

# What's Greek This Week

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## Alpha Sigma Alpha Celebrates 15 years of Sisterhood

Alpha Sigma Alpha, the oldest journey to chartership for the a national sorority to call Tammie Starcher con-University Park. The mutually agreed that the Alpha Sigma Alpha national headquarters sorority with interested acceptance. Suzanne came to organize the first officers and perform the first pledging Starcher was elected the first president. until fall of 1987, because the quota been reached in time for spring 1987 consultant. Karen Fulmer came for the women pledged the Epsilon Theta chap-at Behrend College.

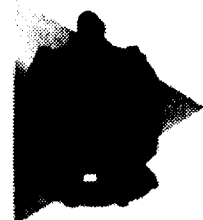
Today, Epsilon Theta chapter is the largest and They have set the standard for sorority life on cam-environment for female students to give back to develop strong, confident personalities. The sis-still living up to the standards of 'women of poise and the founding sisters in 1901. They are looking forward to another 15 years of serving their campus and forming secure, loyal, and strong sisterly bonds.

**A** sorority on campus, started its chapter in fall of 1987. The Epsilon Theta chapter was not easy. The search for a finding Behrend its home started in 1985. In the summer of 1985, tacted national sororities that had chapters located at first to show interest was Alpha Xi Delta, but it was sorority and Behrend were not right for each other. was the next sorority to contact Starcher. The sent Mary Anne Wenzel to discuss the females. A week later came a letter of Kilgannon, the first chapter consultant, 23 sisters of Epsilon Theta to elect ceremony on March 15, 1986.

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## Why Greek Life??

by Matt Eckl

As a recently graduated alumnus of Tau Kappa Epsilon and participant of the Interfraternity Council, I am an avid supporter of Greek Life. I have found employment with General Electric and owe my leadership qualities and career to Tau Kappa Epsilon and the Greek experience.

I spent nearly \$50,000 as an out-of-state student to come to Penn State Behrend. I am convinced that the diploma I received is made of "paper gold." This education, although beneficial, pales in comparison to an education in Greek Life. As a brother of Tau Kappa Epsilon, I learned more about group dynamics, project management, and cultural diversity than you can learn in any classroom.

The greatest thing about it is that I had fun along the way. As I think back to the stress of 8 a.m. classes, test crunching and group projects, I laugh. These complaints have since enveloped the routine of life. When I think about learning experiences from college that I utilize today, I think back to waking up 40 guys at 5 a.m. for an organized setup of the Juvenile Diabetes Walk, or collecting \$300 from poor Ramen noodle-eating students to pay Nationals Insurance. I even think mediating six testosterone crazed male organizations, inflamed by daily competition that makes up the IFC.

Penn State Behrend offered many opportunities for building character and for learning teamwork, but no organization but Tau Kappa Epsilon can teach you how to have fun, run an empire, get good grades, and experience life. Greek Life, in general, can afford you the opportunity to better yourself as an individual, challenge yourself, and to experience and meet new people. If you really want an opportunity of a lifetime, TKE is where you belong. You know who they are, because you probably hear or see them all over campus. They are loud and proud for a reason. It's because they have something to say and can back it up.

TKE has won three intramural titles in the last three years. They have more members on campus, they are the most outspoken in IFC, they have the firmest handshake, the best eye contact, they are the most opinionated. They are the leaders in all classroom discussions and class projects. They are the strongest in the weight room and the loudest in the classroom. They demand respect and they give respect where it is deserved. TKE, however, is a facet of Greek Life, and if TKE is not meant for you I encourage all students to explore the other opportunities of Greek Life.

Greek Life gives you something that Friday nights in Perry Hall or driving home to see Mom and Dad over the weekend won't. It teaches you how to meet and work in groups. It teaches how to coordinate events, have fun, work with different people, present to large crowds, handle financial obligations, use your resources, contribute to other's lives, give to charity, drink beer and remain safe, learn to listen to others, gain an emotional quotient, and mentor a friend. No matter what organization you choose, just make sure it is Greek. You're going to college to get educated, why not get a social degree along the way?

## Greek Week Re-Cap

Greek Week, Spring 2003 was held from Feb. 17-21. Each day fraternities and sororities participated in a different event. The fraternities each had their own team and the sororities combined to participate as Panhellenic. The first Greek Week event was tug of war. It was played outside of Bruno's on Monday afternoon. The rope they used was really short and many participants had trouble getting their footing in the snow.

"It didn't matter how strong your team was, it was whoever could get the best footing," said Ryan Sunseri, TKE President. Tug of War ended in a three-way tie between Delta Chi, Kappa Delta Rho, and Tau Kappa Epsilon.

Dodgeball was played on Tuesday in Erie Hall. This event was the most active and exciting one. After a grueling battle, KDR won the contest.

On Wednesday night a Greek sing was held in Bruno's. KDR and TKE were the two fraternities participating. They each performed a skit accompanied with music. Greek sing was really entertaining. The guys were very creative," said Seraina Naef, freshman.

A pie eating contest was held on Thursday in Bruno's. In a brief display of gluttony, the TKEs beat out Delta Chi, KDR, Sig Tau, ZBT, and Panhellenic. On Friday, a relay race was held and the TKEs took the victory. The race started at the outdoor basketball court. The first team member had to hit a basketball hoop with three snowballs. Then he had to run to Almy Hall, where the second member got covered in shaving cream. The next member ran to the Reed outside volleyball courts and made a snow angel. The last member had to run to the Reed Union Building. "Greek Week was a lot of fun and the events were really creative," said Katie Leary, Alpha Sigma Alpha sister. Two fraternities tied for first place at Greek Week. They were KDR and TKE. A tie breaker will be held next week.

## Alpha Sigma Tau: Calls On Hotties!!!



Alpha Sigma Tau will sponsor its first annual Miss/Mr. Penn State Behrend pageant on March 25 in the McGarvey Commons. This event is the first of its kind at Behrend, and is sure to bring some excitement to the prolonged winter season.

Contestants, both male and female, will be judged on physical and inner beauty. Categories include formal wear, casual wear, beach wear, and interview. Preliminaries will be conducted.

If you're interested, or know someone who is, please keep an eye out for application dates. Last minute details are still pending. Door prizes will be awarded and let's not forget- the winner will receive a most desired title!

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## Zeta Beta Tau looks toward future

by Douglas Smith

It may have been a tough year for Zeta Beta Tau fraternity, but the members are not giving up and they never will. It is now time to turn the fraternity back into a striving organization on campus, and of course, they could you could use your help. Many transitions are making the future look brighter than ever.

The first is that toward the end of the semester a lot of the younger undergraduates stepped up into leadership roles. The officers have a new outlook on the organization. They went to one of the fraternity's regional conventions in Harrisburg on Feb. 21 and 22. This convention allowed time for ZBT members at other schools to share their experience and trade useful hints.

Now is a great time to become a member of ZBT or to take over if you are already a member. With the new officers in place, it is a time to reshape what ZBT is, while making friends with men that share a common goal. This is all while having fun, too. We are the fraternity that is most unlike all the others. Personally, I have received \$4,200 in scholarships, had the opportunity to reshape the outlook of ZBT, and experience a lot more that I originally thought I would in college.

The fraternity is in transition with the newly acquired residence for members. There is ample opportunity to live in this residence in the fall semester for a good rate. My personal experience living there has been great. People drop by all the time, but I still get all of my work done. It has been worth the time.

By the time this prints, the rush dates for ZBT will be over, but it is always a challenge to recruit the best guys. Keep your eyes peeled for more information and more opportunities to get to know ZBT over this semester. The easiest way to get a hold of me is e-mail das323@psu.edu.