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IMPORTANT DATES:

January

- 1/15 – 1/23 Formal Recruitment
- 1/24 Event Management
Training
MGLC Intake Training
- 1/26 Chapter Facts due
Intake Intent forms due
First Day to host social
events
- 1/27 MGLC Meet the Greeks
- 1/31 John S. Dyson Citizenship
Award nominations due
Meal Plan changes

February

- 2/1 AIRC Bid Day
- 2/2 AIRC bid signing
- 2/10 A.D. White Leadership
Conference
- 2/11 Delta Series New Member
Conference
- 2/15 Membership Rosters due

March

- 3/3 – 3/4 Emerging Leaders Retreat
- 3/16 End of Year awards
nominations due
- 3/17 – 3/25 Spring Break
- 3/30 End of Year Reports due

April

- 4/14 Greek Freak Step Show
- 4/15 Initiation Deadline
- 4/16 New Member lists due
- 4/29 Greek Awards Ceremony
- 4/30 Last Day to register social
events

FALL 2006 PICTORIAL HISTORY

GREEK MOVERS & SHAKERS: AUGUST 17, 2006

Representatives from the Cornell Greek Community volunteer to assist first year students on move-in day at the Court and Mews Halls.

PRESIDENT'S RETREAT: AUGUST 22, 2006

Chapter president's from all three councils network, collaborate, brainstorm and prepare for chapter goal setting and program planning for the fall semester.



GREEK WEEK: SEPTEMBER 25 – 30, 2006

The 2006 Greek Week philanthropy carnival raised funds for the Tompkins Public Library. This year's winning team was announced at half time during the football game on Saturday, September 30. **2006 Greek Week Champions: Alpha Kappa Alpha, Alpha Phi, Alpha Sigma Phi, Delta Upsilon, Tau Kappa Epsilon – Yellow Team!**

**OFSA WELCOMES
NEW STAFF**



Denise Thompson
Administrative Assistant

Denise graduated with a BS in Business and Marketing from Saint John Fisher College in Rochester, NY. Prior to joining the OFSA staff, Denise held several positions across campus.



Brian Rosenberg '06
*Cornell Greek Community
Near Peer Fellow*

Brian graduated in 2006 with a degree in Operations Research and Industrial Engineering and is now pursuing his Master's degree in Engineering Management. As an active member of the Greek System, Brian served as President of Pi Kappa Alpha and was the 2005 Vice-President for Communications on the Interfraternity Council.

**New Council Officers
Elected for 2007**

The Multicultural Greek Letter Council, Panhellenic Association, and Interfraternity Council elected new officers for 2007. Congratulations to all the newly elected officers:

Multicultural Greek Letter Council

President
Diane Wu, *alpha Kappa Delta Phi*

Executive Vice President
Anthony Lopez,
Lambda Theta Phi

VP Communications
Cherise James, *Delta Sigma Theta*

VP Finance
Jordan Gonzalez,
Lambda Upsilon Lambda

VP University and Community Relations
Jose Gonzalez,
Lambda Upsilon Lambda

VP Judicial Affairs
Sakeena Everett,
Delta Sigma Theta

Panhellenic Association

President
Pooja Shendure,
Kappa Alpha Theta

Executive Vice President
Jessica Intravia, *Alpha Chi Omega*

VP Communications
Laura Connelly, *Delta Delta Delta*

VP Finance
Katie O'Neill, *Alpha Xi Delta*

VP Formal Membership Recruitment
Kate Foley, *Delta Gamma*

VP Judicial Affairs and Standards
Barbara Borozan, *Delta Gamma*

VP Programming
Kristen Gravani,
Delta Delta Delta

VP Publicity, Recruitment & Extension
Alexandra Jeffery,
Alpha Chi Omega

NEWS BRIEFS

VP University and Community Relations
Nicole Mangiere, *Alpha Phi*

Interfraternity Council

President
Jonathan Feldman, *Psi Upsilon*

Executive Vice President
Lance Polivy, *Delta Upsilon*

VP Judicial Affairs
Jeffrey Douglas,
Pi Kappa Alpha

VP Recruitment
Greg Schvey, *Sigma Phi*

VP University and Community Relations
Svante Myrick,
Sigma Alpha Epsilon

VP Finance
Stanton Lenahan,
Lambda Chi Alpha

VP Programming
Ryan Lavin, *Delta Phi*

VP Communications
Noah Fine Nathel, *Pi Kappa Phi*

**IFC Recruitment
Resolution**

In April 2006, the Interfraternity Council passed a resolution that will go into effect this spring during formal recruitment in January. In an effort to increase safety during recruitment, the resolution dictates that IFC Executive Board officers will patrol recruitment events to insure a ban on hard alcohol. Chapters that do not comply with this rule will face severe sanctions, such as a \$1,000 fine or losing participation in a day of IFC recruitment.

IFC also began using ICS as an online sign up for men interested in recruitment. This will help IFC keep more accurate records of

interested men. It will also help IFC communicate more readily with recruitment participants.

Fall Recruitment Statistics

Interfraternity Council
Number of Chapters: 15
Number of Bids Signed: 49

Multicultural Greek Letter Council
Number of Chapters: 7
Number of new members: 24

Panhellenic Association
Number of Chapters: 3
Number of Bids Signed: 9

**MGLC Asian Interest
Recruitment Committee**

In the Fall, the MGLC Asian Interest Recruitment Committee held several meetings to develop a more structured rush period for the spring semester. All four Asian Interest chapters working closely with their Advisors, OFSA and the MGLC executive board agreed to implement the committee's recommendations this January. The newly drafted process includes a 4 way general informational session to kick off rush week, a bid day and a bid signing period.

Panhellenic News

In October, Panhellenic held its Annual Tricky Tray or Treat. With the help of the Ithaca and Cornell community and support by all 12 PA chapters, this silent auction raised over \$400 for the Tompkins County Public Library. This semester PA kicked off the Greek Woman campaign. Posters were distributed throughout campus highlighting and recognizing the achievements and accomplishments of women in the Greek system. The campaign also helped portray a more accurate image of the Greek system to first year students and encouraged them to go through recruitment.

FACULTY APPRECIATION 2006

Photos provided by Eric Safstrom

The Faculty Appreciation Reception featured keynote speaker, Professor Judith Ross-Bernstein. Professor Ross-Bernstein commented on her experience as an educator. She expressed the notion that we learn as much from our academic endeavors as we do from each other. She gave examples that illustrated the point that sometimes we learn most from unexpected inquiries and those who surround us. She implored us to never be afraid to question and never be afraid to embrace what others have to offer our educational experience.



*Keynote Speaker:
Professor Judith Ross-Bernstein*

Professor Ross-Bernstein has been a senior lecturer at Cornell for seventeen years and received the Innovative Technology Teaching Fellow Award in 2001. In the classroom she expects her students to answer their own queries, guiding them when necessary, but never forcing her opinions on an issue. As an educator who specializes in early childhood care giving, she is one of the few people who understand the true impact teachers have on students lives—cognitively, psychologically, emotionally.



*Jazmin Cameron (Lambda Pi Chi)
presents an award to Professor
Mary Roldan,
College of Arts & Sciences*

UPCOMING EVENTS

A.D. WHITE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

February 10, 2007 in the Statler Hotel. This year's conference will feature a resource fair sponsored by SMC, educational sessions and a Keynote address by Travis Apgar, Associate Dean of Students. This year's conference is sponsored in part by SMC, Sciarabba Walker & Co., LLP, Stewart Howe Alumni Services and Shaw Law Firm.

EMERGING LEADERS RETREAT

The Emerging Leaders Retreat is March 3 - 4, 2007 at the Watson Homestead. Representatives from each of our 68 fraternities and sororities are encouraged to attend. This retreat will help participants build relationships, foster collaboration, and discuss important topics within our Greek community. For more information contact Kara Miller at ksm39@cornell.edu.

GREEK FREAK STEP SHOW

Save the date for the 2007 Greek Freak Step Show – April 14, 2007. Proceeds of the show provide \$250 Book Scholarships to local high school students.

DELTA SERIES

This year's new member conference will be held on February 11, 2007. Contact Lisa Brown at lmb57@cornell.edu.

2006 FACULTY APPRECIATION AWARD RECIPIENTS

- Agriculture and Life Sciences
Robert Thorne
- Architecture, Art, and Planning
Raymond Dalton
- Arts and Sciences
Mary Roldan
- Engineering
Graeme Bailey
- Hotel Administration
Giuseppe Pezzotti
- Human Ecology
Van-Dyke Lewis
- Industrial and Labor Relations
Harry Katz

2006 GREEK SCHOLAR AWARD RECIPIENTS

- Multicultural Greek Letter Council
*Ngoc-Quynh Nguyen,
Lambda Theta Alpha*
- Panhellenic Association
*Jaime Kalman,
Alpha Chi Omega*
- Interfraternity Council
*Kevin Barmish,
Alpha Delta Phi*



Creating Chapters of Excellence Corner

Alpha Neighborhood

Near Peer Fellow: Andrea
Alpha Chi Omega, Chi Phi, Delta
Chi, Kappa Delta, Pi Delta Psi

Beta Neighborhood

Near Peer Fellow: Brandon
Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Kappa
Gamma, Lambda Pi Chi, Sigma
Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Pi,
Theta Delta Chi

Gamma Neighborhood

Near Peer Fellow: Frederick
Alpha Epsilon Phi, Alpha Kappa
Alpha, Phi Gamma Delta (FIJI),
Phi Kappa Tau, Sigma Phi,
Tau Kappa Epsilon

CCE Fall 2006 Program Highlights:

- ◆ Jazz at the Johnson
- ◆ Etiquette dinner
- ◆ Gorge clean up
- ◆ Near Peer Welcome luncheon
- ◆ Leaping Beyond with Dr. Debyii Thomas
- ◆ Chili Cook off
- ◆ Documentary Screening of *Orphans of Mathare*
- ◆ Cheese & Wine pairing instructional seminar
- ◆ Eating Disorder Workshop
- ◆ Halloween Event at Loaves & Fishes
- ◆ Self-Defense Workshop
- ◆ Alumni Networking event in NYC
- ◆ Outdoor Education Brother hood event
- ◆ Faculty reception

MINDING THEIR P'S AND Q'S: GREEKS ATTEND ETIQUETTE DINNER

Article by Richard Getzel '08,
Phi Gamma Delta

Everyone knows that when you are eating soup, slurping from the spoon is a universal no-no, a textbook faux pas that will garner you some undesired attention at the dinner table. But what is the protocol for passing the salt and pepper? And what should you order when you are wining and dining a potential client? These are some thorny issues, and according to Robert A. Shutt, an expert in Business Dining Etiquette, your reckless disregard for them could make for an embarrassing moment, sink that big deal, or even cost you that promotion you have coveted with a Commandment-breaking zeal.

But as luck would have it for the members of Alpha Chi Omega, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Lambda Pi Chi, Phi Gamma Delta, and Tau Kappa Epsilon, Robert A. Shutt paid a visit to campus Thursday, November 9th to instruct these prospective members of the workforce in the simple, but too often neglected rules of etiquette that govern business dining situations. The event was sponsored by the *Creating Chapters of Excellence Program*, a partnership of students, faculty, alumni, and staff charged with carrying out the mission of bringing greater depth, purpose, and value to Cornell's fraternity and sorority system.

At 6 PM, roughly one hundred curious members of the Greek community began filing into the Oaks, the mansion of Phi Gamma Delta sitting atop

West Campus' McGraw Place. Many students welcomed the opportunity as a nice change of pace from their daily Cornell grind. Those in attendance were very receptive to Mr. Shutt's message; prompting Maddie Sterling '08 to remark "college students are sometimes so wrapped up in the grand theories presented to us that we often overlook something so simple as table manners."

Just what is Mr. Shutt's message? "Manners matter and courtesy counts," period. By obeying the simple and easily learned rules of etiquette, you can further your career, land that new job, strike that lucrative deal, increase your sales, or secure that promotion. Business is so often transacted over the dinner table, as he explained, that we cannot content ourselves with just minding the P's and Q's of the corporate boardroom.

Mr. Shutt's presentation was a hands-on simulation of a business dining experience. Participants were treated to a cocktail hour, full-course meal and dessert, all the while Mr. Shutt lectured, often very amusingly, about how to negotiate the table setting, how to napkin, and how to butter bread with a style and finesse sure to leave a lasting impression on all eyes which just might look your way. Satisfied listeners learned that up to 85% of what you communicate to someone is non-verbal, so how you conduct yourself in a business dining atmosphere is a matter not to be taken lightly if you want "to shine through."

Participants listened intently throughout the evening, many taking home a newfound appreciation of some of the finer points of etiquette. Chip Godfrey '08, who played a behind-the-scenes role in organizing the event, thought Mr. Shutt's advice was very sound and even insightful. Godfrey elaborated, "Who really thinks about the consequences of holding a wine glass by the bowl? By forgetting to hold the glass by the stem, the condensation which gets on your hand really does make for a pretty awkward handshake."

Students were enlightened to a whole slew of practical observations like this one, and many felt they were all the better for it. Bryan Foster '07 concluded "the night was really worth it for me". You have to be at least somewhat conscious of etiquette if you really want to make your way after college."

Robert A. Shutt began his public speaking career in 1997, and previously served an assistant professor, training and development specialist, and university administrator. He has a long list of prestigious clients, including Lockheed Martin, General Electric, and countless more companies, colleges and universities, and professional and business organizations. His etiquette presentations have been sought out many times over to enhance career development and personal growth, and his expertise in these matters has been featured on the CBS Evening News. Cornell University is also a long-standing client of Mr. Shutt's.