

THE OLYMPIAN

SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY'S OFFICIAL GREEK LIFE NEWSLETTER



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Tim Mousseau

Rewiring Your Organization's Networks



This spring semester, the Greek Life Office sponsored guest speaker, Tim Mousseau, from CAMPUSPEAK to share on the topic of social media and how it affects our organizations. Tim received his Bachelors degree from the University of New Mexico in 2011. In 2013, he received a Masters degree in Organizational Leadership from Gonzaga. For the past two years, he has researched how innovation relates to leadership and creativity. On January 21, 2015, Tim motivated SHSU students to address their online habits, reexamine self-image, and face the community issues of social media. Tim taught students how to live curiously, risk intelligently, and pursue their passion.

Zeta Tau Alpha

Crown Classic Golf Tournament

The Delta Zeta Chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha hosted their 14th Annual Crown Classic Golf Tournament at The Village Golf Course in Conroe, TX. This philanthropic event was made possible



through the support from players and sponsors including students, alumni, family, and friends. All proceeds of the golf tournament benefited breast cancer awareness. As a result, Zeta Tau Alpha was able to donated over \$22,000! Congratulations on an outstanding accomplishment ZTA!

PANHELLENIC ASSOCIATION

Passport to Panhellenic

AXΩ — AΔΠ — AΟΠ — ΣΣΣ — ΖΤΑ



The Panhellenic Association hosted "Passport to Panhellenic" on January 15, 2015. This event was a collaboration by the 5 organizations in the council: Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Omicron Pi, Sigma Sigma Sigma, and Zeta Tau Alpha. The Panhellenic Association emphasizes the importance of academic excellence, community outreach, leadership, and sisterhood. To learn more about joining a sorority please visit our website at shsu.edu/org_npc



**FRATERNITY
RECRUITMENT
SPRING 2015**

Sign up for more information
at <http://shsu.edu/greeklife>

The Interfraternity Council at SHSU is composed of 8 organizations: Alpha Tau Omega, Phi Gamma Delta, Kappa Alpha, Kappa Sigma, Phi Delta Theta, Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Chi, and Tau Kappa Epsilon. IFC upholds the core values of philanthropy, teamwork, organizational growth, accountability, and commitment. This Spring, IFC Recruitment will take place February 2nd through February 7th. Recruitment is open to any male student enrolled and in good standing with the university. All returning students and transfers must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher to register. There is a \$20 dollar registration fee; however, students who attend all rush events will be refunded \$5. For more information about IFC recruitment and registration, please visit our website at shsu.edu/~org_ifc/

ATΩ - FIJI — KA — ΚΣ — ΦΔΘ — ΠΚΑ — ΣΧ — ΤΚΕ

INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL

Recruitment

MULTICULTURAL GREEK COUNCIL

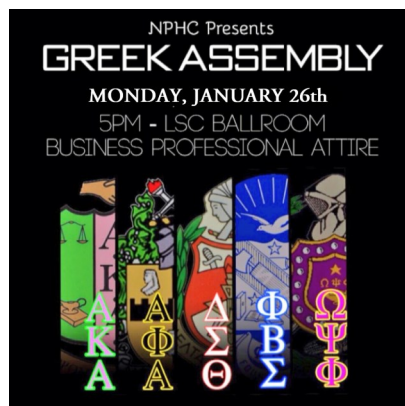
Showcase

ΔΕΝ - ΚΔΧ - ΛΘΑ - ΛΘΦ - ΩΔΦ - ΩΦΧ - ΣΚΩ - ΣΛΒ - ΣΛΓ

On January 29, 2015, the Multicultural Greek Council will host MGC Showcase in the LSC Ballroom. At Showcase, students will be able to learn about the unique experience the multicultural Greek life. The Multicultural Greek council at SHSU is made up of nine chapters, Delta Xi Nu, Kappa Delta Chi, Lambda Theta Alpha, Lambda Theta Phi, Omega Delta Phi, Omega Phi Chi, Sigma Kappa Omega, Sigma Lambda Beta, and Sigma Lambda Gamma. Each MGC organization will present background information along with a stroll, step, or salute. Following the presentation, interested students will have the opportunity to meet members from each organization and learn more about upcoming recruitment events and requirements.



The National Pan-Hellenic Council at Sam Houston will host their Bi-annual Greek Assembly on January 26th in the LSC Ballroom at 5 pm. Each of the five NPHC organizations will give a brief overview. At the Greek Assembly, you will learn about the organizations history, programs, membership requirements, and gain a better understanding of the NPHC Greek experience. Information is also presented on current university policies regarding hazing. Following the program, the back of the Ballroom will be designated for refreshments and the chance to interact with members of each NPHC organization. Attendance at the NPHC Greek Assembly is required for all students interested in membership in a NPHC sorority or fraternity. Please be on time and dress in business attire as this is a professional event.



ΑΚΑ - ΑΦΑ - ΔΣΘ - ΦΒΣ - ΩΨΦ

NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL

Greek Assembly

GREEK SPOTLIGHT

Francisco Gabilondo Jr.



Francisco Gabilondo is the President of the Epsilon Pi Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. He was born and raised in Mexico City, Mexico, where he studied field criminalistics and served as a police officer. He was given the opportunity to attend SHSU, where he now studies Criminal Justice and Psychology. In Fall 2010, Francisco found his place and joined Pi Kappa Alpha

Fraternity. Ever since joining he has been a proactive member, serving as secretary for two terms, and now holding the position of presidency.

In addition to PIKE, Francisco is a member of SHSU Kats in Support of Shelters, which is an organization that works with animal shelters to help save a few furry lives. On his spare time, Francisco enjoys being outdoors and in nature. As an only child, he also loves traveling as much as he can with his Mom and Dad. After college, Francisco plans on giving back by joining the Navy, and later securing a position in Federal Law Enforcement.

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2014 - 2015 Greek Life Staff

In 2014, the Greek Life Office hired two additional staff to work alongside Assistant Dean of Students for Greek Life, Jerrell Sherman. Alii Miller was hired as the Greek Life Coordinator. Her job duties include advising, event planning, and policy writing. Jessica Perlaza was hired as the Greek Life Graduate Student Assistant. Her job duties include overseeing the STAR Program, assisting with Greek Week Coordination, and promoting SHSU Greek life. Together they work to enhance Greek life at SHSU.



LETTER FROM JERRELL

Dear SHSU,

In an effort to be more transparent about the SHSU Greek Life community, I write this letter about the state of Greek Life. As many of you may have heard and read, the SHSU Greek Life community suspended three organizations during the Fall 2014 semester. Every year, we as a Greek Life staff, along with the national headquarters of Greek organizations, educate Greek Life students on various policies, principles, and procedures they are to adhere to, and it saddens me when students don't apply what they are taught. When any Greek Life community loses chapters, be it for hazing, risk management violations, low membership, or poor grades, it not only is a poor reflection of that particular organization but the entire Greek Life community. As a Greek Life office, we will continue to strive to do better on our end to promote the positive achievements and contributions of the fraternity and sorority community that local publications, the public, and student body may be unaware of.

The Greek Life community at SHSU has completed approximately 75,000 hours of community service and raised over \$275,500 for various charities while under my stewardship and our Greek Life assessment and accreditation program, "STAR". I take no credit for that, as it has been all of the students' hard work throughout the years in striving to be more active and positive members of their Greek lettered organizations and in our community. These are true examples of great things that can be accomplished when fraternity and sorority life is done right. Our Greek Life staff will continue to work tirelessly to support our Greek lettered organizations in achieving in the classroom and in their extracurricular activities because we believe that is what makes a well-rounded, positive, contributing member of society. I ask that anyone that once looked at Greek Life in a great way but may be thinking differently now, not let a few bad apples hurt your view of the entire Greek Life community. I also ask those that are interested in Greek Life, please come join us to be innovative members of our organizations and to gain leadership and interpersonal skills for when you graduate and move on into the next phase of your life, as is our goal for all of Greek Life.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerrell Sherman

Assistant Dean of Students for Greek Life

Sam Houston State University

APRIL

6-10 Greek Week

30- Pantheon Awards

25- Spring Break Talk

