



Not all Greek Week activities are just for fun — as the expressions on these runners in last year's Chariot Race show.

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Everyone can put a little greek in this week

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Even if you don't belong to a sorority of fraternity, you can still put a little greek in your week from April 19 to 24.

Though fraternities and sororities often team up during Greek Week, many times fraternities will team up with an independent group of women, such as a residence hall floor, and independents can become involved in events such as Assassin, said Greek Week Chairwoman Ellen Kehlenbeck.

A new event this year is a carnival, which is designed to improve relations between greeks, independents and the community, Kehlenbeck said.

The Assassin game and the Trivia Bowl are being brought back from last year.

"We're trying to get somewhat of a tradition like Homecoming," Kehlenbeck said.

Assassin will begin April 14. The game is starting five days earlier than other events so enough days are available for people to "kill" each other in time to announce the winner at the awards ceremony on the last day of Greek Week, Kehlenbeck said.

Assassin, a campuswide event, may involve 2,000 people this year, both greeks and independents, as opposed to 500 people last year, almost of all of whom were greeks, she said.

The object of the game is to "kill" the person described in a portfolio, given to each participant on April 14. To kill someone, participants must walk up to their "victims" and say, "excuse me, you're dead."

Participants must sign up between March 24 and April 2 and must attend a meeting on at 7 p.m. April 7. The place will be announced.

The Trivia Bowl will also begin early, starting April 16. Ten trivia questions are given to participants each day and points will be given out for the most correct answers.

The Greek Week opening ceremony will be held at 6:30 p.m. on April 20 between Garner Street and Locust Lane on East Fairmount Avenue.

Skits will be held that night from 7:30 to 9:30 and will also take place April 21 and 22 at the same time and place. The theme of the skits this year is "Twas the Night Before Finals..." with the skits lasting 15 minutes and involving as many people as the team wants, in accordance to the rules, Kehlenbeck said.

Roads near the fraternities will be closed each night of the skits from 6 to 11, and from 4 to 8 p.m. for the chariot race on April 21.

The chariot race will begin at 5:30 p.m. on East Fairmount Avenue between Hetzel and Garner streets. The chariots will be paraded past the judges' stand prior to the race to be judged on appearance, she said, and 10 people will dress according to the theme of the chariot to show enthusiasm. Also, two people will ride in the chariot and four runners will pull it.

An organized Bar-a-thon will be held on April 23. Local bars will offer special prices to greeks who wear their letters, Kehlenbeck said, but they must have proper identification.

The last day of Greek Week, April 24, will start with the Greek Games at 1 p.m. on the Pollock Fields. Last year teams were picked randomly, but this year the teams will

be the same as those entered in Greek Week, such as a fraternity and sorority that signed up as a team together.

The carnival will be held on from 1 to 4 p.m. April 24 on East Fairmount Avenue and Fraternity Row. Each fraternity and sorority signed up for the event will set up a booth.

A fraternity/sorority team that wants to be involved in all the events must pay \$100. The team may also sign up for individual events at varying charges.

Points for this event will be determined by how many tickets the booth collects from the crowd, Kehlenbeck said. Tickets will be sold for 10 cents to help pay for the cost of prizes, she said.

At 7 p.m., the three best skits will be performed again at the same place they were performed at earlier in the week.

Awards will be given out at 8 p.m. that night in the same place as the skits. First, second and third place awards will be given out in the following categories: skits, chariot races, carnival and overall participation.

Teams will be judged on a point system with 900 possible points. The skits, the chariot races and the games are each worth 300 points. The games category is broken down into the Trivia Bowl, worth 50 points, the carnival, worth 100 points, and New Greek Games, worth 150 points.

April 2 is the deadline for signing up for the events. Entry fees must be paid by then at the Panhellenic Council/Interfraternity Council office, 203B HUB.

Individuals entering events will also be charged varying prices for each event.



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California dreamin' If all the events of Spring Term at Penn State are tiring you out, there's always the old favorite activity: roasting in the sun. Here, a group of female University students enjoy the summertime weather that visits Happy Valley occasionally in the spring.

Parks: A great place to spend a spring afternoon

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Spring Term is here, and it's time to get out of your room, shed the extra pounds gained from gallons of beer and enjoy the pleasures of the outdoors.

In addition to laying out in the quad, frisbee playing on the HUB lawn and Saturday afternoons downtown, spring offers to all the use of parks and recreation facilities in the State College area.

Part of the University is the Stone Valley Recreation Area and the Shaver's Creek Environmental Center. Located off Route 26 south just past Pine Grove

Mills, the two areas are open all year but offer special services and programs in the spring.

At Stone Valley, hiking, fishing, picnicking and the use of rental cabins are available to the public, while boating and sailing will open on April 3.

Shaver's Creek has a plethora of programs available for all who love the outdoors. Throughout the spring, it offers the Docent Training Series from 9 a.m. to noon every Monday. The series will cover a variety of topics to help people learn about the environment in which they live, said Pam Kavanaugh, program director and naturalist at Shaver's Creek.

Also offered are Wildflower Walks on

April 18, May 9 and May 16. Participants walk along the parks trails and learn the legends and lore of the area and its facilities.

Adding to the center's diversification are center-sponsored trips to the Baltimore Aquarium and to Ocean City, Md., for a whale-watching adventure. The aquarium trips will be held on April 2 and 13. Whale-watching will be held on the weekend of April 30 to May 2. For information on how to sign up for these and other programs, call the Shaver's Creek Environmental Center at 238-5872.

Associated with the vast network of state parks found throughout Pennsylvania is Whipple's Dam. Also located along

Route 26, about 20 miles south of State College, the dam offers swimming, trout fishing, all-day use of facilities and a small beach.

Also, anyone willing to travel 40 miles from State College for recreation will be enlightened by the facilities at Racetown Lake. Located along Route 26 south near Huntingdon, Racetown is the largest lake in Pennsylvania, said John York, executive director of the Huntingdon County Tourist Promotion Agency. The lake offers all forms of water-based recreation in addition to picnicking and camping, and is the only place in Pennsylvania where landlock striped bass can be fished for, York said.

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