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Tau Kappa Epsilon will brave Lake Erie

The brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon are looking forward to a fun and productive spring semester. They will be participating in several activities that will be both entertaining and beneficial to charitable causes.

On March 27, the brothers will hold their second annual "Ice Plunge" which benefits the Ronald Reagan Alzheimer's Foundation. The active chapter will be diving into the freezing waters of Lake Erie to raise money for this cause. During last year's event alone, the fraternity raised close to \$3,000. This year, they plan on exceeding that figure and making the event bigger and better. It will be an all day event with a variety of refreshments included. Brothers will be



Brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon jump into Lake Erie to raise money for the Ronald Reagan's Alzheimer's Foundation.

accepting donations outside of Bruno's between March 15 and March 26. In addition, any businesses that are would like to give a donation are welcome to contact

Ryan Sullivan, the chapter's vice president, at rms287@psu.edu.

Also on April 17, the Sigma-Delta chapter will be attending its 15th annual LAMROF (reverse

formal). It will involve an all-night camping trip and socializing with many of the chapter's alumni. LAMROF has proven to be a successful and noteworthy

event each year, and it should be just as successful and fun this April.

Finally, the brothers will collectively be taking two trips to visit and meet TKE's from other chapters. First, they will be visiting the Pi chapter at Penn State University Park. Then they will travel to Morgantown to meet the Rho chapter at West Virginia University. Both trips will be for the whole weekend and should be fun and beneficial for the active chapter.

TKE

Alpha Sigma Alpha

This semester the sisters of Alpha Sigma Alpha are very excited to extend their sisterhood to new girls.

From the beginning of January, the sisters have worked hard on recruitment. Rush parties, times for anyone to come and get to know the sisters, were planned. These included an "under the sea" theme where black lights were set up to decorate and give an ocean effect. The sisters also held a pajama party, where they all used their artistic skills to play Pictionary. Not wanting anyone to miss their favorite TV shows, the sisters also watched "Friends" on Thursday nights while doing arts and crafts.

At a rush party, girls have a chance to meet new people, 24 new people to be exact. An Alpha

Sigma Alpha party allows girls to express their interest, and share their stories. Each party is a new opportunity for friendship. This friendship is unique and can develop into sisterhood. Sisterhood has a special meaning for each individual girl.

The opportunity for sisterhood exists for everyone. Along with the valued friendships developed throughout the years, the sisters of Alpha Sigma Alpha help the local community. On Feb. 3, the sisters held their annual Date Auction. Approximately \$1,000 was raised to benefit the S. June Smith Center and the Special Olympics.

Later in the semester, the girls will sport a turtle costume and go to local elementary schools and read to classes.

The sisters are also participating

in a Panhellenic community service project, which involves going to Behrend's childcare center to do arts and crafts with the children

The ASA girls also help promote individual scholarship by helping each other study and prepare for tests.

Later in February, Alpha Sigma Alpha will be holding its annual formal banquet, which is a chance for sisters and alumnae to reunite and have a good time.

The sisters are still hard at work trying to meet more students. They will continue to hold rush parties. Everyone girl on campus has the opportunity to get to know the real Alpha Sigma Alpha sisters, not the typical MTV sorority.

Theta Phi Alpha

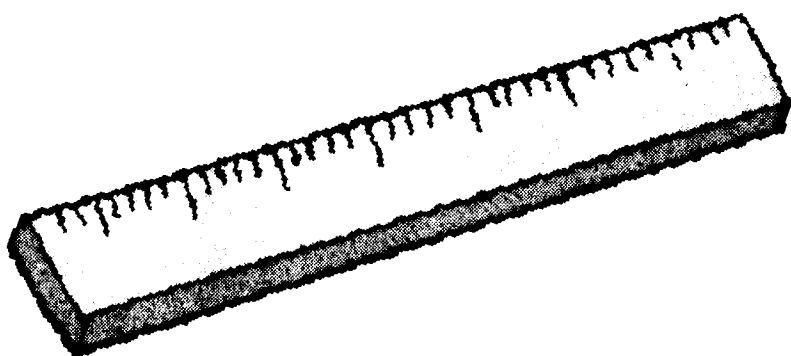
As the semester continues to fly by, Theta Phi Alpha would like to thank everyone for their continuous support. The sisters of Theta Phi Alpha continue to strive toward excellence.

The sisters have planned many philanthropic events to benefit the community. Some of these include volunteering at a local day-care center, canning and other future events to come. The sisters strongly believe in giving back to the community. Also, many fund-raisers have been established for this semester. During the past few days the sisters have even been selling "Hugs-n-kisses." Stop by outside of Bruno's to pick yours up or delivered to your loved ones or friends. Also look for

the sale of Krispie Kremes from the sisters.

This semester's recruitment has been quite successful. The sisters are ecstatic with our new pledge sisters, also known as Tau class. These girls truly express the many qualities which make a Theta Phi Alpha sister unique. We are excited to extend the Theta Phi Alpha family to them. We encourage you to think about what you can bring to the sisterhood and contact one of us if you are interested in becoming a part of the Theta Phi Alpha family.

Measuring Up



Sigma Tau Gamma (STG) is looking forward to the spring semester. Between helping the community, Parents Weekend, and rush events, the brothers will be very active.

This semester, STG will be doing a clothing drive that benefits the Salvation Army. Brothers and students will be asked to donate clothes that they no longer wear.

Parents Weekend will be held on March 20-21. A banquet dinner will be held at the Quaker Steak and Lube. Every year parents turn out in full force to support their sons.

This semester rush events consisted of bowling and attending an Otters game.

"I think our rush this semester went well," said Josh Kaylor, Sigma Tau Gamma executive commander and chief. "Lots of people participated and we all had a good time."

STG participates in every intramural event. Sometimes multiple STG teams play in an event. The brothers feel that this helps with their unity.

"We don't care if we win, we're

just out to have fun," said Kaylor. At the end of February they will be selling magazine subscriptions to magazines such as Rolling Stone, Sports Illustrated, etc. This is a major fund-raiser that will benefit the new house fund.

The STG formal will be held on April 17. During the formal, awards are given out to brothers who have excelled in the fraternity.

"Our formal is always a good time. A lot of Alumni and Sweethearts come back for the banquet," said Andy McNeil, STG Scholarship King.

STG will be actively participating in Greek Fair. The brothers feel that Greek Fair is beneficial to the Behrend Community.

"Greek Fair compiles the fun and excitement of Greek Week into one festive night," said McNeil.

While all the brothers participate in fraternity events, they also excel as individuals.

McNeil runs the Diehl adopt-a-school program through the Smith Chapel. The Behrend students who participate are volunteers.

The Diehl students are tutored in all subjects.

"It's a great opportunity to help underprivileged children," said McNeil.

McNeil is always looking for new tutors. If interested please contact him at diehlschool@hotmail.com

According to Kaylor and McNeil, sergeant at arms, Michael James Orr, recently traveled to Aspen, Colorado to compete at the Winter X Games Qualifier. Orr threw down an excellent run in slope style, stomping the infamous cab 900. Orr narrowly missed moving on to the finals by three points. He placed eighth overall.

"Orr can definitely throw down the slopes," said Kaylor, "He's definitely the best boarder at Behrend."

Recently the brothers acquired their beloved mascot, Bowser, a mix of rottweiler and black Lab. Bowser plays an integral part of strengthening the bonds between man and dog.



Josh Kaylor, STG Executive Commander and Chief, takes a nap with Bowser, the fraternity's beloved mascot.

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