

Spring 1999 Greek Report

Membership

- 552 of Marquette's undergraduates are members of social Greek-letter organizations. This number reflects 9.1% of the campus population – the highest percentage since the 1991-92 academic year.
- 9.7% of men are Greek – up from 8.5% at this time last year and 8.4% two years ago.
- 8.5% of women are Greek – up from 7.2% at this time last year and 6.9% two years ago.
- Panhellenic Council sponsored one of its most successful formal rush programs, with the highest number of women participating in rush and accepting a bid since the implementation of spring rush in 1994.
- 132 students joined chapters as new members this semester – 58 men and 74 women.

Scholarship

- Although the all-Greek GPA (2.86) was just below the all-University GPA (2.90), it is at the highest point it has been since Greek grade point averages have been monitored.
- The all-sorority average GPA (3.08) remains above the University all-female average (3.00).
- Five organizations had chapter GPA's above the all-University average: all four Panhellenic sororities (Alpha Xi Delta, Alpha Phi, Pi Beta Phi, and Alpha Chi Omega) and one fraternity (Kappa Sigma).
- Individual chapters implemented a variety of programs designed to improve scholarship, including study hours, incentive awards, and scholarship recognition events.
- Fifteen new members were inducted into the Order of Omega academic honorary. They were selected on the basis of their academic success and commitment to scholastic achievement through participation in Greek life.

Community Service

- Chapter service projects resulted in a total of 2,576 hours of service to neighborhood and community agencies – double the number of hours of service from first semester. Over the course of the entire 1998-99 school year, a total of 3,528 hours of service were performed through group service projects by Greek chapters (this does not include individual service performed by members).
- In addition, a total of \$9,926 was raised and donated to local and national charities this semester. Combined with donations made first semester, this brings the total for the 1998-99 school year to \$20,331 contributed to the community by Greek chapters. Contributions of note included the African American Greek Alliance's donation of \$1,000 of profits from their step show and a combined contribution of \$3,650 to the March of Dimes from eight Greek organizations.
- Greek Week featured a community component for the first time this year, with organizations banding together to participate in Walk America sponsored by the March of Dimes.

Campus Involvement

- 69.6% of Greek members reported involvement in other campus organizations.
- Members of Greek organizations also serve in a variety of leadership roles on campus, including MUSG President, Legislative Vice President, and Financial Vice-President; MU *Tribune* Assistant Editor and Sales Manager; Orientation Director and Planning Team members; Business Student Council President; Indian Students Association President; Senior Week Co-Director; Student Conduct Board Chair; Club Sports Advisory Council President; AMU Student Managers; Crew Captain; Cheerleading Captain; and several Resident Advisors.

Education

- Chapter officers implemented more than 30 educational programs for their membership on topics including time management, study skills, alcohol abuse, and sexual assault. In addition, a number of chapters presented programs for the broader campus community.
- In February the Office of Student Development sponsored a leadership conference for over 100 new members. Topics included study skills, Myers-Briggs Type-Indicator, hazing, transformational leadership, misperceptions of Greek membership, and values of the Greek system at Marquette.
- The Office of Student Development sponsored a speaker for the entire Greek system in February. Pete Smithhisler, Director of Leadership Education for the National Interfraternity Conference spoke to 150 Greek leaders on the importance of ritual and returning to the founding values of Greek organizations.
- Organizations used chapter funds and scholarships to send members to leadership conferences sponsored by their national organizations.

Governing Councils

- All three governing councils (Interfraternity Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council, and Panhellenic Council) revised their constitutions and made significant changes to their organizational structures.
- The African American Greek Alliance decided to affiliate with their national umbrella organization and have subsequently changed their name to National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC). This change will provide them with additional resources and support from a national level.
- The Panhellenic Council adopted the tenets of the risk reduction policy passed last spring by the Interfraternity Council. They have established a joint judicial policy to handle infractions of the policy and any other infractions of jointly held policies.

Greek Relationship Task Force

- Fr. Andy Thon, Vice President for Student Affairs, appointed a task force in December to develop a statement defining the relationship between Marquette University and the Greek-letter social organizations which have formed on the campus. Members of the committee met during the spring semester and submitted a final draft of the proposed statement to Fr. Thon in May. The statement outlines rights and responsibilities of Greek organizations and the ways the Greek system at Marquette aspires to support the mission of the University.

Greek Awards Night

- Awards were presented in March to individuals and organizations for their contributions to Greek life at Marquette. Awards included:
Chapter Philanthropy Award – Sigma Chi, Zeta Phi Beta, Alpha Chi Omega
Program of the Year – Alpha Xi Delta
Chapter of the Year – Alpha Phi, Delta Chi, Alpha Phi Alpha
Advisor of the Year – Stephanie Witte, Pi Beta Phi
Freshman of the Year – Michelle Pena, Alpha Chi Omega
Sophomore of the Year – Andi Van Houten, Pi Beta Phi
Juniors of the Year – Leslie Buckner, Zeta Phi Beta & Travis Nickels, Triangle
Seniors of the Year – Becky Begley, Alpha Xi Delta & Brian Keller, Triangle
Jaimee A. Schoessling Scholarship – Chrissy Batorski, Alpha Chi Omega
Greek Man of the Year – Chris Baum, Sigma Phi Epsilon
Greek Women of the Year – Raegan Sawyer, Alpha Xi Delta & Shellisa McMurray, Zeta Phi Beta
Four Year Dedication Award – Jason Moulden, Triangle

Discipline

- Two cases of giving ineligible bids (to students with GPA's below 2.0) were handled through the IFC judicial process. Both organizations were found responsible, the bids were retracted, and their minimum GPA for fall recruitment has been raised from 2.0 to 2.1.
- One case of violation of the recruitment policy (specifically, giving bids of invitation to five freshmen) was handled through the University conduct system. The organization was found responsible and was required to retract the bids, meet with University officials to discuss the future of the organization, survey other chapters of their national organization to determine recruitment strategies, develop and implement a five-year recruitment plan, and develop a concrete plan to increase scholarship and academic support in the fraternity. The plans are due September 30, 1999.

Chapter Statistics

Number of Members	Chapter GPA ¹	Average Hours of Community Service per Member ²	% Involved in Other Student Organizations at Marquette ³	% Serving in Campus Leadership Roles ³
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Panhellenic Sororities

Alpha Xi Delta	66	3.15	10.0	100%	35%
Alpha Phi	76	3.15	4.3	39%	27%
Pi Beta Phi	62	3.03	†	59%	15%
Alpha Chi Omega	47	2.96	1.4	76%	40%

IFC Fraternities

Kappa Sigma	39	2.94	5.0	100%	66%
Sigma Phi Delta	40	2.73	5.7	57%	25%
Triangle	37	2.68	3.5	81%	41%
Sigma Chi	30	2.64	1.0	33%	10%
Sigma Lambda Beta colony	8	2.59	4.0	100%	13%
Delta Chi	34	2.57	5.9	58%	17%
Sigma Phi Epsilon	51	2.49	10.6	100%	11%
Phi Kappa Theta	28	2.48	1.6	18%	7%

NPHC Chapters

Alpha Kappa Alpha * Alpha Phi Alpha Delta Sigma Theta Phi Beta Sigma * Sigma Gamma Rho * Zeta Phi Beta	34	2.56	6.0	90%	54%
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* did not return Greek Report Form

† did not report information

1 semester GPA's based upon information from student records

2 self-reported; does not include hours spent raising funds for philanthropies

3 self-reported