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ASA sets goals for sisters

Alpha Sigma Alpha is the largest social sorority on campus. The sisters pride themselves on being well-rounded individuals. They fulfill their aims by holding and participating in events on and off campus.

Grades are of the utmost importance. The sisters realize that they are students before anything else. By holding study sessions and using time management skills, the sisters are able to fulfill their intellectual aim. Some sisters are members of Lambda Sigma, the sophomore honor society and others are members of Order of Omega, the National Greek Honor Society.

"We make sure that the sisters always have time to study," said Dee Nowacinski, Alpha Sigma Alpha President.

The social side of Alpha Sigma Alpha can be seen through mixers and their participation on campus. The sisters enjoy mixers, which range from

BBQs to softball tournaments with different organizations on campus. The sisters also participate in events such as the Alpha Sigma Tau Mr. & Ms. Penn State Behrend Pageant, Multi Cultural Council Fashion Show, and the THON Awareness Decathlon. Another way that the sisters show their social side is in the community. Every year they participate in the Reading-to-Kids program where they read to over 1,000 children in the local elementary schools. They also volunteer at the annual Blood Drive held in the McGarvey Commons in April.

"I love helping out the community," said Seraina Naef, active sister of Alpha Sigma Alpha. "Even though it's hard work sometimes, it makes me feel good."

The sisters also complete a physical aim through intramurals and sports teams. Whether it be ping pong or

volleyball, there is an intramural that each sister enjoys. Currently there are sisters on both the soccer and water polo team.

"All of the girls love to play intramurals," said Naef.

Not only do the sisters fulfill these aims, they also have two philanthropies, the Special Olympics and the S. June Smith Center for which they raise money for. They do this with their major fund raiser, a Date Auction. Behrend students get auctioned off and win fantastic date prizes. This year will be the ninth annual Date Auction and the sisters are incredibly excited for the event.

Alpha Sigma Alpha encourages all students to become involved in Greek organizations, whether it be by joining an organization or by simply attending events and supporting them.

STG plays in dirt

April 24 was a big day for the Sigma Tau Gamma (STG) Fraternity. Instead of laying around and watching TV they went to the Old Park in Wesleyville to make a difference.

"We helped revitalize it," said Josh Kaylor, Sigma Tau Gamma President. The park is run by General Electric's philanthropic section.

With the help of STG the park looks better than ever.

It took four hours but by the end of the day, the bleachers, sheds and dugouts looked good as new.

"It was super fun," said Kaylor. On another note, STG is looking

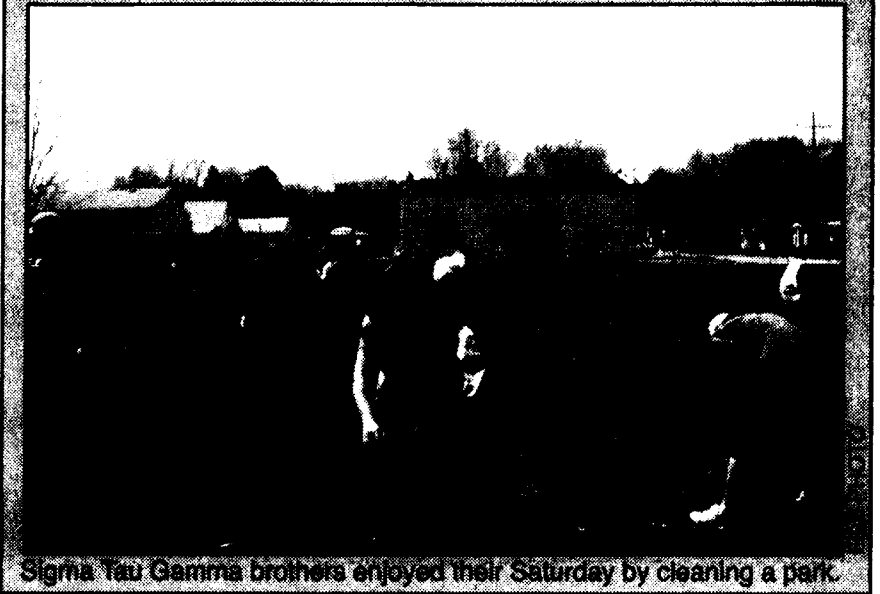
forward to the next school year. On Aug. 30 at 4 p.m. they will be holding a Sandblast volleyball tournament.

It will be located on campus at the court in the apartment quads.

"It's going to be a great time with free food, prizes, and a DJ," said Kaylor.

They hold this tournament every year and many students enjoy attending. If it rains, the games will be held in Erie Hall.

Kaylor suggests that even if you don't know any of the brothers, you should come to the game and meet them.



Sigma Tau Gamma brothers enjoyed their Saturday by cleaning a park.

Delta Chi continues traditions

In the fall, Delta Chi is planning to participate in a number of philanthropic events.

They are once again helping to set up for the JDRF walk, as well as helping during move-in weekend. In addition to these two events, they are trying to put together a new philanthropic event that would be held on a yearly basis.

During the rush week, they will hold the eighth annual Pig Roast which will offer a cooked pig, music and sports to any student at Behrend. This event has been a success in the past years and another great turnout is expected.

Being a Delta Chi has instilled over a hundreds years of history and values in all of the brothers.

At the Behrend Chapter, they have initiated over 20 new members the past two school years as well as have 190 initiated members since 1990.

The chapter is growing bigger each and every year, and as a result, the brothers are gaining more and more experience on what it is like to be involved in an international brotherhood of men.



Delta Chi brothers are planning on holding the eighth annual pig roast this fall. Last year's event was a huge success for the organization.

This next school year, Delta Chi has the highest expectations of their brothers and Behrend.

They hope to make very large steps to promote greek life on Campus as well as in the community. Overall, the

brothers are looking forward to a very productive year.

Please don't hesitate to contact Rob Smith, the Chapter President, with any questions or comments at res201@psu.edu.

AST reflects on year

This year Alpha Sigma Tau planned a variety of activities and participated in numerous of campus activities. While doing all this, we had time to find five new members that will be very beneficial in the fall semester.

One of the highlights of AST this year was the SafeNet Clothesline project that displayed tee shirts outside Bruno's created by individuals who were victims of domestic violence.

This project received the award for Best Philanthropic Event at the annual Greek Awards.

We also received Best Social Event for the second annual Mr. and Ms. Penn State Behrend Pageant, which had a great turnout and the money raised benefited our national philanthropy, Pine Mountain Settlement.

A few other awards we received this semester were Most Outstanding Greek Organization and Highest Greek Organization GPA.

AST also participated in other organization's events on campus such as

the ASA Date Auction, EKF Ice Plunge MCC Fashion Show, Sex, Drugs, and Rock 'N' Roll, THON and many more.

We are planning a numerous amount of activities for the fall semester such as fundraising and recruitment activities, as well as sister events.

This semester, however, we are losing five members due to graduation or change of assignment University Park. They have been crucial to the reorganization of the AST sorority.

We wish Nicole Steetle, Erin Dillaman, Tami Quigley, Claudia Caracci, and Laura Cerami all the best of



AST sisters Emily Watters, Maria Montana and Natalie Lytle advertise for the Mr. and Ms. Penn State Behrend Pageant, held in April.

TKE's encourage brother unity

Next year will be Tau Kappa Epsilon's (TKE) 16th year on the Behrend campus.

They will have twenty-eight active brothers that are looking forward to an exciting year.

One of the first events will be to benefit the Second Harvest Food Bank. It will be a barrel roll around campus.

"We raise money by walking around campus and pushing a barrel," said Ryan Rodemoyer, active brother of TKE.

The brothers will also be holding their annual Ice Plunge in the spring semester. In the middle of April, the TKE brothers will jump into Lake Erie and all the money they raise benefits the Ronald Reagan Alzheimer's Association.



TKE brothers run out of the freezing waters of Lake Erie during the Ice Plunge, held annually in April. The Ice Plunge raises money for the fraternity's philanthropy, the Reagan Alzheimer's Association.

On campus, the brothers enjoy being very active. They look forward to playing intramurals all year.

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