panhellenic Conference, the previous year she was University Relations chairman and was in charge of the first ever Greek Week evolving all 28 Greek chapters on at SHSU. Greek Week won a Sammy for the Most Outstanding Service award due to her hard work. She is the Vice President of the Order of Omega Greek honor society and was awarded the Most Outstanding Junior NPC Leader last Spring. She has also been awarded Smartest Panhellenic member and Most Involved Panhellenic Member. Brittney is President of Golden Key International Honor Society. She also a new member of Orange Keys and holds an executive position as Social Chair. She is a member of The Senior class gift committee and Priority 1, and is currently in the process of becoming a member of Alpha Sigma Pi Fraternity. Brittney also does pageants and has competed in Miss Texas, Miss Brazos Valley, Miss Houston, and Miss Bay Area. Brittney has been on the Dean’s list every semester and likes working out, playing softball, hanging out with friends, and teaching English as a second language as a volunteer. After she graduates in May 2012 she plans on becoming a News Reporter on Fox news.

Joshua Harris is from Irving Texas, is the first son in his immediate family to go to college. He is a senior at Sam Houston State University, majoring in Biology with a minor in Criminal Justice. He is highly involved around campus participating in majority of the campus events such as the Sammy’s, Tree of Light, Fire Fest, tailgating, Welcome Week and Saturdays at Sam. Joshua has always been one to believe in organizational involvement, he is an active member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Phi Sigma Pi National Honors Fraternity, and also holds a Executive board position for National Pan-Hellenic Council. Joshua tries to up hold the Sam Houston State motto, “The measure of a life is its service,” by volunteering and mentoring others. His plans after college are to join the military so he can further contribute to volunteering and helping others on a global scale. His plans after college are to join the military so he can further contribute to volunteering and helping others on a global scale. His hobbies include playing intramural sports, playing the latest video games, and exercising.

Dr. Tait Martin to visit SHSU to educate Greeks on PR Tactics

On January 25th, Greek pr/marketing expert, Dr. Tait Martin will visit SHSU to talk to the Greek community about having a better image on campus and in the community. Dr. Martin is a winner of some of the nation’s top communication awards, including an Emmy from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences and the Silver Anvil from the Public Relations Society of America. Tait’s career includes stints as vice president of research for a national marketing and advertising firm, faculty member at four top-tier higher education institutions, communication director for one of the largest United Way organizations in the South, marketing consultant to several industry and professional organizations and a morning radio talk show host. With Greeks across the nation constantly having to improve and reinforce a positive image of Greek Life on and off campus, we want to bring a speaker in that will help educate the SHSU Greek community on the proper public relations tactics chapters should adopt for their chapter’s image going forward.

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