The Greek Beat is the first ever Greek Newsletter to call our own! It’s a paper written by Greeks to show everyone what we can accomplish together.

It’s easy to pat ourselves on the back for the good deeds we do through our organizations, but in the grand scheme of things, who really notices at the end of the day besides us? Sometimes we don’t do a very good job of sharing our activities with the general public. This newsletter will change it all.

The newsletter will come out the third week of the month. The paper will be filled with information concerning past events held by Greeks, or future ones to come. The catch is if you want your organization to shine, you have to send in your articles to the editor at least by the second week of every month.

The newsletter will be delivered to students, staff, chapter advisors, well, to anyone and everyone really.

If there are any questions contact the editor at verikson001@student.nsula.edu. Here’s your chance to shine!

**ADVISOR REPORT**

Welcome to the first installment of the Greek Beat! For each and every one of us, communication will be one of the keys to our success as a Greek community on NSU’s campus.

As discussed at our Greek Leaders Retreat in January, this venue will be a great way for us to share with the campus all the wonderful things that are happening within Fraternity and Sorority Life.

The Spring 2010 semester has been a successful one. I must say how very proud I am of all of our councils and the huge strides that have been made in the way of educational programming, service and collaboration among chapters. As we move forward as a community to achieve great things, let me remind you that being successful often means that one must work harder to continue to move forward. Let us as a community make a commitment to not look at the misgivings of the past, be thankful for the successes of the present and look ahead to how we can continue to be an integral part of Northwestern State University. What can we give back?

At the end of January 2010 campus leaders came together for a Mini-Retreat with Chill-out Guru Hajji Otto for lessons about stress management and tips on becoming a better leader and professional. The Mini-Retreat was sponsored by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life and New Student Programs. The organizations that were in attendance were all seventeen Greek organizations, Presidential Leadership Program members, Freshman Connectors, SAB and SGA members.
KAPPA ALPHA CONVIVIUM

By: Andrew Borderlon, KA

Kappa Alpha recently held its Convivium dinner, which celebrates the founding of the Order and Robert E. Lee's ties as the Spiritual Founder. Lee was never a member of KA, but his exemplary character and gentlemanly conduct had a major influence on the men who founded the Order. Therefore, every year on January 19, Lee's birthday, KA's across the nation commemorate his influence and his role as the Spiritual Founder of Kappa Alpha Order.

LEADERS MADE IN FLORIDA

By: Van Erikson, Theta Chi

On February 5th-7th, 2010 fifteen of Theta Chi Fraternity’s chapter members made the long and fun filled journey to Florida State for their annual Mid-Year Leadership Conference.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

By: Van Erikson, Theta Chi

Hello everyone!

It’s great that the semester finally started. The IFC council is really working hard from the start. The semester is new, which also brings about new officers and a whole new mind set. Our goal is to have at least one programming event per month, whether that be service or social oriented. We would love full participation from all the councils with all our events!

STREET CLEAN-UP

By: Andrew Borderlon, KA

The members of Kappa Alpha Order held a clean-up day on Second St. in Natchitoches in the National Historic Landmark District. Second St. is one of KA's adopted roads and the Gamma Psi chapter has routine cleaning days to help the city maintain the street's appearance.

Gamma Psi has resided on Second St. since 1972, and the chapter appreciates and respects the heritage that it so luckily has been a part of. The KA house on Second St. is also the only fraternity house in the U.S. located in a National Historic Landmark District.
Haiti Relief has been spreading like wildfire in the Greek’s everyday lives.

On February 5, 2010, Kappa Sigma Fraternity decided to make a difference as well and raised $1,021 dollars. They grabbed their flip flops, bathing suits and kiddie pools and strategically set them up all over campus. The idea was to create “fountains of hope” everywhere along campus roads, so passersby could throw money and loose change into them.

The idea was created by Kappa Sigma’s president, Dakota Byrd. “I just thought it would be a cool and fun way to set up a fundraiser, something that our men could really put their hearts into,” said Byrd.

All the members did put their hearts into the important cause with participation at an all time high. They raised money for the Haiti relief fund and had fun doing it.

SUCCESS IN MANY FIELDS
By: Chris Sanders, Pi, Kappa Phi

The brothers of Pi Kappa Phi have been hard at work this year. The Chapter has had a lot of success due to their hard work last semester. The chapter had one of the largest associate classes in recent years, as well as one of the top GPA’s for Active and New members on campus.

Also, Beta Omicron Chapter has enjoyed being recognized by their national organization for their new member program. The success of the fall semester has continued into the Spring.

NSU held their 2010 Chili Cook off inside Prather coliseum in January. Three brothers got up bright and early to show off their culinary skills and came out victorious.

Rush for the spring semester went very well with the brothers of Beta Omicron once again having one the largest spring associate classes in the chapter’s history.
January brought great ideas to the 2009-2010 Executive Officers of Tri Sigma. The women visited Atlanta, GA for the Sigma Sigma Sigma Officer Academy provided by our National Headquarters. The training covered managing chapter strengths and weaknesses. The officers met chapters from all over South East Louisiana to North Carolina. The officers have already demonstrated great leadership skills in the Alpha Zeta chapter. Featured in this photo: Mae-Mae Pierce, Laura Bruce, Lindsey Rolling, Chloe Christiansen, Hattie Vaughn, Cassie Collins, and Mariah Courville.

By: Karrie Simpson, Tri Sigma

The Defined Ladies

CPC HELPS HAITI

By: Van Erikson, Theta Chi

On February 2nd, 2010 the College Panhellenic Council with the help of its four sororities, Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Sigma Alpha, Phi Mu and Sigma Sigma Sigma came together to collect items to help in response to the Haiti disaster.

The women collected over 150 items for the Haiti Relief Fund through UMCOR. Care packages that were sent included but were not limited to toothpaste/toothbrushes, washcloths, deodorant, bar soap, nail files, mouth wash, bandages, hairbrushes and combs.

By: Van Erikson, Theta Chi

OFFICER ACADEMY

By: Karrie Simpson, Tri Sigma

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By: Karrie Simpson, Tri Sigma

WHO DAT” CHEERS HEARD AT NURSING HOME

By: Haley Warrick, Phi Mu

On February 10, 2010 Phi Mu and Theta Chi spent the evening at the Natchitoches Nursing Home. Playing bingo and passing out Valentine’s Day cards were just a few ways to help make the patients smile. With a little encouragement from the Greek students, the patients were yelling “who dat” instead of “bingo” in celebration of the Saints’ super bowl win.

By: Haley Warrick, Phi Mu

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ROASTING MARSHMALLOWS
By: Karrie Simpson, Tri Sigma

Marshmallows’ roasting over an open fire is the perfect event for Tri-Sigma during this cold winter. On Friday, February 5th at the Sigma Sigma Sigma house on Greek Hill a New Member Retreat was held to welcome our Spring 2010 pledge class. The new girls along with actives roasted marshmallows, hot dogs, shared stories and laughs about past times at the Tri-Sigma house and new ideas for our upcoming events. Featured in the photo are Karrie Simpson, Kelsey Kinnison, and Maegan Morace.

BLOOD DRIVE SUCCESS
By: Haley Warrick, Phi Mu

On Monday, January 25, 2010 Phi Mu and ROTC hosted the most successful blood drive to date on Northwestern State University’s campus. There were 102 students that stopped by to donate for this cause.

RETRO ROLLER BLADIN’
By: Karrie Simpson, Tri Sigma

Remember those roller blades with 4 wheels that our parents used in the 1980’s? Natchitoches Skating Center welcomed Tri-Sigma and their dates to dust off those wheels for a good time. Girls dressed in 80’s throwback like Brittany Tyra’s high top retro socks to Mae-Mae Pierce’s afro hair style. There were lots of food, music, and fun to start off the New Year.

FROM THE PRESIDENT
By: Aly Breaux, Tri Sigma

Hey everyone! I’m excited to be the new president for CPC. CPC is really working hard to bring new and exciting events to campus this semester. We have had some great service projects already, and we are looking forward to working with everyone!
Upcoming Events and Reminders

Be There and Be Reminded!!

Governing Council Meeting Dates

• Interfraternity Council  
  -Tuesday at 4:00 pm  
  -Cane River Room  
• National Pan-Hellenic Council  
  -Wednesday at 12:00 pm  
  -Cane River Room  
• College Panhellenic Council  
  -Wednesday at 4:00 pm  
  -Cane River Room

Important Dates

• Panhellenic Recruitment Counselor Applications Due  
  -March 10th, 2010 to Lynda Hammett by 4:30 pm  
• IFC RUSH Roundtable - For presidents, chapter advisors and rush chairs - March 14th at Merci Beacoup Restaurant

Upcoming Programs

• IFC Bowling Night -March 19th  
• IFC hosting two speakers (March and April)

Get your upcoming chapter events posted here! Send dates to: verikson001@student.nsula.edu

Friendly Reminders

• Use the Greek Website!  
  -It is constantly updated, has a calendar of events and all the forms you possible need!  
• Send articles for this newsletter in on time  
  -This paper will be written by the third week of every month, so send your articles and pictures in on time to: verikson001@student.nsula.edu
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