



The Greek Semesterly

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Welcome - Kevin Till AXA & Jes Peterson ΠΒΦ

Hello students! As you may have deduced (from the fact that this has been distributed with the Dakota Student), this publication is meant for both Greek and non-Greek students alike. Furthermore, we hope that faculty and administration will take the time to read through this as well. The goal of this semesterly publication is to allow the Greek community to reach out and tell the rest of the campus and community what has transpired over this last



semester. There will be stories of community service and philanthropy, stories of leadership, stories of friendship, and stories of various other aspects that embody the Greek experience. You will not find stories promoting raging parties, underage drinking, hazing, or other stereotypical aspects of Greeks. No one is denying that these aspects may very well exist, even on our campus. However, these acts are not embraced by the Greek Community as a whole. They are not found within any Greek organization's beliefs or values and should not be tolerated by any Greek Organizations on this campus or by the entire campus community for that matter. Thanks for your time and please enjoy!

I bet you didn't know...

- 85% of Fortune 500 executives are Greek
- 40 of 47 U.S. Supreme Court Justices are Greek
- All but two Presidents and two Vice-Presidents, born after the founding of the first social fraternity in 1825, were fraternity members
- According to a U.S. Government study, over 70% of Greeks graduate college, while under 50% of non-Greeks graduate

Greek Week - Megan Warner ΔΔΔ

During the week of February 7th – February 12th the Greek community joined hands for their annual philanthropic event called Greek Week. During the week Greek houses are paired up into teams consisting of either one or two fraternities and one sorority. These teams are encouraged to participate in various philanthropic activities to gain points which are tallied at the end of the week to determine a winner. Some of the activities that the Greek teams took part in included a penny war, cookie drop for faculty appreciation day, a lip sync competition, a fundraising day, and a Dance Marathon.

One of the more interesting events during the week was the lip sync. This event is a chance for all the Greek houses to kick back

and have some fun. The theme for this year's lip sync was pop divas and boy bands. The creative side of various Greek houses was definitely on display at this event. The audience was able to see the Greeks' spin on songs sung by Backstreet Boys, Nsync, Britney Spears, and Christina Aguilera. The team who really showed their creativeness and who stole the attention of the crowd was Lambda Chi Alpha, Sigma Phi Epsilon, and Kappa Alpha Theta. This team was also the winner of the event. Their precise re-enactment of the dance by Nsync to the song "Bye Bye Bye" will be one to remember for years to come.

The main event this year, however, was the Dance Marathon that was held to benefit the Children's Miracle Network. The Dance Marathon took place on Saturday February 12th and went from 8:00 AM to 12:00 AM. Throughout the day, 160 people participated raising approximately \$9,000.00 for the cause. Participants were able to learn various dances, listen to live music, and play a rendition of dance dance revolution, as well as busting out their own moves on the dance floor.



Greeks in Action - Alissa Reiersen AXΩ

Greeks in Action's is: "Greeks dedicated to making a positive impact within the campus community through education, social change, and leader involvement." This is the mission statement of Greeks in Action. The organization began in the spring of 2002. It initially started as an assembly of University of North Dakota Greek members wishing to address alcohol issues within the Greek community. The focus of the program gradually changed and now involves much more. The general goal is to

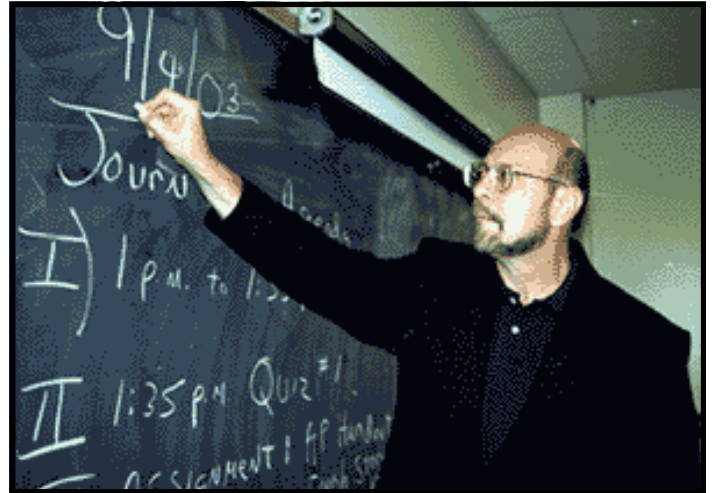
be proactive in making a positive impact instead of being reactive when situations occur. The organization plans nonalcoholic events for Greeks and the community to enjoy. They also have sponsored speakers, or spoken themselves, about a variety of topics aiming at educating Greeks and the community as a whole. Some of the events Greeks in Action has planned in the past include a Super Bowl party, a cosponsor of Grand Chapter, and other events at places such as the Loading Dock and Tabula's. Coming up on the afternoon of May 5th we have Cinco de Greeko. This is an all-Greek get together to promote unity and have fun. There will be grilling and games in the park. Greeks in Action meets every Thursday at 6:00 pm at the Memorial Union. The ultimate goal is to have at least one representative from every house on campus, so that that each has a voice in working toward enhancing our community.

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Hank Nuwer - Ryan Leppala ΚΣ

Hazing is an act that we are all too familiar with. People die every year due to hazing. There are many different forms of hazing including alcohol abuse and even sexual abuse. Most people only think that hazing is an issue among college students, particularly in the Greek system. We see stories on the news all the time about a pledge dying from some form of hazing trying to prove his/her worthiness to a group of people. What most people don't understand is that it's not just a problem in the Greek system. Greeks are actually the most active group in preventing hazing. Hazing wasn't even started by Greeks and deaths date back all

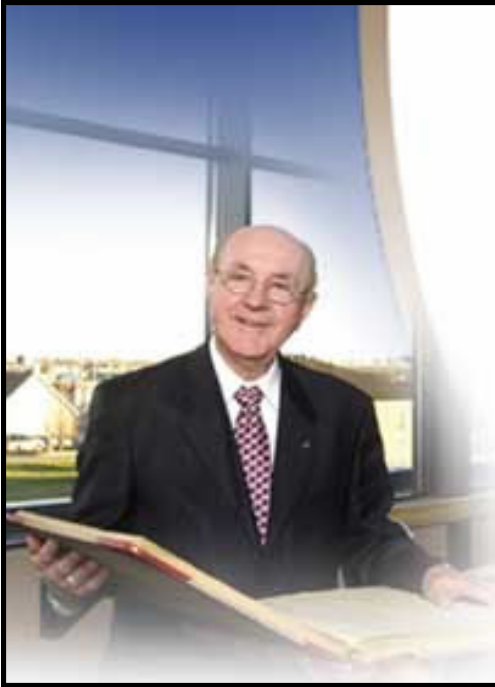
the way to the 1830's. There have been many problems involving hazing in high school and college sports. Freshman are forced every year to prove that they are good enough to be a part of something. Hazing is even a problem with professional athletes. On April 14th we had the honor to hear Hank Nuwer speak about hazing. Mr. Nuwer published his first article on hazing back in 1978. The article was about the death of a football player at the college in Nevada, where he was attending at the time. Since then he has been published in many famous magazines like the New York Times Sunday Magazine, Sports Illustrated for Kids, and more. He has made appearances at schools around the nation as well as television shows to discuss his views on hazing. He lives in Indianapolis where he teaches at Franklin College and for the Indiana University School of Journalism. Mr. Nuwer has had a huge impact in the nation on prevention of hazing. It will take a long period of time to stop hazing if it can be stopped at all. If it can't be stopped we all must take measures to prevent it from being a problem. If a problem is spotted one should try to find a solution to resolve that problem. Don't just look the other way thinking that every thing will be alright, it won't. Those people that are being hazed are victims. Hazing is a problem that surrounds us all. As for our campus, organizations like IFC and PHC have taken measures to have a zero tolerance policy on hazing. Our campus has never had a documented hazing death. Lets all do our part to ensure that nobody will ever be a victim of a hazing death.



Greetings from IFC and PHC - Pat Matol ΒΘΠ and Colleen Halligan ΔΓ

This spring has been a very exciting time for both councils. The 2005 Councils are made up of 16 members representing 13 of the 20 chapters on our campus. All of the council members have put a vast amount of time and effort into making this semester a very successful one for the Greek Community. To begin the semester, members from both councils spent a weekend representing our University at two national conferences. From those trips they came back with a lot of new ideas and excitement for the Greek Community. In the articles in this publication, you will have a chance to read about some of the projects that the Greek Community has coordinated, as well as some of the activities we have been involved with. You will also read about some of the ways that alumni have benefited from being a Greek on the campus. These are only a few of many things that we as a Greek Community have been involved in this year. As you will see Greek Life is focused not only on fun, but on education, involvement, and service to the community. As we move toward the second half of 2005 we are committed to continuing to improve both ourselves as well as the rest of the UND and Grand Forks Community.

Norman C. Skalicky: A Delta Tau Alumnus - Joe Lamia ΔΤΔ



Norman C. Skalicky was born April 1, 1934 on a grain farm near Brocket, North Dakota. He attended school in Lankin, and then enrolled at the University of North Dakota. After earning his accounting degree in 1955, Skalicky served in the U.S. Army for two years, and then sold insurance until he was able to purchase what was then Stearns County Bank in Albany, Minnesota in 1965 at the age of 30. Since then, five rural banks in Minnesota, one in Edina, and another in Arizona have been added to the Stearns Bank holdings.

Skalicky has a true entrepreneur spirit. His holding company boasted over \$1 billion in assets and a return of equity of 25.9% over the previous five years, a figure few banks can match. That entrepreneur spirit has inspired what others might call “risky propositions” – equipment leasing, small business lending, and rural development projects. With those endeavors, Skalicky works to protect the bank using a variety of defensive measures, including careful underwriting of loans. In addition,

the company embraces a stout work ethic. Its 250 employees are motivated, well paid and share stock ownership since 1987. Skalicky encourages his employees to “think and act like owners.

In February of 2003, Skalicky was inducted into the North Dakota Entrepreneur Hall of Fame in recognition for his entrepreneurial accomplishments. The Rural Technology Center was renamed the *Skalicky Tech Incubator* in June of 2004 in appreciation for his generous support to the University of North Dakota. Norm received the UND Sioux Award in 1995.

In 1955 Skalicky graduated from the University of North Dakota with a degree in accounting. Norman Skalicky is also an alumnus of Delta Tau Delta; he has established a scholarship program with the Delta Tau Delta Educational Foundation in 1994 to provide academic scholarships to new members of Delta Tau Delta. In March 1998, Delta Tau Delta dedicated the Norm Skalicky Library at the Chapter House. He has donated generously to the Boys and Girls Club as well as the Boy Scouts of America. Skalicky Plaza was erected at the St. Cloud State University entrance in 2000 in honor of his contributions to that institution.



On Recruitment - Mike Livers ΚΣ



When you come to college it is natural to feel a little apprehensive or even scared. Come to think of it whenever you start something new or do something involved with the unknown I see no reason why a person could not be feeling the butterflies floating around in their stomachs. I have been in the very same position manytimes myself. The only problem that I could see with being afraid of something or an experience is that a person needs to be in the situation itself and not be harboring misconceptions about it because of something another person has said.

A question arises in my mind dealing with the Greek community. Why have misconceptions about the Greek community that are not yours and have been created by

friends or family? Just because you might have heard this or that about fraternities and sororities (even if it is only general comments about Greeks) what makes these stories true? Why not take the opportunity to experience the Greek world so you can decide for yourself what exactly is true and what is not.

“Ok,” you say, “What do I do now?” This is probably the easiest question can answer. There are so many things that you or anyone on campus, freshman to senior, could do to see what there is to Greek life.

If you have ever taken a step out of your dorm room to go to class you might just happen to see someone wearing their Greek letters. What is stopping you from going up and talking to them about being Greek? Better yet, why not ask them to give you a tour of their house and have them tell you some things about the house history, or what makes them unique. If you would not consider yourself a social or direct person go to the Student Organizations Office in the Memorial Union and ask to talk to Cassie Gerhardt, the Greek Life

Coordinator. She would be more than happy to give you any information on questions you may have about Greek life.

The absolute best option though, to discovering Greek life, is actually going out to the Greek houses, introducing yourself, and to start asking questions. Grab some friends your first week of school and go explore. The first week of school is one of the busiest times we Greeks will experience. Gentlemen, get out of the dorms and enjoy everything from free food to mechanical bulls.

Ladies, stop by the Student Organizations Office to register for sorority rush. All thirteen fraternities and seven sororities on this campus would gladly show you around and answer your questions. Whether you are a guy or gal, interested or not, why not discover the Greek community for yourself? You will never know if being Greek is an option unless you make it one.

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From the Coordinator of Greek Life - Cassie Gerhardt AXΩ

People often have many questions about fraternities and sororities and why some people choose to join. Below are some of the most commonly asked questions. While this list does not cover all the questions people have about the Greek community, it is a start. If people are interested in joining or if they have additional questions, they are encouraged to stop by the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership for additional information.

Why Go Greek? The college experience is one of the major changes that you will go through in your life. Joining a fraternity or



sorority will help make the transition easier. The fraternity/sorority experience is multifaceted and offers numerous opportunities for involvement and individual growth. Developing life-long friendships with chapter members helps make the campus smaller and for many members, their chapter becomes a home away from home. In addition to brotherhood and sisterhood, every chapter is dedicated to enhancing leadership, scholarship, philanthropy, service, and personal development through various programs and involvement opportunities. It is up to the individual member to determine the level of involvement he/she wants to have in the chapter and what kind of experience it will be for him/her.

Are Greeks just about parties? There is a social aspect to the Greek community but social activities include a variety of events, such as educational pro-

grams, community service events, intramural sports, Homecoming, and dinner exchanges in addition to parties and socials.

Greek communities across the nation, including UND, have adopted a stringent approach to socializing thereby creating a safer, more beneficial environment for members. So while the social aspect is an important component of the Greek experience, it is just one aspect of the overall Greek experience.

Are academics stressed in fraternities and sororities? Students often find managing their time difficult when moving from the structured high school environment to the freedom of college. Greek membership assists in that transition by offering scholarship programs that may include study partners, mandatory study hours, and time management workshops. Members can also access a network of chapter members who already know how to use campus resources like the library, Learning Center, computer labs, and academic advisors. Nothing, however, can take the place of discipline and academic focus to ensure success in college. Thanks in part to the chapter's academic goals and programs, the average GPA among Greek members has consistently been at or above the All University Undergraduate GPA. Many chapters have financial scholarship programs and offer other incentives to encourage academic success among their members. Interested members are encouraged to ask about the chapters' academic and scholarship programs during recruitment so that they can better understand the attention given to academics in specific chapters.

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From the Coordinator of Greek Life (continued)

How will I ever have enough time if I join a fraternity or sorority? Time commitments vary from chapter to chapter but the first semester is the most time intensive as new members go through the chapter's new member education program. New member programs provide members with the opportunity to develop leadership and time management skills, learn about the history of the chapter, develop friendships with other new members, as well as the rest of the chapter, and allow them to become involved with other organizations. Once members are initiated, time commitments will vary. Each chapter has weekly chapter meetings and other mandatory events (philanthropic, service, initiation) throughout the year, but they are planned well in advance and academic commitments are given priority. The more you put into the chapter the more you will get out of being a member!

Isn't joining a fraternity or sorority expensive? The Greek experience is an investment in your future. The leadership skills, academic assistance, and friendships will benefit you beyond college. The perception that fraternities and sororities are only an option for wealthy students is widespread and false. Greek organizations are quite affordable and many students work to help pay their college expenses. Member's dues directly support the betterment of the chapter and the national organization and chapters may offer scholarships to assist members financially. The price of living in a fraternity or sorority house is quite comparable if not less to other campus housing options. People interested in the Greek experience are encouraged to ask questions related to finances during the recruitment process as specific costs and funding programs vary by chapter.

Going the Extra Mile for People with Disabilities - Matt Myrick ΠΚΦ

In June of 2005, Matt Myrick, a student at the University of North Dakota, will be meeting 90 other Pi Kappa Phis from universities across the country and embarking on a 64 day "Journey of Hope." The Journey of Hope is a 3,900 mile cross-country cycling trek that raises funds and awareness on behalf of people with disabilities. Matt has been selected as a crew member for the Journey of Hope 2005 team. The team members are all members of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity and are joining forces to pave the road for a better understanding of people with disabilities. From the west coast to Washington, D.C., Matt will be leading the team of cyclists from city to city, bringing the message Push America in a unique and inspiring way.

Matt and the rest of the Journey of Hope 2005 team will be making dozens of presentations in communities across the nation, helping others to understand the issues facing those with disabilities. After leading the team an average of 75 miles each day, the team will take part in many presentations and special events, often meeting with those for whom they're riding.

The Journey of Hope is a project of Push America, which was founded by Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity in 1977 with the mission to build leaders of tomorrow by serving people with disabilities today. Its members have raised more than \$8 million for Push America since its establishment.

In addition to raising awareness, the Journey of Hope will raise more than \$400,000 for future projects and programs of Push America. Matt is committed to raising a minimum of \$2,500 on behalf of Push America and people with disabilities.

Anyone interested in "Going the Extra Mile" by making a tax-deductible donation to Push America on behalf of Matt Myrick should contact him at 218-791-3677 or matthew.myrick@und.edu.



Sorority Recruitment - Angie Langseth KAΘ

WE WANT YOU! That's right, sororities are looking for a few good women. In fact, we're looking for a lot of great women. The recruitment process may be a bit intimidating if you don't know a lot about it. I mean you may even confuse our recruiting tactics with the Army, but let me tell you something: we definitely won't be running after you in camouflage yelling "Be all that you can be!" We may sing a bit, but we truly do prefer to recruit just by getting to know you. So if you have thought about joining a sorority, I encourage you to keep thinking that thought and read on.

For all Greeks, the recruitment process is actually a year-round event. However, we have a formal recruitment at the beginning



of every year. This coming fall, sorority recruitment is scheduled for August 26th-29th, with an orientation on the 25th. All you have to do to partake in the festivities is fill out a simple registration form regarding your past involvement in organizations and service and include academic information, as well as pay a small fee which covers all costs. Once you're registered you're good to go! The

next thing you know you'll be having four days of fun as you go to all of the sororities and meet the women. Recruitment begins on the first day by making a trip to each of the houses and having the opportunity to meet some of the members. The second day you'll be able to receive a full house tour and engage in in-depth conversation. A more formal third day event called Preference Day is unique to each sorority. Finally, Bid Day arrives and trust me, no one will be more excited than you - except the sorority members perhaps. It's a day when you're welcomed into your new home and you start to really, really get to know your future sisters.

So what should you expect when going through recruitment? Well, you should have great expectations! Going through recruitment is awesome for the simple fact that you will have the opportunity to meet a lot of fabulous women - sorority members themselves and other women participating in the recruitment process like you. You can also expect to receive a lot of information regarding respective sororities and "how Greek Life can positively affect your college career and yourself as a growing individual," says Erica Martin, the Panhellenic Council Membership and Recruitment chair. Most of all, you can expect a lot of talking. Sororities want to get to know you. Talking is our painless weapon of choice and it should be yours - we want you to get to know us as well.

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Recruitment is very organized, so you won't be led astray trying to decipher which house is which based off of those funny symbols we all have on our homes, a.k.a. Greek letters. "It is important for [you] to know that [you] will have a recruitment counselor, Rho Gamma, assigned to [you] during the process. [Your] recruitment counselor will help [you] and answer any questions [you] may have," states Greek Life Coordinator, Cassie Gerhardt. It's also important for you to know that you don't have to go and buy a new wardrobe or fuss about your hair, just be the wonderful person you already are. Martin suggests that you "keep an open mind and be yourself because if you decide to join a house, it'll be because the sorority accepts you for who you are and you'll accept them for who they are. It will be your home away from home for the next four years of your life."

There you have it! That's recruitment in a nut-shell. We're definitely not dragging you into war, instead we're welcoming you into our homes and into our lives. "I encourage all women to participate in recruitment. Whether they choose to join or not, I think the recruitment process is a great way for students, especially new students, to meet other people. Going through recruitment does not obligate anyone to join a sorority. So participate, have fun and find out if sorority life might be right for you," Gerhardt exclaims.

Recruitment is the tool needed to find out what Greek Life is truly all about whether or not you do want to join a sorority. Please don't ever be intimidated to find out more about Greek Life! If you have further questions I encourage you to check out of the Office of Greek Life located in the Memorial Union or check out our website:

<http://www.union.und.edu/involvement/greeklife>

Remember: WE WANT YOU...TO GO GREEK!

Gerald W. VandeWalle: A Lambda Chi Alumnus - Landon Weninger ΛΧΑ



Chief Justice Gerald W. VandeWalle was born August 15, 1993 to parents Jules and Blanche; he was raised in Noonan, North Dakota. Justice VandeWalle is an alumnus of the University of North Dakota; in 1955 he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce from the school of Business. Three years later in 1958 he earned a Doctor of Law degree from the University of North Dakota this degree was awarded to him *magna cum laude* which means with great honor.

As a freshman at the University of North Dakota, Justice VandeWalle joined the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity Epsilon-Zeta Chapter which was then located at 303 Oxford Street which is now the parking lot across University Avenue from Gamble Hall and the Alumni building. Although he did not reside in what was then the chapter house, he did hold office within the fraternity during his time at UND. Justice VandeWalle continues to hold an active alumnus status with the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity Epsilon-Zeta Chapter by keeping in touch and

by donating to the chapter's House Corporation.

Shortly after graduating from UND, Justice VandeWalle was admitted to the State Bar of North Dakota and quickly appointed as Special Attorney General in 1958. By 1975 he was appointed to the position of First Assistant Attorney General. During his twenty years in the Attorney General's office, Justice VandeWalle held several portfolios, including the education portfolio for

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Gerald W. VandeWalle (Continued)

elementary, secondary, and higher education, for most of that time; the North Dakota Industrial Commission oil and gas portfolio; and the State Retirement System portfolio.

On August 15, 1978, he was appointed to the North Dakota Supreme Court and three months later he was elected to serve an unexpired term. From July 1985 to July 1987, he held the position of North Dakota Judicial Conference chair. He is a past co-chair of the ABA Bar Admissions Committee and past chair of the Federal-State Tribal Relations Committee of the Conference of Chief Justices. Justice VandeWalle is past chair of the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association, past President of the Conference of Chief Justices, past chair of the National Center for State Courts, and past chair of the National Center for State Court's Research Advisory Council.

Justice VandeWalle was elected to the position of Chief Justice of the North Dakota Supreme Court in 1993. He has since been re-elected Chief Justice in 1995 and again in 2000. Now in his 26th year as a Supreme Court Justice, he continues to serve the state of North Dakota.

The Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity and the University of North Dakota faculty and student body are honored to have had such an prominent figure in the North Dakota law system who was educated at our University.



Alpha Phi Cardiac Care 5K Walk/Run - Kara Kovarik ΑΦ

Alpha Phi's yearly, ongoing philanthropy raises money for the Alpha Phi Foundation and the local Cardiac Care Unit at Altru Hospital in Grand Forks. So far this year we have raised over \$1500 for women's cardiac health. This was accomplished in February through our Cardiac Care week where local fraternities and sororities helped us raise money for the cause.

Also benefitting Altru's heart services is our upcoming 3rd Annual Cardiac Care 5k Run/Walk. This event will be held on Sunday, April 30th. Registration is from 8:00-9:00 a.m. at the Ralph Engelstad Arena. The cost is Adults \$15, Students \$10, and Family \$50. Registration deadline is April 8th. For more information call 701-400-1052. To register online, please visit:

<http://www.und.edu/org/alphaphi/id36.htm>.



I bet you didn't know...

- 63% of all U.S. Cabinet members since 1900 have been Greek
- All of the Apollo 11 astronauts were Greek
- Of North America's 50 largest corporations, 43 are headed by Greek men and women
- As undergraduates, Greeks raise approximately \$7 million per year for charities
- As undergraduates, Greeks give approximately 850,000 volunteer hours per year
- Greek alumni are more satisfied with the social and cultural aspects of the college experience than nonaffiliated students
- Greek affiliation had a significant impact on the current income of alumni

This publication was a joint effort of IFC, PHC, Greeks in Action, and members of the Greek PR Committee.

If you have any Questions/Comments/Concerns or if you want to write for future publications you should email:

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Check us out on the web at:
<http://www.union.und.edu/involvement/greeklife/>

**Good luck with the upcoming finals
and have a great summer!**



Upcoming Events...

- April 29th through May 1st - Delta Tau Delta Philanthropy: Volleyball Tournament
- April 30th - Alpha Phi Philanthropy: Cardiac Care 5K Walk/Run
- April 30th - Alpha Tau Omega Philanthropy: Hot Ride Revolutions Car Show
- May 2nd - Greek Council and IFC Legislative Meetings
- May 5th - Greeks in Action/IFC/PHC: Cinco de Greeko - Grill party in the park
- May 6th - Reading and Review Day
- May 9th through May 13th - Finals