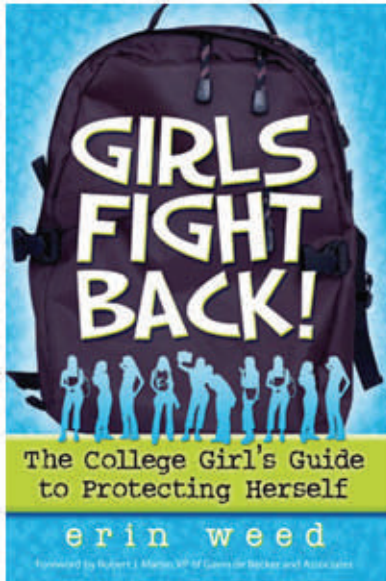




Panhellenic Association Council Update

The Panhellenic Executive Board from 2007 has organized and executed many Greek community events this past year that benefited Panhellenic women, Fraternity men, Cornell Faculty, and the Ithaca community. During Day of Demeter hundreds of Greek men and women came together to clean up a plot of land appropriately named the Greek Park. Equipped with rakes and shov-

els these students transformed the rugged land into a welcoming landscape outlined with flowers for all to enjoy. The semesterly blood drive held in the BioTech building on campus was equally successful and attracted non-Greek students, faculty, and Ithaca residents. Enough blood was donated to save the lives of 64 people and deemed a true success for the Panhellenic and entire community. Additionally, this past fall the three councils worked together to plan the annual Faculty Awards and Greek scholar ceremony. One professor was recognized from each college at the University by one of his or her students. As a



Panhellenic board, we are always aware that the first priority of Greek women is academics and it is important to give recognition to those that have inspired our sisters the most through our years at Cornell.

This past semester the Panhellenic board experienced the successes of our traditional events but also a new, exciting and beneficial program. Chaired by Nicole Mangiere, Vice President of University and Community Relations and Kristen Gravani, Vice President of Programming, the two officers organized the Erin Weed Book Program. Erin Weed, a speaker, author, fighter, filmmaker, and radio host, was first seen by the Panhellenic board at the National Greek Leadership Conference in Pittsburgh last February. She is the founder of the Girls Fight Back! Program and gave an inspirational and interactive speech on self defense just for women. Motivated by the tragic death of her Alpha Phi sister in college, Erin Weed easily relates to college woman and immediately attracted the attention of the Panhellenic Executive Board. Through the assistance of the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs and a co-sponsorship with the athletic department, the Panhellenic Board brought Erin Weed to campus to give her educational presentation to the women of Cornell University.

the book were also given to the athletics department to distribute amongst the female teams.

On the day of the event, the women's gymnastics team attended in impressive numbers and the event as a whole received only great reviews. Many women commented that it was the most interesting and interactive program the Panhellenic Board has organized. Furthermore, all women who attended the event received their own copy of Girls Fight Back! which Erin signed after the program. The Panhellenic board was proud to organize such a successful and unique event and looks forward to organizing events that benefit not only the Greek women, but all women on campus, as was done with the Erin Weed book program.



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In addition to bringing her program to campus, Mangiere and Gravani began a book program to spread awareness and knowledge about self defense for women. With the sponsorship of the Women's Resource Center, Weed's book "Girls Fight Back!" was purchased and copies were distributed to every residence hall as well as two copies to every sorority on campus. Seven copies of

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Panhellenic Rush Statistics:

- 582 participated
- 450 went through bid card signing
- 435 women received bids



MGLC Council Update

Last semester, the MGLC participated in the Tri-Council Trick or Treat Trail through Cayuga Heights.

MGLC held its Meet the Greeks on Thursday, January 24th at 7:30pm at the Townhouse Community Center. It was a successful turnout with over 100 attendees. Various Greek organi-

zations throughout the evening made introductions either through a presentation about their history, or through exhibitions known as stepping, strolling and saluting.

In addition, the MGLC also held elections for their E-Board positions and revamped the Constitution to include a new VP of Programming.

During MGLC weekend, the council held an Ice Cream Social, an Asian Interest Recruitment Committee meeting, and for the first

time, a general Recruitment Information workshop that informed interested individuals about the facts and fables surrounding Multicultural Greek Life.

On April 12th, the MGLC will be hosting the annual event known as Greek Freak where various teams of the MGLC will go and faceoff in a step competition. Top prize is \$ 1000; 2nd place is \$500. Other teams from other schools outside of Cornell are also allowed to participate and take home the winning prize.



Above:
MGLC New Member Social
Helen Newman Bowling Lanes
November 28th, 2008

Upcoming Events Spring 2008 Semester:

- Delta Series: 2/17 Kennedy: Call Auditorium 11:30-1:30 p Sororities; 2-4pm Fraternities
- NGLA: 2/21-24 in Hartford, CT
- End Of Year Reports Due - 3/28
- Shag Training Deadline: 4/11
- Greek Freak: 4/12
- Initiation Deadline: 4/13th
- SHAG Training (MGLC): 4/18
- Greek Awards: 4/27

Farewell Outgoing Council E-boards! Welcome the New!

IFC Rush Statistics:

- 773 participated
- 267 did not sign bids
- 506 received bids

Elections have gone and passed and now we have new leadership taking the reins of the Interfraternity Council, the Multicultural Greek Letter Council and the Panhellenic Association.

We welcome the new Council Officers of the Panhellenic Association: Katie O'Neil, Sarah Waterson, Rowena Perry, Sarah Kopper, Jennifer Hillman, Chit Phoo Nyo, Rachel Quigley, Alison

Ewing, and Elizabeth Phillips.

For the MGLC, we welcome Taylor LaMelle, Christopher Whyllie, Janene Smith, Iris Delgado, Nicholas Diaz, Carlos Casian, and Jessica Kwon.

Lastly, we welcome the officers of the Interfraternity Council: Greg Schvey, Ryan Lavin, Adam Paz, Mat Dubbiso, Ed Rooker, Jason

Geogres, Greg Mezzey, and Michael Misrahi.

Congratulations once again to the newly elected officers. The bar has been set. Let's continue raising the bar for Cornell's beloved Greek community and the greater Ithaca Community.