



Upcoming Greek Events

Thursday, March 13th: Greek Fair
Thursday, March 27th: Ice Cream Social
Sunday, April 13th: Dress Upon a Star
Saturday, April 26th: All Greek BBQ
Friday, May 2: KDR-Pi Phi Dance Marathon

The Greek Voice

The Panhellenic Council and **Inter-Fraternity Council** are proud to introduce the first edition of the Greek Voice for 2008. For those of you who are not familiar with the Greek community at Lafayette, the Panhellenic Council serves as the governing body of the six sororities at Lafayette College and coordinates different events to foster the founding virtues of fraternal life: **sisterhood, leadership, scholarship, and citizenship**. It is composed of eight executive positions as well as six representatives from each chapter. Their counterpart, the Inter-Fraternity Council, provides and maintains an environment of **unity, representation, communication, and governance** amongst the fraternities at Lafayette College. It is composed of four executive positions as well as two or three representatives from each chapter.

The Greek Voice serves as a newsletter published twice a semester to get the word out on positive events and accomplishments of those involved in the Greek Community. It is a joint venture that contains articles by each chapter of the Greek community, and is both edited and funded by the Panhellenic Council and the Inter-Fraternity Council.

The Greek Voice would also like to recognize last year's Panhellenic Executive Board and Council for receiving three awards at this year's *Northeast Greek Leaders Association Conference*. Lafayette's Panhellenic received the *Gamma Sigma Alpha Award* for having the greatest disparity between the all-woman GPA and all-sorority GPA for the Fall 2007 term, as well as another prestigious award for its membership recruitment program and philanthropic events.

Chapter	Term Avg
Delta Gamma	3.503
Kappa Kappa Gamma	3.405
Delta Delta Delta	3.353
All Women's Average	3.32
Alpha Gamma Delta	3.314
Pi Beta Phi	3.3
Alpha Phi	3.271
All Greek GPA	3.253
All-College	3.25

Delta Gamma Earns Highest GPA for 3rd Consecutive Semester by Ange Pflug

With an average GPA of 3.503, Delta Gamma had the highest average GPA amongst Lafayette College fraternities and sororities for the past three consecutive semesters. Delta Gamma's President Jillian Kessler proudly recognizes her sorority's accomplishment, saying, "Many people stereotype the Greek community through the shared belief that it is solely concerned with the social aspects of college life." Kessler feels that "being recognized for having the highest GPA provides proof of the contrary." Delta Gamma proves as a positive example for potential new members, and their parents, to recognize that Lafayette's Greek community regards academics as being a top priority. The Greek community at Lafayette has a cumulative average GPA of 3.253, slightly higher than the all-student average of 3.250 and higher still than the non-Greek affiliated students' 3.200. The widely held belief that membership in a sorority or fraternity results in lesser academic achievement does not hold true at Lafayette. Delta Gamma is proud to be at the forefront of the movement towards disproving this misconception.

Alpha Phi and Zeta Psi Raise Awareness & Funds for Cardiac Care

by Keara McCarthy

Alpha Phi and Zeta Psi recently sponsored the King of Hearts male beauty pageant to raise money and awareness for Alpha Phi's main philanthropy organization, Cardiac Care. The event is a national Alpha Phi fundraiser, but Lafayette's chapter put their own unique twist on it. All of the proceeds from the sales of King of Hearts pageant t-shirts and calendars went to Cardiac Care. Heart disease is the number one killer of women in North America, and all Alpha Phi chapters work to promote cardiac treatment and spread awareness of heart disease and its prevention.

The pageant, organized by Alpha Phi sophomore Elizabeth Witmer, was held on February 13th in the Marlo Room. The Marlo Room was decorated in a festive fashion including an elegant red carpet with heart shaped confetti and glitter strewn all over. The contestants in the pageant included members of Lafayette's sports teams, fraternities, and the Brothers of Lafayette. The pageant began as each male contestant was presented in "his outfit of choice" while a short biography was read about them. Next, each contestant participated in the talent segment which then narrowed the thirteen amazing contestants down to five. The final five made it to the Q&A section of the pageant. Talents ranged from singing love ballads to drinking a whole bottle of chocolate syrup. After performing their talent, each contestant ended the first round of the pageant in their "business attire." The judge where they had to answer questions randomly pulled out of a hat. From there, the final winner would be chosen based upon the responses. The last man standing was the incredible Steve Roe, former DU president.

The chapters of Alpha Phi and Zeta Psi hope everyone who attended the King of Hearts had a great time and also wish to extend a thanks to those who participated for helping such a great cause!



Lauren Buisson, Sarah Costlow, and Amanda Andersen '09 show their support in King of Hearts T-Shirts.

Kappa Delta Rho Gets Back to Nature

by Pat Kelley

Some people may be familiar with spending their high school weekends "in the woods," but on Friday and Saturday nights, many college students find themselves in a crowded apartment or a certain pizza joint - turned dance club. Well, one weekend during the Fall semester, the brothers of KDR decided to throw it back a few years and return to the woods.

In mid-October, about 30 members of Kappa Delta Rho took a Saturday night off from the usual Lafayette social scene and headed upstate to a remote camp site. With a seemingly endless supply of burgers and a trailer full of firewood, KDR had barrels of fun pretending to be Bear Grylls for the night - minus the life-threatening weather conditions and the consumption of questionable "food."

As many Greek houses know, different schedules often make it difficult to round up a large number of members in one place for a night. However, this experience was an excellent opportunity for the brothers to do just that. Camping was a chance for the brotherhood to escape the stressors of college for one night and do something completely different from the Lafayette norm.

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