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Greeks in the Spotlight

Sophomore tackles role of vice president

It's very rare to have a sophomore as vice president of a sorority. Yet, for Seraina Naef, it is a challenge she has taken on while surpassing everyone's expectations.

This Los Angeles native and psychology major first rushed Alpha Sigma Alpha in the spring of 2003. The first position that she held was Vice President of Alumnae and Heritage. After some reorganizing of positions in the fall, Naef became vice president of Alpha Sigma Alpha.

Along with being vice President, Naef is also in Psi Chi, Order of Omega (Greek Honors Society), sits on the SAF committee, is secretary of Panhellenic and somewhere in there she has time to be a student.

"I'm very used to being busy and I enjoy doing things for the organizations that I'm involved in," said Naef.

Recently Naef co-chaired the Greek Fair event, and she is on the committee for Greek Awards.

Still it is not the way Naef finds a task and tackles it, or the way she manages to work hard for Behrend Greeks and students that makes the sisters of Alpha Sigma Alpha love her. It is the way that Naef takes time out of her busy schedule

to help with the new the way she makes blond moment that makes Naef stand out to the sisters laugh with a klutzy move or a in Alpha Sigma Alpha.

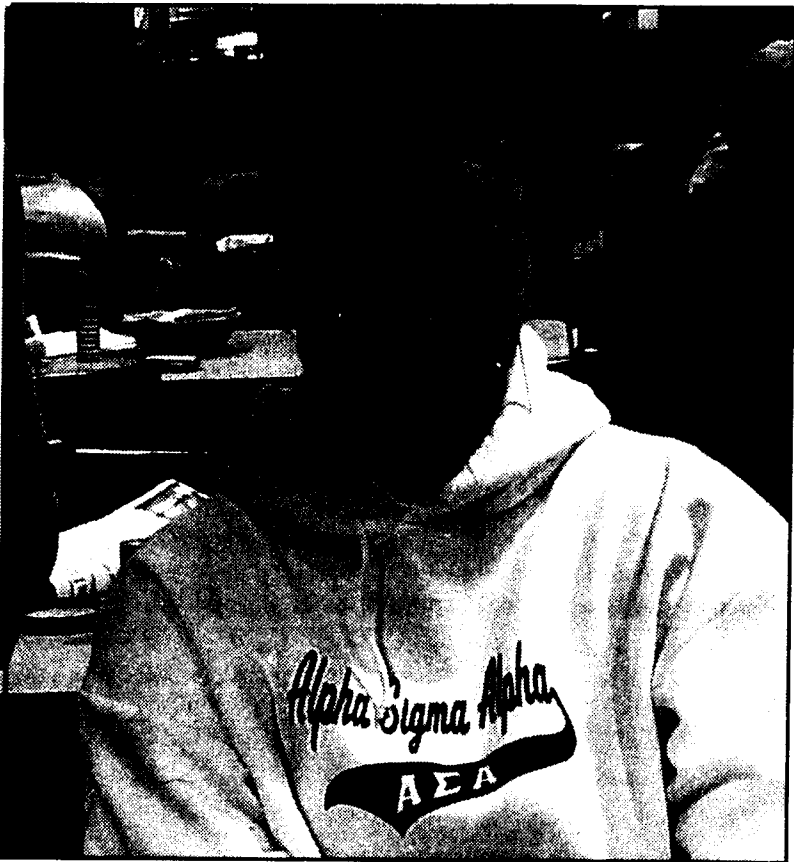


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Seraina Naef always knows how to make her sisters smile.

Sister motivates her sorority

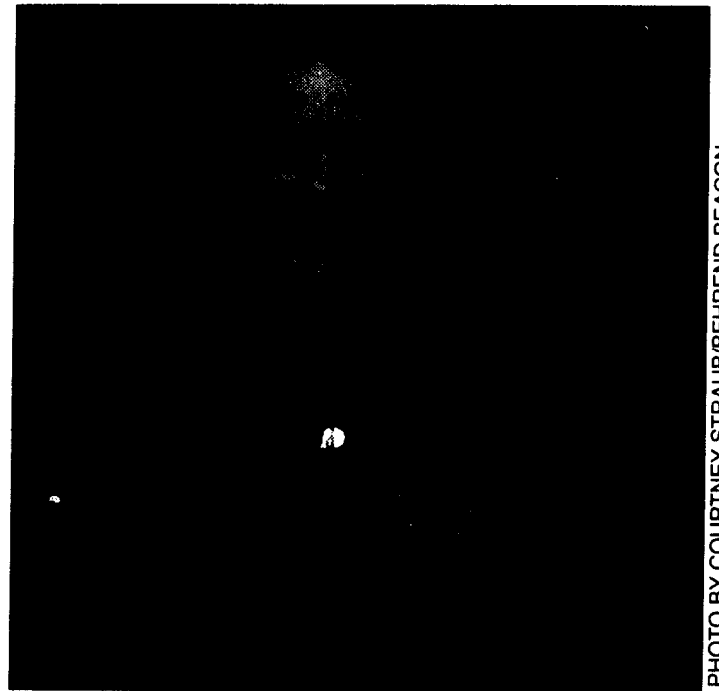


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Emily Gabrys is a role model for her sisters.

"We all have dreams. But in order to make dreams into reality, it takes awful lots of determination, self-discipline, and effort." — Jesse Owens.

chapter. She is one of the main powerhouses behind the organization. Not only is Gabrys a productive, positive vice president who always puts the sorority first, but she is also an amazing person. With her impeccable attendance, amazing work ethic and constant drive, Gabrys manages her time extremely well between the responsibilities of being vice president, work, campus activities and also just being an amazing friend. Her dedication to her sisters is something that is extremely visible in her life and always will be.

Gabrys is a terrific role model for any sister, or for anyone in the game of life. Overall, every Theta Phi Alpha sister has something undeniably special to bring to the table. Therefore, Gabrys is a prime example of the dedication and loyalty the sisters of Theta Phi Alpha hold.

Within every Greek organization on campus, there are dreams that look forward to thriving. The dreams can be harbored by those who may push their chapter further. These people hold many notable qualities such as determination, self discipline and effort, just to name a few. Within the Gamma Alpha chapter of Theta Phi Alpha, every single sister holds these qualities.

The sisters take their sisterhood as something sacred and want the chapter to continuously grow. It is hard to recognize just one person who always strives to go the extra mile. In this case, the sisters would like to recognize Emily Gabrys. Gabrys is the vice president of Theta Phi Alpha, Gamma Alpha

STG loves their "Mom"

"Josh Kaylor tricked me to rush Sig Tau but in hindsight it was a good trick," remarked Andy McNeil.

Andy has been a brother of Sigma Tau Gamma (STG) for five semesters. During these semesters, he has become a vital member of the fraternity. He is currently the Interfraternity Council (IFC) vice president of special programming, IFC representative to SGA, and the STG Scholarship King.

As the IFC vice president of special programming, Andy helps plan special Greek events such as Greek Awards. He enjoys planning these activities and feels that with these events he "bring[s] cheer to the Behrend community."

His other IFC position, IFC representative to SGA, allows him to coordinate relations between the two organizations. Andy feels that this position is important because IFC and SGA both play a vital role in the Behrend community.

"As the Scholarship King I promote everyone to get their ass in gear and study," said Andy. Since he has the highest GPA in STG, Andy is the perfect role model for his brothers.

"I don't know where we would be today without McNeezy. He is a gentleman and a scholar," remarked Josh Kaylor, STG president.

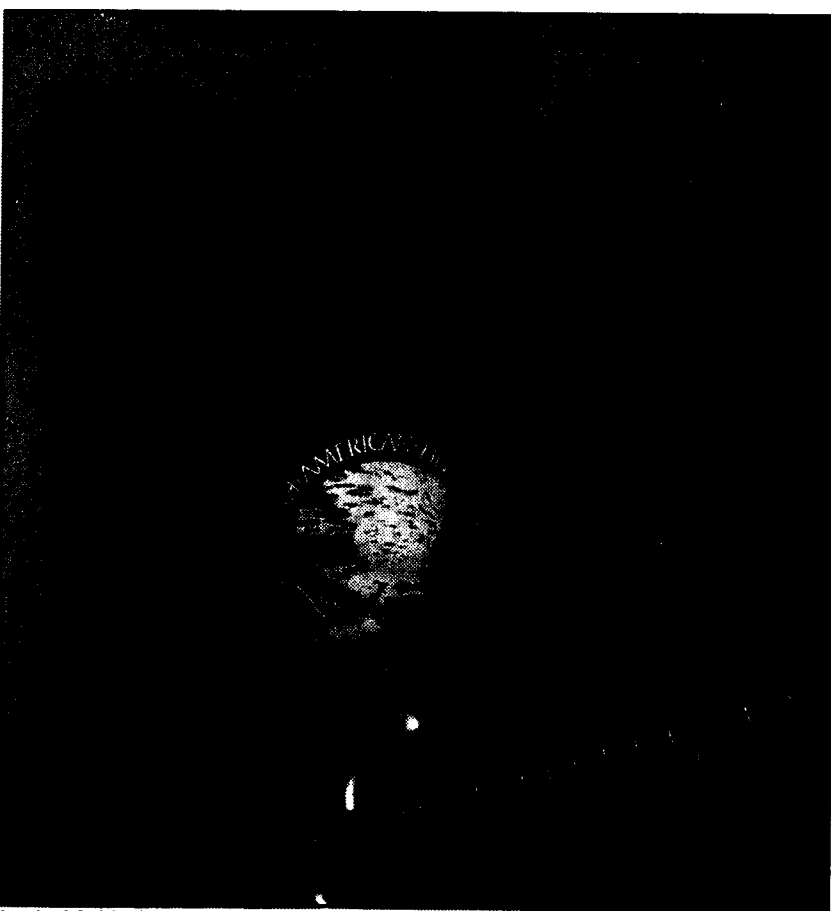
Along with his positions, Andy also acts as a motherly figure to STG and this has earned him the nickname Mom. Whenever lights are left on, Andy will turn them off. Whenever

doors are left open, Andy will close them. He also acts as a wake-up call. If the brothers have an event early in the morning, "It's my job to wake everyone up and get them there," said Andy.

With everything he does for his fraternity, one would think that he doesn't have any free time for himself. How-

ever, Andy has many hobbies, including playing bass guitar, and he is an avid freeskier.

Andy is a sixth semester English major, and after college he feels that he has three different options. One is to tour Europe, two is to "hit the streets as Paper Street's tour manager" and three is to marry Courtney Straub.



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Andy McNeil plays his bass guitar skills.

Maria shines in her sorority

Maria Montana has been a member of Alpha Sigma Tau since the spring semester of 2003. In the past year, she has held the positions of chaplain, public relations and philanthropy. She holds the Panhellenic position of social and previously held the position of the SAF committee, is secretary of Panhell and somewhere in public relations. Montana has been

very active in the Gamma Theta chapter and in the College Panhellenic Council as well. For Panhellenic, she helped to plan and run the Greek Fair and Greek Week. For Alpha Sigma Tau, Montana has publicized the chapter's Rush events, planned many community She truly exemplifies what it means to be an Alpha Sigma Tau.

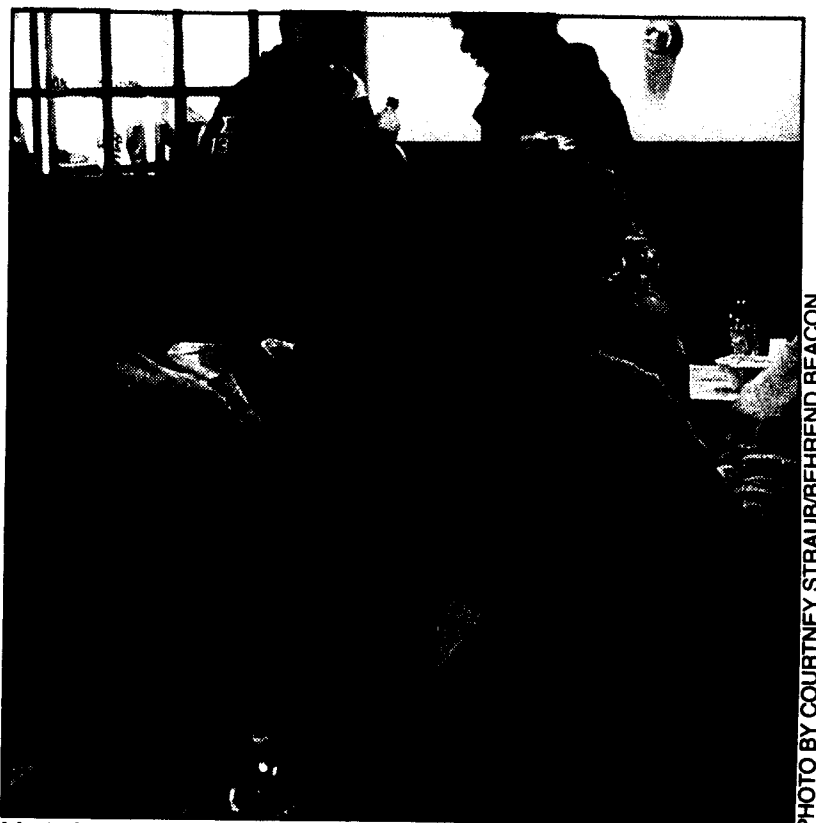


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Maria Montana's sisters feel that she truly exemplifies what it means to be an Alpha Tau.

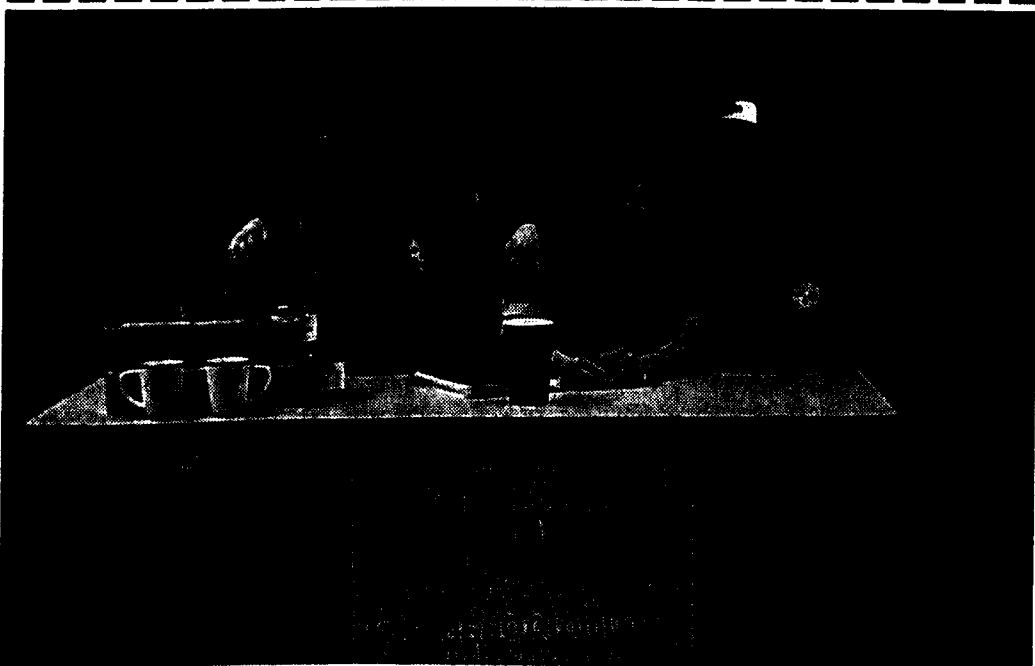


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Tau Kappa Epsilon brothers left to right, Francis Kargbo, Chris Pecora, Mark Montroy, and Casey Bott raise money for the Alzheimer's Association.