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## Welcome

Dear Clemson Community and Friends:

The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life is excited to bring you the third edition of Greek Speak highlighting our fall 2008 semester. Our office has experienced a few changes this past semester, especially in terms of staff. We were lucky enough to hire an amazing doctoral student, Kendra Stewart, to work with our NPHC and our Greek Programming Board. We also had three outstanding interns: Allison Toney, Maria Iglesia and Cindy Strowbridge. Finally, David Chambliss, our graduate assistant, was also able to return this year. It is easy to say that we would not have had such a great semester without the hard work and dedication of these amazing professionals. I would personally like to thank them for all of their long hours and exceptional attitudes!



This has been a busy semester for the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life. Over the summer, our office moved again and is now located on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor of the University Union. We hit the ground running with

Panhellenic and Interfraternity Recruitments back-to-back and followed that up with a revamped Greek 101, an educational session for all our new members. NPHC hosted another successful Fall Fest week with multiple activities, including a sold-out step show in Tillman Auditorium. In November, Alpha Tau Omega along with our office sponsored "DUI: A Powerful Lesson" by Mark Sterner, an educational speaker for chapter members. The semester was also a time for our organizations to participate in multiple philanthropies and community service projects, donating clothing, food and money to our local and national communities. During the past year our community has raised over \$157,000, donated over 11,800 hours of community service and participated in over 75 educational programs.

We hope that you enjoy this newsletter as it is a great highlight of our students' success during this semester. And thank you Cindy for all your hard work on this newsletter and for helping to get it finished!

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# Tailgating in the Quad

Tailgating has always been very popular for colleges around the country and Clemson is no different. However, here at Clemson we like to have our own traditions and we recently revamped an old one: Tailgating in the Quad. Tailgating in the Quad is unique to Clemson because each game twelve or thirteen chapters come together, set up tents, TVs, couches, grills and music, and enjoy each others company in the Quad. You can't go to many universities and watch twelve chapters mingling, paying for a band and cleaning up an area all together.

We are now in our second season of Tailgating in the Quad and we have made some huge steps for Greek life. This year alone we recycled with Solid Green, minimized chapter issues and established an effective system for set-up and clean-up. We improved relations with faculty and staff and will continue to develop more ideas for improvements and changes for next season's tailgates.

Last season, we had a few issues that needed to be addressed: trash, bands and underage drinking. In order to tackle these problems we looked at a few different solutions and got chapter buy-in. For trash we gave each chapter two trash cans, extra bags and a plan for removing their trash from the Quad. There has not been a single trash complaint this season. For bands we decided that a single chapter would front the money for the band then split the cost with each of the other chapters. We also decided the band couldn't cost more than \$1500. That has worked very well so far and we have had only one tailgate without a band. For underage drinking we implemented a plan for a sober monitor who checks IDs and stamps the hand of those who are 21. We have not had any tickets in the Quad this season. The fact that we can tackle issues like these in one season is remarkable and if we address each issue with that mentality the Quad will be an even stronger tradition very soon.

However, we have noticed some kinks this season and you can bet we will have them fixed by the 2009 season. One of our first issues to tackle for next season is security. Last season the University paid for security and this year they covered half. Next year it is the responsibility of IFC to pay for security and we are looking at a few changes and fundraisers for this. Our goal is to find a way where chapters don't have to pay for tailgating, but they get to enjoy it as a reward for their efforts.

Finally, tailgating is a tradition that has been around for years and we want Tailgating in the Quad to be one of those traditions that people at Clemson enjoy for generations to come. It has been said that there is something in these hills and we believe it. We have always said we can make Greek life better each year and we will continue with that same mind set with tailgating. Each year will be better than the last and you won't find a group of men that will settle until it's perfect.



# SIGMA KAPPA

The new sorority  
at CLEMSON

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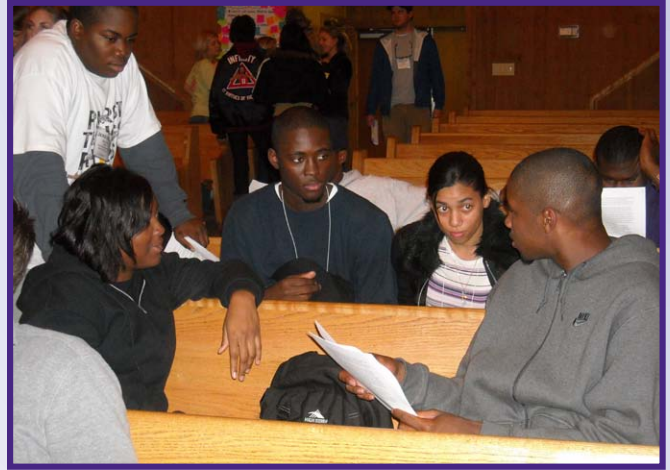
# NPHC Convocation

The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) held its first annual NPHC Convocation on Sunday, September 7. Initial plans for this event began a year in advance as an alternative to Greek 101. The purpose of the convocation is to educate students specifically on organizations within NPHC and Fraternity and Sorority Life policies. Interfraternity and College Panhellenic council presidents also attended to provide information about their councils.

The event was mandatory for any student interested in joining an NPHC organization during his/her time at Clemson University. Each of the eight organizations on campus gave a brief presentation on the history

of their organization, membership requirements and local and national programs.

Attendance at the convocation does not ensure membership into any organization. However, it is required to proceed with intake into any organization. Attendance at this event surpassed the expectations of the NPHC executive board and Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life. Well over 200 hundred interested students attended the event held in the Hendrix Center Ballrooms. Many of



these students attended or are expected to attend the interest/informational meetings or formal rushes for the organization of their interest.

# Panhellenic Recruitment 2008

College Panhellenic Council's recruitment this August was an amazing success! Not only did we have the most women sign up for recruitment ever, but we also placed more than 500 potential new members with sororities. Each person who signed a preference card was placed with one of our chapters!

Starting on the first day of classes, recruitment had a whole new schedule this year due to changes in the freshman orientation schedule. Littlejohn was packed during first round with excited Panhellenic women, potential new members and chapter members alike. Throughout the rest of the week, everyone braved the hot weather for all four rounds until bid night finally arrived on August 27. The middle of the Quad was packed with hundreds of excited chapter members ready to meet their new members. In addition to chapter members and Panhellenic Exec working extra hard during this work, the Panhellenic Counselors, or Pi Chis, spent all of their extra time being a resource to their Pi Chi groups, helping them find their way around campus



and being available at all times to answer questions. During the week the Pi Chis also got to know each other, creating stronger inter-chapter bonds in our Greek community.

Recruitment this fall was definitely a success – we were able to place more women than ever, adjust well to a new schedule and create stronger bonds within our community. With so many women registering for recruitment this year, we can only look forward with excitement to the growth that our community is currently experiencing.



# Speaker Shares Powerful Message

On September 16, the Beta Theta Chapter of Delta Delta Delta was honored to host speaker Andrea Cooper in front of a crowd of 800 Clemson Panhellenic women.

Andrea shared her moving story of the rape and subsequent suicide of her daughter Kristin. Coming all the way from Colorado, Andrea travels across the nation speaking to college students at various universities. The moment that Andrea arrived, she became particularly enthralled with Clemson's campus. From the cheese grits to the ice cream, she thoroughly enjoyed her stay in the southern part of the United States. But we as college students received the ultimate gift from her as she left us with her wisdom regarding the horror of rape and the signs of suicide.

Can you imagine coming home on New Years Eve and finding your twenty-year-old daughter dead? This experience is a reality that Andrea has to live with everyday. Her vibrant, young daughter who had the rest of her life ahead of her decided to kill herself. After her death, Andrea found out that Kristin had been raped by a lifeguard friend the summer before. After the rape, Kristin,

a normally involved member in her Alpha Chi Omega sorority, became withdrawn, started making bad grades and her boyfriend broke up with her. However, when Kristin came home for Christmas, Andrea thought she seemed much better and even happy. Kristin was happy because she had already made the decision to kill herself. Andrea does not want any college student to ever experience what Kristin went through.

In order to prevent Kristin's story from happening again, Andrea gave us great tips for recognizing when a friend needs help. Emphatically, she wanted us to know that when a friend withdraws from her normal everyday life something is not right. She also warned us that most times a victim is raped by someone she previously knew. If a friend shares with you that she has been raped, it is very important that you get her the help she needs. We as college students are not professionals and cannot provide the aid that rape victims in deep depression

need. She emphasized that rape treatment centers can save lives.

With all ten Panhellenic sororities present, numerous women received great advice to help friends in need. Maddin McCord, a Clemson University junior, exclaimed, "Andrea's speech was so moving and it helped me to realize that not everyone's life is easy and I need to look out for my friends." Rape, depression and suicide are all unfortunately a part of most college communities. With her moving address, Andrea inspired us to act and seek help when we are suffering and to help others get help when they need it as well. Andrea is using the loss of her daughter to keep other mothers from experiencing her pain.



# Alpha Tau Omega Chili Cook-off

On October 17, the Clemson chapter of Alpha Tau Omega hosted its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chili Cook-off. This year the proceeds benefitted the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

The event was held in the Greek Quad. There was a tremendous amount of organizational involvement. Over 20 different student organizations participated.

Teams competed in two different categories of chili cooking: Best Chili in Clemson and Overall Competition Winner. The

judges for the Best Chili in Clemson were Callie Boyd, Student Body President; Joy Smith, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students; Wynn Smiley, CEO of Alpha Tau Omega; and Alex Mikhalevsky, Vice President of Eta Pi Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega. They sampled every team's chili and then selected a winner, which was the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. The Overall Competition was won by the Alpha Delta Pi sorority. They had the most number of "Chili Points" at the end of the event and took home a brand new 42" plasma TV.

The Chili Cook-off featured the Tripp McElwee Band and a crowd favorite: the dunk tank. The event was open to the public and tickets for chili and drinks were sold for \$1. There was a huge turnout by students, parents, alumni and the general public.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual ATO Chili Cook-off was a huge success this year. We raised over \$2,800 on our online Web page alone. The event raised a total upward of \$9,000.

# Night at the Brooks Center

On September 16, the Greek Programming Board and the Brooks Center co-sponsored the first Night at the Brooks Center event. The evening offered 40 Greek students a dinner at the Madren Center's Seasons Restaurant and a ticket to Neil Berg's 100 Years of Broadway free of charge.

The night began with dinner at the Madren Center, where students from many of the Greek organizations gathered together. It was an opportunity to meet new people from other chapters on campus. Following dinner, the group converged on the Brooks Center. Glenn Hare, Director of Marketing at the Brooks Center, gave a wonderful private backstage tour. For 45 minutes, he took the group back into the un-seen areas of the building including the Black Box, the costume closets and the backstage dressing rooms.

Following the tour, the students stayed for the showing of Neil Berg's 100 Years of Broadway. It was a fantastic production of real Broadway stars re-creating some of the greatest Broadway show moments. The stars performed songs from some of the most popular Broadway shows of the last 100 years such as Phantom of the Opera, Les Miserables and Fiddler on the Roof.

The night was a wonderful opportunity for Greek students to mingle and incorporate a little culture into their lives. The event was so successful that the Greek Programming Board and the Brooks Center are planning future events.



# New Member Gala

This year was the third annual New Member Gala sponsored by Junior Panhellenic, an organization that reflects the College Panhellenic Council. It is comprised of two members from each of the 10 Panhellenic sororities new member classes as well as an executive board. They meet on a weekly basis to learn about Greek life at Clemson and to plan for their fundraiser event, the New Member Gala. This year money was raised for a girl named Lyric Rogers.

Lyric Rogers is a local Clemson girl who has several chronic health conditions which include hydrocephalus, epilepsy and autism. She has spent a majority of her life in hospitals going through surgeries, physical therapy and medical tests. Her mother recently discovered that Lyric could qualify for a service dog through Dogs for Autism in Greenville, S.C. They train dogs



to specifically deal with the problems of families with autism. They can train the dog to keep Lyric from wandering, to help her get from class to class at school and even to alert her mother if she is having a seizure.

With one of the major focuses of Greek life at Clemson being service to members of the Clemson community, the girls were eager and motivated to help sponsor the training for Lyric's dog Leo. They sought donations from their hometowns, local businesses and other organizations of the Greek community. They also worked to plan the New Member Gala for new members of Panhellenic sororities and donated the ticket sales to Lyric. A t-shirt for the event was also designed and 100% of the profits were donated as well.

The event was on November 6 at Tiger Park. The theme of the evening was "Music and Lyric" and centered on a quote from one of Lyric's favorite Beatles songs, "I get by with a little help from my friends." Lyric, her family and Leo attended the event where they learned that Lyric does in fact have many friends in the Clemson Greek community.

# GAMMA

In addition to the support and friendship fraternities and sororities provide, Greek students have found resources in each other to improve their community. GAMMA (Greeks Advocating Mature Management of Alcohol) is a new organization within the Greek community which focuses on peer health education.

GAMMA encourages student-to-student conversations about alcohol use and risk reduction and adds a younger, student-driven message to discussions about alcohol risk reduction. Adults typically bring on these conversations but unfortunately the important message can be lost in translation. More than 30 students from 14 chapters have joined this group in an effort to support a large section of the community with representatives from as many chapters as are willing.

This fall, GAMMA members met with each fraternity and sorority new member class and presented an hour-long PowerPoint presentation, covering topics such as blood alcohol levels, the contexts of drinking, tolerance, gender differences and how to reduce your risk.

Some of these presentations were completed within the first six weeks of school and for these Dr. Hugh Spitler in Health Sciences used freshman responses to corresponding surveys from his research on the effects of alcohol on college freshman. Salley Ouellette from Health Promotion helped provide background information on the presentations and offered valuable feedback for each presenter in the planning process. These presentations were tailored to individual organizations, traditions and risk management policies and were well received by the new members. The ultimate goal is to continue educating new members year after year until the whole Greek community has heard this message and is more

knowledgeable about helping each other and preventing tragedy.

GAMMA began last semester after the president's retreat in January. There was strong desire for student-to-student discussion. New member programming, general awareness campaigns and active partnership with social chairs and chapter leaders are all part of GAMMA's mission to fill this void and to increase the knowledge base for the supportive community.



## Important Dates for Spring

<b>January 4-5</b>	Greek Retreat
<b>January 25</b>	Greek ADVANCE
<b>January 25-30</b>	IFC RUSH
<b>January 28-31</b>	Sigma Kappa Colonization
<b>February 12-15</b>	National Black Greek Leadership Conference
<b>February 19-22</b>	Southeastern Interfraternity Conference
<b>March 26-29</b>	Southeastern Panhellenic Conference
<b>April 13</b>	Initiation Deadline
<b>April 21</b>	Fraternity and Sorority Life Awards Banquet



# 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Clemson Cup Speech Competition

Order of Omega and the Clemson University Communications Department hosted the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Clemson Cup Speech Competition on Thursday, November 6. The winner of Clemson Cup is awarded the opportunity to speak at the commencement ceremonies in May.

This year the theme was “The Tiger’s roar and the Tillman Bells’ eternal echo over the hills,” and contestants were encouraged to express Clemson’s impact from their own perspective. This gave students the chance to speak on various topics ranging from history and tradition to new technology and innovations.

The competition was narrowed down from twenty-six contestants in the preliminary rounds to the top eight finalists. The finalists this year were: Seth Gregorie, a senior Mathematical Sciences major from

Charleston, S.C.; Jacque Lambert, a senior Marketing major from Centreville, Va.; Samantha Lussier, a junior Marketing major from Boston, Mass.; Sarah McCollum, a senior Secondary Education History major from Pickens, S.C.; Brian Park, a junior Political Science and Economics major from Fort Mill, S.C.; Lori Pindar, a senior Communication Studies major from Sumter, S.C.; Lindsey Sporrer, a senior Business Management major from Easley, S.C.; and Adrienne Young, a senior Spanish and International Trade major from Pawleys Island, S.C.

The 2008 Clemson Cup judges were: Mr. Bill D’Andrea, Senior Associate Athletic Director for External Affairs; Ms. Verna Howell, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs; Mr. Eli Ker, Associate Director for Fraternity and Sorority Life; Ms. Laura McMaster, Associate Director of Leadership

and Civic Engagement for the Center for Student Involvement; and Dr. Jerome Reel, University Historian.

The winner of the 2008 Clemson Cup Speech Competition was Brian Park. First runner-up was Adrienne Young, second runner-up was Lindsey Sporrer, third runner-up was Lori Pindar, and fourth runner-up was Sarah McCollum. Congratulations to all of the contestants and a big thanks to everyone who came out to support this event!



## Fall Fest

This fall semester the National Pan-Hellenic Council held a very successful Fall Fest week, beginning Sunday, September 29 and ending Saturday, October 4. Fall Fest week, which is an annual week of events during the fall semester, is a medium for which non-Greek Clemson students are introduced to Greek life in its entirety.

The events included a Church Service, Voter Registration Drive for the 2008 elections, a bowling night, a movie night and an African American Trivia Night (Jeopardy-style) to educate those in attendance about African American culture past and present.



The week concluded with a sold-out Fall Fest Stepshow in Tillman Auditorium. The show included representatives from the Clemson chapters of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Visiting chapters from College of Charleston and Charleston Southern University represented Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. The Pi Alpha Chapter of

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and the Omicron Phi Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. took home the titles for best performance for fraternities and sorority, respectively.

The overall week was a great success and NPHC is looking forward to an even greater experience next year. NPHC will begin planning for next year’s Fall Fest during the spring semester.



# Fall 2008 Academic Summary

## COLLEGE PANHELLENIC COUNCIL

	# New Members	Semester GPR	Rank	# All Members	Semester GPR	Rank
Alpha Chi Omega	66	3.28	8	162	3.4	6
Alpha Delta Pi	52	3.44	2	187	3.48	2
Chi Omega	52	3.44	1	162	3.5	1
Delta Delta Delta	52	3.4	3	182	3.41	4
Delta Zeta	55	3.36	5	166	3.35	8
Gamma Phi Beta	54	3.15	10	159	3.27	10
Kappa Alpha Theta	58	3.19	9	140	3.31	9
Kappa Delta	61	3.31	6	166	3.4	5
Kappa Kappa Gamma	56	3.3	7	171	3.36	7
Zeta Tau Alpha	57	3.4	4	165	3.41	3

## INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL

	# New Members	Semester GPR	Rank	# All Members	Semester GPR	Rank
Alpha Gamma Rho	6	2.62	15	43	2.72	17
Alpha Sigma Phi	5	3.27	1	30	3.05	5
Alpha Tau Omega	22	3	7	85	3.08	2
Beta Theta Pi	18	2.97	9	82	3.06	4
Chi Psi	5	2.31	17	26	2.72	16
Delta Chi	13	3.21	2	54	3.02	6
Kappa Alpha Order	34	2.99	8	96	2.95	10
Lambda Chi Alpha	16	2.33	16	60	2.85	14
Phi Delta Theta	19	3.01	6	66	2.96	8
Phi Kappa Tau	8	3.16	4	45	3.06	3
Phi Sigma Kappa	19	3.15	5	62	3.17	1
Pi Kappa Alpha	21	3.16	3	102	3	7
Pi Kappa Phi	20	2.66	14	82	2.81	15
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	17	2.89	12	70	2.92	11
Sigma Chi	17	2.9	11	98	2.91	12
Sigma Phi Epsilon	19	2.68	13	94	2.88	13
Sigma Pi	13	2.92	10	58	2.95	9
Tau Kappa Epsilon	10	1.88	18	36	2.42	18

## NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL

	# All Members	Semester GPR	Rank
Alpha Kappa Alpha	11	2.62	4
Alpha Phi Alpha	15	2.36	6
Delta Sigma Theta	28	3.01	3
Kappa Alpha Psi	18	2.1	7
Omega Psi Phi	7	1.79	8
Phi Beta Sigma	5	2.53	5
Sigma Gamma Rho	2	3.55	1
Zeta Phi Beta	3	3.21	2

## UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

### UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT

	Fall 08
Men	7,889
Women	6,646
Total	14,535

### NON-AFFILIATED UNIVERSITY GPR AVERAGES

	Fall 08
Non-Affiliated Men	2.93
Non-Affiliated Women	3.23
All University Total	3.06

## FRATERNITY & SORORITY INFORMATION

### NEW MEMBER GPR AVERAGES

	Fall 08
CPC	3.32
IFC	2.89
NPHC	2.21

### MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

	Fall 08
Fraternity Men	1,234
Sorority Women	1,704
Total Membership	2,938

### GPR AVERAGES BY COUNCIL

	Fall 08
CPC	3.39
IFC	2.94
NPHC	2.56
Overall Greek	3.19

### GPR AVERAGES BY GENDER

	Fall 08
All Sorority	3.38
All Fraternity	2.91