Hang out in groups and always use the buddy system. Never allow a friend to go anywhere alone. Always travel with a buddy in a taxi, bus, or any type of public transportation. If you lose your buddy, ask for assistance from a trustworthy authority.

Do not remove your hotel wristband. They are used by security for guest identification and hotel access purposes.

Carry your hotel information with you. Store it somewhere safe and hidden. (If you get lost or disoriented this information will help get you to your hotel). Carry your cell phone at all times.

Do not go on the beaches or swim at night. Check your hotel room and report any damage immediately. Do not hang out on the balconies of the hotel. Secure any valuables in a hotel safety deposit box. Do not damage any hotel property, including your room. Make sure your hotel door and balcony door are locked AT ALL TIMES, whether you are in the room or not.

Visit: www.safespringbreak.org

Meet Gamma Phi’s Molly Grove: A volunteer for PSU’s HealthWorks

Molly Grove, a member of Gamma Phi Beta and a junior Biobehavioral Health major, has been heavily involved with HealthWorks here at PSU. Molly says she absolutely loves being involved with HealthWorks and they are now recruiting for the fall semester. HealthWorks is basically a group of Penn State students who are interested in promoting health among their peers. Students can apply to participate in HealthWorks, a peer education and outreach program within University Health Services. HealthWorks peer educators facilitate educational workshops on nutrition and sexual health, staff outreach events, and provide HIV test counseling. Past projects include a healthy cooking video series, a fitness event for first-year students, and outreach for Love Your Body week. Membership applications will be accepted until March 7th for the 2014-2015 school year. To learn more or apply, visit http://studentaffairs.psu.edu/health/wellness/healthWorks.shtml. You can also email Molly with any questions at mgrove816@gmail.com.

Cooper and Hoyt Halls Are Making Progress. Planning is moving forward, as representatives from each chapter attended a furniture show on February 12th to make selections for their new suites. The remaining sororities are scheduled to move into South Halls this upcoming August.
THANK YOU for all you do and the many hours of hard work you all put into making THON such a success.

CONGRATULATIONS ZTA and ATO for the highest overall total!
February In Review

Alpha Phi hops a plane to Chi Town

With our new executive board starting off the year strong, Alpha Phi exec traveled to Chicago the weekend of February 7th to attend the Alpha Phi Conference. Not only did all our girls get to meet Phi’s from all of the United States but they also learned so many things that they can bring back to our chapter to make us stronger than ever. It’s so amazing that as part of a Greek organization, you not only have sisters within your own chapter but you have sisters from hundreds of chapters around the country. We all come from different places and root for different teams but together we are all Alpha Phi’s. While visiting Chicago, where Alpha Phi Headquarters is located, our exec board also got to tour around the town for a bit and see some of the famous sites, including getting a picture of our baby bears pose in front of The Bean.

Our exec board may have gotten snowed in at the airport on their way back to Happy Valley but we are so excited for them to be back safe and have brought some awesome new ideas with them to make the Gamma Rho chapter of Alpha Phi the best its ever been.

ADPi raises money for Ronald McDonald House

In February, Alpha Delta Pi had it’s first philanthropy event of the 2014 school year. They hosted a Valentine's Day- O- Grams event. Philanthropy Chair, Becca Lerman, was extremely excited for Alpha Delta Pi to host a new event for their philanthropy, The Ronald McDonald House Charities (The Ronald McDonald House in Hershey Medical Center). The Valentine's Day- O-Grams took place in the HUB on February 13th and 14th. For $2 a personalized valentine was delivered by an Alpha Delta Pi sister. Those girls that were musically inclined, delivered singing valentines for $5. The grams were a hit and everyone involved had a blast!

The grams raised about $778! 84 members participated and 168 hours of service was earned during this event. So far this school year, more than $1000 has been raised for the Ronald McDonald House Charities by the Delta Kappa chapter of Alpha Delta Pi! When Philanthropy Chair Becca Lerman, was asked how the event went her response was "the Greek community, and the greater PSU community enjoyed the valentines and embraced the motto, "The Ronald McDonald House, the house that love built!" on this valentine's day". Look out for more ADPi philanthropy events coming up this semester! A brunch among other events are in store.

ACHiO wins “Most Improved Chapter”

This past month in Heritage Hall, Penn State’s Greek life celebrated the 2012 Greek Column Awards and 2013 Convocation.

Awards were given to chapters within the Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, National Panhellenic Council and Multicultural Greek Council. A variety of awards were given, including, Chapter of the Year and Chapter of Excellence Awards.

Alpha Chi Omega is proud to announce that we were chosen to receive Most Improved Chapter! After all of our hard work and efforts over the past year, we received this award and it is proudly displayed in our new suite.

As a chapter, we held our sisters to a much higher standard throughout the year, which ultimately lead to our success in the Greek community. We could not be more excited to have received this honor and we will continue to improve as an entire chapter throughout the years to come.
**Theta Raises Money for CASA**

On Tuesday, February 25 and Wednesday, the 26, the sisters of Kappa Alpha Theta sold hot chocolate in the HUB to benefit our national philanthropy, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). CASA is a national organization that aims to provide court-appointed advocates for abused or neglected children to represent them in the justice system. These advocates aim to help children find a safe and positive environment in permanent homes. Kappa Alpha Theta supports this organization every year by hosting philanthropy events and fundraisers to benefit CASA. In the spring, we will host our annual philanthropy event “Watermelon Bash,” which will include watermelon smashing, eating and wrestling contests. Be on the lookout for dates in these upcoming weeks!

**Sigma Kappa to host Broomball at Pegula**

The Theta Psi chapter of Sigma Kappa at Penn State University is set to host their annual philanthropy event, Ice Follies on March 22nd.

Join the sisters of Sigma Kappa at the Pegula Ice Area in the practice rink from 3:15 - 6:15 pm for a fun-filled afternoon raising money and playing broomball! All of the proceeds from the day’s event will go to Sigma Kappa’s national philanthropy, the Ultra Violet Foundation. The Ultra Violet Foundation donates to Alzheimer’s Research, Main Seacoast Mission, and Inherit The Earth.

Teams of ten will compete in a broomball tournament coached and refereed by Sigma Kappa sisters. Free food and refreshments will be served. Gift cards will be awarded to the winning team’s philanthropy of choice. Price of admission for the event is $10 per person.

Sigma Kappa is extremely excited for their annual philanthropy event. We look forward to a great day spent with other members of Greek Life and the university while supporting the sisters of Sigma Kappa and helping raise money for Sigma Kappa’s Ultra Violet Foundation.

**Kappa Delta to host Shamrock Outdoor Basketball Event for Prevent Child Abuse America**

Kappa Delta is excited that their annual philanthropy event, Shamrock, is approaching at the end of March. Benefitting Prevent Child Abuse of America, they are very proud to hold an event fundraising for an organization that is very close to the hearts of Penn State students.

With intramural basketball being so popular among students, KD is excited to be hosting an outdoor basketball in Pollock. The event will also feature a wing-eating contest, multiple gift card awards to frequently visited places downtown and the Pie-a-KD fundraiser. Vice President of Community Service Nicole Joscelyn says she hopes this event will reach out to all of Penn State student’s body, not just students in Greek life.

“Because Prevent Child Abuse America is relevant to all of us, we really want everyone to get involved,” Joscelyn says. Prevent Child Abuse of America’s goal is to ensure the healthy development of children nationwide with chapters in all 50 states. PCAA works hard to advocate for a national policy regarding abuse while promoting practices the not only prevent child abuse, but prevent it from ever occurring. “The event is like a typical intramural tournament,” Joscelyn says. “But with a few twists, lots of food and a Kappa Delta atmosphere.”
It is hard to imagine that the woman of Kappa Kappa Gamma find time to excel at anything outside of their school and sorority commitments. However, if you were to ask any sister, even the freshman, about their activities outside of Kappa Kappa Gamma I am confident that they would each have an answer. Morgan Clark plays on the club soccer team, and many of us are active members of ED2010 a club for those interested in learning more about the magazine industry. It makes perfect sense that our own junior, Ashley Vargas, is actually the Vice President as her exposure to the NYC magazine industry is one that we all envy. As if it wasn’t enough to have an internship with Cosmopolitan magazine last summer she also just found out that this summer she will be interning at Seventeen Magazine. We are all so incredibly proud of her!! WAHHOO GO ASH!

However, Ash is not the sole Kappa achieving great things. This summer Elen Filappatos, our president, will be travelling to Ecuador to teach kids English. Meghan Fay will be working for the Washing Nationals, Maura Rose will be interning with Boeing, Makenzie Walker will be interning at Dicks, and Ashley Kassep will be interning at AIG. Then of course there are all the girls who are abroad – we miss them all but we know they are achieving and experiencing great things!

Finally, congrats to all our dancers.. Also congrats to Julianne Vallotan, social chair, who was busy supporting not only our dancers but also her own personal dancer. Keep up the good work, ladies!

Shout out to the Sisters of Delta Zeta for being recently recognized as having the highest GPA of all sororities! Keep up the hard work! Our chapter is also getting more involved in social media. We recently created a chapter Instagram @deltazeta_pennstate and we have changed our twitter name to @deltazeta_psu. We would love follows from our fellow Panhellenic chapters here at Penn State!

Phi Mu’s Lauren Matakas invited into Peace Corps

Phi Mu is so proud of our sister Lauren Matakas not only for dancing in THON but also being invited into the Peace Corps to serve as a secondary English teacher in Kosovo! Both of Lauren’s parents went to University of Michigan, where John F Kennedy founded the Peace Corps. After hearing about his speech she was inspired to become a member. She applied in August, interviewed in October, and got the exciting news that she was invited in February. It is a huge honor being invited as only 30% of applicants are chosen. It is even more exciting that Lauren will be a part of the first Peace Corps group to ever serve in Kosovo. She will have three months of training in the United States learning about the cultural norms, the language and leadership strategies. Once her training is over she will serve for 25 months. She will be teaching English to high school students but she will also help run organizations and community events. Lauren says she is committed to education because she realized that she has had an incredible one and she believes that everyone should have that opportunity. Kosovo has a 42% unemployment rate so most of the kids she will be teaching are in poverty or will experience it in their lifetime. She is thrilled to start her journey and we wish her luck! We are so proud of you!!!
Get to know Alpha Xi Delta’s Dancers!

Kelly Kesler is a senior studying Theatre Performance and minor in French. She was our Alumnae Relations Chair, Homecoming Chair and Panhellenic Delegate within Alpha Xi Delta. Her favorite THON memory was when she was on the floor freshman year and saw the cutest little boy dressed up in a cape running around squirting students with water guns. She saw the life and all of the excitement on his eye’s and at that moment, knew what THON was really about. We all raise money for THON to keep that excitement alive in every child.

Megan Morris is a senior and Journalism major. She is Order of Omega’s Marketing Chair and Alpha Xi Delta’s past Publicity Chair and former President. Her favorite THON memory was being on the floor for the final four hours her freshman year with her OPP committee. After hearing Four Diamonds families’ stories during Family Hour, she finally realized what THON was all about and knew she wanted to dance for Alpha Xi Delta her senior year.

Becca Boova is a senior majoring in Nutrition and minor in Human Development and Family Studies. The positions she has acquired in Alpha Xi Delta have been Suite Life chair 2011, Greek Week Chair 2012 and THON chair 2013. Becca was also heavily involved in THON by being a part of Morale for 2 years and COMM this year. Her favorite THON memory was walking onto the floor for the first time during her first committee shift. Looking up into the stands and realizing that THON is something bigger was an amazing feeling. Becca THONs for her hometown friend, Andrew McDonough and for every other child battling cancer.

Pi Beta Phi Recognizes Dancers

Pi Phi is lucky enough to have had four dancers with our partners SAE. Alysia Libby is a senior who will be attending law school next year. Kait Munnely is a supply chain major in the Smeal college of business. Amanda Formosa is a Biobehavioral Health major and Chelsea Amaral is a PR major. In addition to our dancers matched with SAE, Lindsey Nelson, another sister, danced for a Smeal organization.

Delta Gamma Sister Named Sorority Woman of the Year

This month, the sisters of Delta Gamma is extremely proud of our sister, Holly Dominguez for winning the award for Sorority Woman of the Year. Holly received the award at the Greek Column Awards on January 31, 2014. Holly received this award from the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life for her outstanding contributions to our chapter and the Greek community at Penn State. Holly is a senior studying economics. She has served as our chapter’s director of informal recruitment/COB, vice president of membership, and president. In the Greek community, she has served as a Greek week captain, Fraternity and Sorority Leadership Institute mentor, and the Greek Week Administrative Assistant. We are incredibly proud to call Holly our sister. She has always been there to cheer us on and support our sisterhood.

Now, we are so excited to have our turn to applaud her! Congratulations, Holly!

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