Team Horror Walks Away With The coveted 2012 Greek Week Championship

UPCOMING EVENTS:
- IFC Coat Drive
  Nov. 1st – Dec. 3rd
- NPHC Greek Assembly
  Jan. 22nd
- Greek Life Speaker
  Jan. 24th
- MGC Showcase
  Jan 29th
- IFC Recruitment
  Feb. 4-8

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Sam Houston’s Greek Week united the four councils once again in order to help local charities as well as to develop a closer bond between the councils here at Sam Houston State. This year’s theme; Hollywood split up the fraternities and sororities into different genres of movies. These genres included Horror, Comedy, Western, Sci-Fi, Animated and Adventure. Greek Week got off to a fantastic start with the first ever Dance-A-Thon with all proceeds going to the Muscular Dystrophy Association as well as a local charity here in Huntsville called the Winners Circle. Monday included an all-day blood drive in which 137 pints of blood was collected. Together the Greek Week blood drive drew the equivalent pints of blood to save 500 lives! Tuesday included an all-day service blitz where all the Greek organizations donated their time and energy to the various shelters and food pantries in the Huntsville Area. In all, 720 hours of community service were completed between all of the organizations.

Upcoming Events:
- Tuesday night the organizations changed gears into a competitive style tournament of dodge ball. The winning team would win $500 for their local charities. After about 3 hours, Team Horror came our victorious and claimed the $500 dollar prize.
- On Wednesday the organizations competed in the Can Castle Contest in which the organizations were split into their respective teams in order to construct a castle that fit their themes. In total over 6,500 cans were donated to two Good Shepherd Missions as well as Team Horror winning the Can Castle Design Contest and Team Western winning for the most amount of cans collected. Later that night, teams participated in a movie remake competition in which the organizations took their favorite scenes from movies and re-enacted them. Afterwards a fashion costume show was premiered featuring the latest in costume apparel and wear.

The last day of competition involved numerous Greek games and culminated with a chariot race sponsored by Red Bull. At Fire Fest 2012, the organizations learned the results of who would be crowned Greek Week Champions. The winner was Team Horror which consisted of Pi Kappa Alpha, Delta Xi Nu, Alpha Phi Alpha, Omega Delta Phi, and Sigma Kappa Omega! In closing the Assistant Dean Of Greek Life Jerrell Sherman says that the future is really bright and he looks forward to what Greek Life as a whole has in store for the next Greek Week!
The Interfraternity Council is now conducting their 4th Annual Coat Drive in lieu of the overwhelming successes of their previous three coat drives. 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 3rd. 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.

On November 15, 2102 at the Huntsville Old Town Theatre at 6:30 p.m. 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. 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. As a whole 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 businesses within the community of Huntsville, TX.
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 22, 2013. 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 Spring Recruitment Week

IFC Recruitment Week will take place on February 4-8 with Bid Day being February 9th. 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 2.35 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. 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 in the future, 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 Showcase

MGC Showcase will take place on January 29th at 7pm in the LSC Ballroom 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, Omega Delta Phi, Sigma Kappa Omega, and the newest addition, Lambda Theta Phi. Members of MGC will be passing out flyers with room locations of their events and programs the first week from Winter Break.

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Greek Spotlight

Trey Rice is a proud junior bearkat and a native of Austin Texas. He is a junior exercise science major with a minor in health with aspirations to become a strength and conditioning coach after his collegiate years. Trey has been very involved at Sam Houston, joining his fraternity, Delta Tau Delta in the Fall of 2009. Since that time he has jumpstarted many programs and has won some accolades including Runner-Up Mr. Alpha Chi in 2011, as well as serving on all the committees in his fraternity, while also serving the school as a member of the Student Fee advisory board, Greek Week Chairman as well as being a dominant force for our new bearkats as a Orientation Leader. Trey credits his many accolades to his fraternity and to the Sam Houston State Motto. “The measure of a life is it’s service.

Vanessa Pineda is a first generation college student that hails from the city of Houston, Texas. She is a senior broadcast journalism major with a minor in Spanish with aspirations to become a television news reporter. She is a proud sister of Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority Inc. where she has held positions such as academic chair, social chair, secretary and currently as vice president. She was awarded the coveted Gamma of the year award from her sorority from her efforts in organizing and hosting programs and benefits that helped out her chapter as well as Greek life as a whole. Outside of Greek Life Vanessa hold several memberships including being a member of the National Broadcasting Society as well as the social chair for the International Hispanic Association. In her free time she enjoys hanging out with her sorority sisters, attending other organizations events, as well as volunteering at the various homeless shelters and the local YMCA.

Monica Smalls to speak to SHSU’s Greek Community

On January 24, 2013, SHSU’s Greek Life Office will host Monica Miranda Smalls, who will talk to Greek community about balancing their Greek Life commitments with school and their everyday lives as well as address common membership issues that are relevant in Greek organizations. Mrs. Smalls will be the first ever female Greek guest speaker in Sam Houston State’s Greek Life Speaker Series. Mrs. Smalls serves as the Director of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs in the Office of the Dean of Students at the University of Rochester. Mrs. Smalls served previously as the 2011 President for the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors. She has been recognized as one of the Top 20 Most Influential Sisters at Omega Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.’s 20th Anniversary Convention in 2009, and as the 2008 Sue Kraft Fussell Distinguished Service Award recipient, the 2008 Outstanding Greek Advisor, and the 2007 and 2008 Professional of the Year from the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors (AFA), Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority, and the National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations (NALFO), respectively. She has been a facilitator for a number of leadership development programs and interactive workshops for CAMPUSPEAK and presents regionally and nationally on a variety of topics.

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. This issue was created by Chaston Pruitt, Greek Life Graduate Assistant. Please direct your questions and comments to the editor of The Olympian:

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