

**Clarion
University of
Pennsylvania**

**Fraternity &
Sorority Affairs**

Upcoming Events

- 12/10—12/14: Finals Week
- 12/15: Winter Commencement
- 1/14: Spring Semester Begins
- 1/23: Dave Stollman: "Buy In or Get Out"
- 1/28: Spring Recruitment Begins
- 2/19: Greek sponsored MLK Speaker Robbi Paynter: "The Fallacy of Race & Impact of Color"
- 2/28: Red Cross Blood Drive

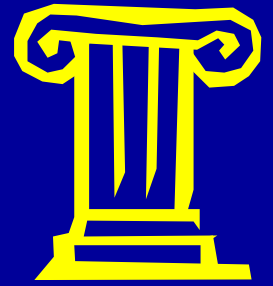


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The Greek Columns



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Greek Alumni Council Board

As you may have heard by now, a Greek Alumni Council has been formed at Clarion University. The purpose of this group is three fold: To engage the alumni of Clarion University's fraternities and sororities; To provide support to the recognized chapters that make up Clarion's fraternity and sorority community; and To serve as an advisory body on matters pertaining to fraternities and sororities.

The following alumni volunteers currently make up the Council's Board:



Drew Wilburn '97 & '02 is an alumnus of the Pennsylvania Xi chapter of

Phi Delta Theta and has served in multiple alumni roles both locally and region-

ally. He lives in Mars, PA and works as a Senior International Account Executive for FedEx. Drew will serve as the Greek Alumni Committee's Chairperson.

Kay (Ordiway) Clark '62 is an alumna of the Alpha Pi chapter of Sigma Sigma Sigma and has served as a



Clarion University Alumni volunteer for several years. She is a Managing Partner

with B & K Educational Consultants and currently lives in Lake Mary, FL. Kay will serve as our Membership Subcommittee Chairperson.

Jennifer (Koren) Feicht '96 is an alumna of the Gamma Gamma chapter of Phi Sigma Sigma and currently serves as the Chair of her



chapter's alumni group. She lives in St. Petersburg, PA and is a private consultant for the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency. Jen has agreed to serve as the Alumni Event Subcommittee Chairperson.



John Pulver '95 is an alumnus of the Nu Pentaton chapter of Phi Sigma

Kappa. He is a member of the Clarion University Alumni Association Board of Directors. He lives in Williamsport, PA and works as a consultant for the Pennsylvania Association for Career and Technical Administrators.

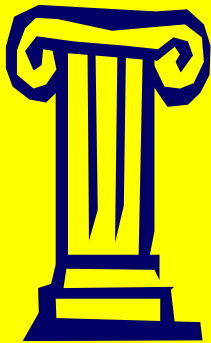
Mr. CU 2007 Named

Andrew Smith, Mr. Nair Hall, was crowned Mr. CU 2007 at the Panhellenic Council's sixth annual Mr. CU Pageant held on Tuesday, November 13, 2007. Eight contestants, sponsored by various Recognized Student Organizations, competed in the pageant. Contestants were judged in four categories: swimwear, talent, formal wear and a question & answer session.



**Katie Trill (pageant escort)
with Andrew Smith
(Mr. CU 2007)**

The pageant, which also serves as the Panhellenic Council's annual fall fundraiser for the Cancer Center at Clarion Hospital, raised \$565.65 this year. To date, Clarion University's Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils have raised over \$4,700 for the Clarion Hospital Foundation in support of the Clarion Regional Cancer Center.



Greek Plan Modifications

As summer came to a close, Dr. Grunenwald approved two modifications to *The Greek Plan*.

1. Fraternities and sororities are now permitted to invite first semester freshmen to one off campus event per semester, provided that that event is not social in nature and highlights one of the values of the organization.

Dr. Grunenwald expressed a willingness to explore further easing this restriction in the future, provided that there are no issues of misconduct related to interactions with first semester freshmen.

2. The Chapter Assessment Program (CAP) evaluations are going to be conducted semestery, as opposed to annually.

The 2006-07 school year was the first annual evaluation cycle. We found that, given the transition occurring between officers, a number of the submitted packets were incomplete. Additionally, because we were looking at some information that was essentially a calendar year old, we were not able to assist chapters with issues they had in a timely fashion.

The Greek Plan and the CAP can be found at: www.clarion.edu/student/ocl/greeklife/

Governing Council News

With the fall semester drawing to a close, both governing councils recently elected new officers for 2008. They are:

Panhellenic Council

President—Maria D'Ascenzo (ΔΖ)
 VP Committees—Britney Pniewski (ΑΣΤ)
 VP Recruitment—Jordan Caldwell (ΦΣΣ)
 Treasurer—Megan Linton (ΑΣΤ)
 Secretary—Justine Allaway (ΖΤΑ)

Interfraternity Council

President—Brian Perkins (ΦΔΘ)
 VP Risk Mgmt—Brendan Abraham (ΤΚΕ)
 VP Recruitment—Matt Evanchak (ΦΔΘ)
 Treasurer—Chuck Shoemaker (ΦΜΑ)
 Secretary—Eric Fabiszewski (ΤΚΕ)

The new officers are looking forward to the start of the spring semester and attending the Northeast Greek Leadership Association (NGLA) conference on February 21st-24th in Hartford, CT.

Fall 2007: A Look Back

It's hard to believe that it's December already and that the semester is all but over! The fall 2007 semester got off to a rather rocky start when the Office of Campus Life was notified by the National Fraternity of Kappa Delta Rho that their Board of Directors had voted to close the Phi Alpha chapter following a hearing at the National Convention.

Some much needed good news came as recruitment numbers were reported and spring grades were compiled. The fraternity & sorority community had its best fall recruitment in several years. Collectively, the fraternities recruited 16 new members (fall 2003 saw 19 new fraternity members with five more chapters and the ability to recruit first semester freshmen) and the sororities added 39 new members (fall 2004 saw 37 new sorority members with one more chapter and the ability to recruit first semester freshmen). The spring 2007 grade report showed that the All Greek Average (2.922) was once again higher than the All University Average (2.785)!

The All Fraternity Average (2.728) bested the All Men's Average (2.543) for the fifth time in the last five semesters and the All Sorority Average (2.991) was higher than the All Women's Average (2.959) for the third time in the last five semesters!

Also during the fall semester, the Interfraternity Council welcomed Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., as an Associate Member on the Council. Phi Beta Sigma currently has three members and will spend the next year working towards attaining Full Member Standing. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen staffing issues, Sigma Phi Epsilon's recolonization effort was postponed until the spring. During a recent conversation with Ryan Rastetter, SigEp Director of Expansion, he said that they will be on campus and ready to go on January 28th.

The Greek community also welcomed several guest speakers to campus this past semester. The school year began with a Panhellenic recruitment ethics program presented by our NPC Area Advisor Jennifer

Daurora. Next came Travis Apgar's presentation for National Hazing Prevention Week, followed by Dr. Lori Hart-Ebert with her presentation "Making Greek Great." In preparation for spring recruitment, the Governing Councils invited Phired Up Productions back to campus for their fraternity and sorority specific recruitment presentations.

In addition to all of the community service and philanthropic endeavors of the chapters, the Councils' two flagship projects experienced success. Between three American Red Cross blood drives this fall, the Greek Community helped to collect 238 pints of blood, potentially helping 714 patients. As mentioned on the front page of this newsletter, the Panhellenic's Mr. CU Pageant raised \$565.65 toward the Greek Community's \$5,000 capital campaign commitment to the Clarion Hospital's Cancer Center.

Finally, we are pleased to report that there were no risk management related incidents in the Greek community this fall!