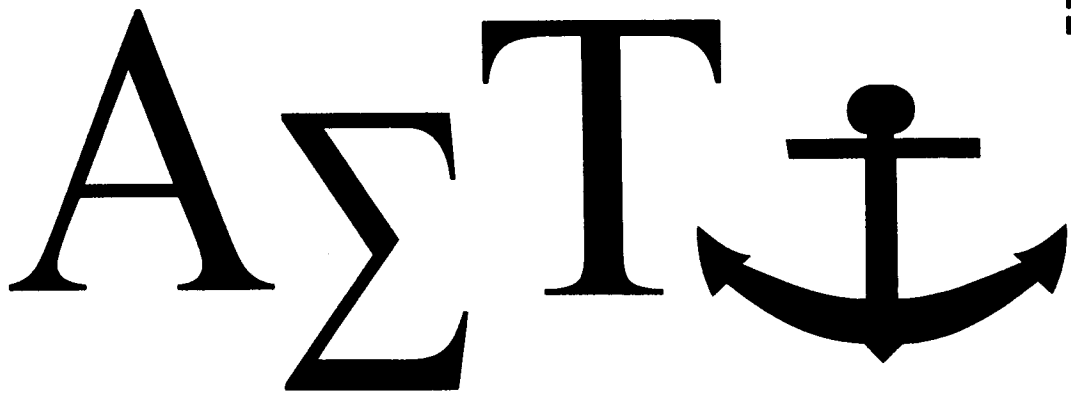


What's Greek This Week

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Alpha Sigma Tau – a year in review

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One word can be used to sum up the 2002-2003 school year for the Alpha Sigma Tau sorority: WOW.

This year has been truly groundbreaking for our chapter here at PSU Behrend. Before this year, some of you out there probably never even heard of AST – maybe you even thought there were only two sororities on campus.

Well, I'm happy to say that things have started to turn around for us – in fact, we have tripled in size since last year at this time. This is in part because of a great recruitment director who has helped to draw in new members by using innovative and creative rush party themes.

I think another overall reason we are doing well is due to our efforts to just get our name out there and be recognized. This whole idea has worked, and thankfully, it has worked well. We stand united in sisterhood with 15 quality women.

AST began the fall semester with a bang – literally. We worked our butts off to put on a great performance during Greek Week. We didn't win,

but had fun shaking our booties, anyways. As the semester flew by, the AST sisters and new member class had fun learning how to be an overall better sorority by incorporating a number of retreats and training sessions.

This last semester has been our best yet! It's amazing how far we've come in so little time, and I think all of us feel that we've grown independently and as an organization. Probably our most talked about and publicized event this semester would have to be our first annual Ms. and Mr. PSU Behrend Pageant. It was held on March 25 in McGarvey Commons, and went extremely well. There's always room for improvement, though, and the event will just get bigger and better with time.

We are also currently running a Teddy Bear Drive in which all bears collected will be donated to the Shriners Hospital and Gifts For Kids. What's the point of coming together as a group of women if you don't pull together for the community, right? AST was also just recognized at the Greek Award ceremony as having the highest GPA on campus, and I'm proud to say that we are also academically ranked seventh in the nation among fellow AST chapters. Good job, girls!

KDR ends spring semester with 'Dunker at the Junker'

On April 10, the Brothers of KDR sponsored the first "Dunker at the Junker" slam dunk competition. All of the proceeds were donated to the American Ovarian Cancer Society in respect to the late Barbara Junker and the Matthew Bartosek Memorial Fund.

Of the nine competitors, Brian Werner emerged as the victor. Highlights include Steve Smollen hurdling a table and Dave Harriston tearing off his t-shirt. All-in-all this event proves to be a long lasting annual occasion that will continue to entertain Behrend yearly.

The brothers also wish to congratulate the Alpha Theta class of their fraternity. The new members: Andy Lesser, Robby Schreck, Dan Bash, and Justin Ramsey are capable of fulfilling the highest standards of fraternal life and will continue to carry on the KDR legacy.

Also, we wish to congratulate all of our graduating members. We wish you the best of luck in all that you do. Congratulations, guys!

Delta Chi: still red 'n' buff Fond farewells and warm welcomes

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As this spring semester comes to an end, we at Delta Chi say goodbye and wish good luck to our brothers who are graduating seniors. Kevin Bruner, Bill Hogan, Greg Keller, and Ron Koss all will be missed at the Behrend chapter for their hard work at their respected positions and for their presence at the house and events.

Along with fond farewells, we recently greeted five new members of the Alpha Gamma pledge class. On April 4, Chuck Chalupczynski, Fernando Garcia, Kevin Hall, Chris Hilferty, and Mike McGrath were initiated into the brotherhood. Congrats, Alpha Gamma!

As one year ends, planning has begun for the fall semester. Make sure to look out for Delta Chi's annual Pig Roast and Soccer Tournament next fall along with philanthropy events.

Sigma Tau brothers: both smart and service savvy

Sigma Tau Gamma was very successful this year in planning out events on and off campus.

Adopt a Highway was completed both semesters on Station Road from the fire station to the intersection with Buffalo Road. This is a very busy area with both pedestrians and cars, many hours were put into beau-

tifying the area.

The fraternity also planned out a fundraiser through campusfundraisers.com that was completed in March. Groups of brothers went through the dorms and apartments, having residents fill out credit card applications in order to receive a substantial check for the efforts at the end of the semester.

The fraternity also took a trip to the nurs-

ASA: a fun 2002-03 year Philanthropy, awards mark successful year for sorority

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Katie Leary and Dianne Smigielski at the fourth Annual Behrend Greek Awards.

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Alpha Sigma Alpha had a fun and exciting year! From participating in Greek Week to the annual Date Auction, Alpha Sigma Alpha has been very busy. ASA read to more than 1,500 children in the last few weeks with its Reading to Kids program with the PSU bookstore.

The sisters got to dress up as Corduroy the bear and entertain the kids with reading too.

They also had a fun time doing a beach mixer with Delta Chi, bowling with KDR, and other mixers throughout the year. The Date Auction had a very successful year, raising more than \$700 for Special Olympics and the S. June Smith Center.

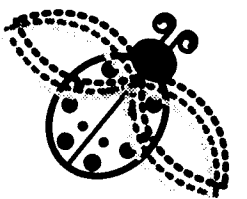
The sisters also cleaned their section of the highway in the Adopt-a-Highway program.

ASA initiated 15 new sisters throughout the fall and spring semesters. They had a fun formal in the spring and a nice scholarship banquet in the fall.

Guy Reschenthaler was honored with being named ASA Phoenix Man a.k.a Phoenix Dude. He is the first sweetheart for ASA in many years.

Just this week, ASA won numerous awards at the Greek Awards Ceremony including, Greek Humanitarian, Greek Woman of The Year, and Outstanding Sorority Philanthropic Event for the Date Auction. They will also be receiving an award at the annual Awards Convocation on April 26.

They will have a table at the Battle of the Bands, too. Alpha Sigma Alpha has had a great year and plans to continue the success next year. ASA has shown Behrend campus why it won the Outstanding Greek Chapter Award for two years in a row.



TKEs are still Erie, Behrend communities' best friends

The 2002-2003 school year has been very productive for Tau Kappa Epsilon. We began the fall semester with Barrel Roll, during which brothers took turns rolling a barrel around campus for 24 hours in order to raise \$1000 for the Second Harvest Food Bank.

Following this philanthropic event, Tau Kappa Epsilon then had the strongest showing of Greeks at the J.D.F. Walk for Diabetes.

Showing our commitment to make Penn State Behrend a better community, TKE was an official sponsor of Safe Sex Week. Women's History Month was an event also sponsored by Tau Kappa Epsilon, during which brothers attended a dinner and a series of speakers to promote awareness of this subject.

In maintaining our high standard of athletic excellence, TKE has taken the intramurals championship for the fourth year running, blowing the competition out of the water.

To spice campus life up a little, Tau Kappa Epsilon and Theta Phi Alpha attempted to sully the morals of the campus by interweaving the energy of the Pittsburgh based band The Clarks and their "sex, drugs and rock n' roll" by bringing you High on the Hill.

Due to the high level of importance Tau Kappa Epsilon places on charitable events and community action, we went a step beyond the norm and held our first Ice Plunge, which raised more than \$2,000 for the Ronald Reagan Alzheimer's Foundation, bringing our total to more than \$3,000 worth of donations for the year.

The brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon look forward to continuing our tradition of excellence into next year, and plan on exceeding our prior efforts to make Behrend an enjoyable college setting that fosters the growth of our students.

cess both in and out of the classroom, and the brothers are proud of their accomplishments. With a strong brotherhood and members with many talents, Sigma Tau Gamma looks forward to making many contributions to Penn State Behrend and the Erie community in the following year.

From an academic standpoint, the chapter won awards for greatest overall GPA, as well as greatest GPA improvement.

The 2002-2003 academic year was a great suc-