



A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

HELLO WILDCAT GREEK ALUMNI!

I am filled with great excitement as I write this letter for the first edition of *The Column*.

As an undergraduate, joining a sorority was one of the best decisions I made. Today, as a student affairs professional, I have the pleasure of continuing my passion for Greek life by working with the UA Greek community.

As the Director for Fraternity and Sorority Programs, I have the opportunity to work with our diverse and growing Greek community, which currently consists of 56 chapters. I also have the pleasure of working with our very strong and talented fraternity and sorority programs staff. Our team of seven staff members, both full-time and part-time, ranging from professionals and graduate students to undergraduate students, is here to help ensure the sustainability of The University of Arizona Greek community. We are always excited to meet UA Alumni and to have the opportunity to partner with you to increase our community's success.

Since 1915, UA fraternity and sorority life has remained a vibrant and respected part of campus. Becoming a member of this long standing community is an opportunity that thousands of undergraduate students are seeking each year. This year was a record breaking year in terms of the number of students who participated in sorority recruitment and fraternity rush. Our Greek community is alive and thriving at The University of Arizona and we are thrilled that so many new Wildcats are choosing to join our values-based organizations. We look forward to watching these new Greek students make their mark on campus the way that many of you did during your time as college students.

I hope you will enjoy our first *Column* publication and that you will visit us in the Fraternity and Sorority Programs Office the next time you return to campus for a visit. We value your partnership with our community and our staff is looking forward to meeting you.

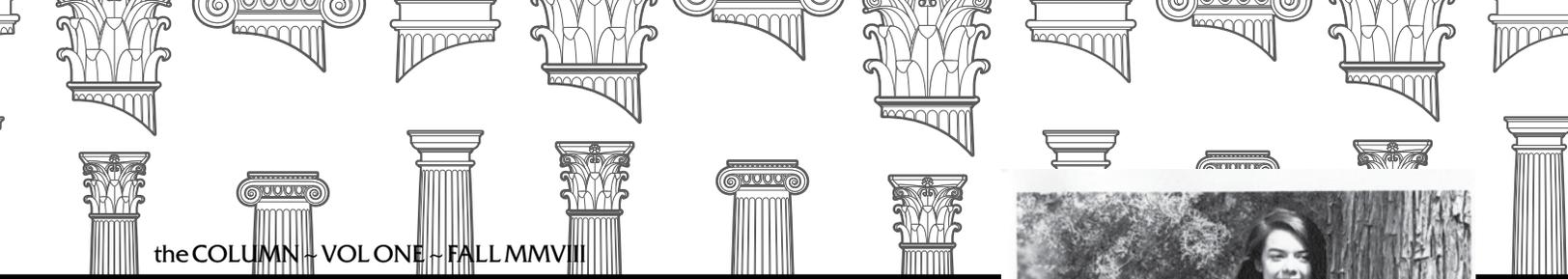
Bear Down!

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

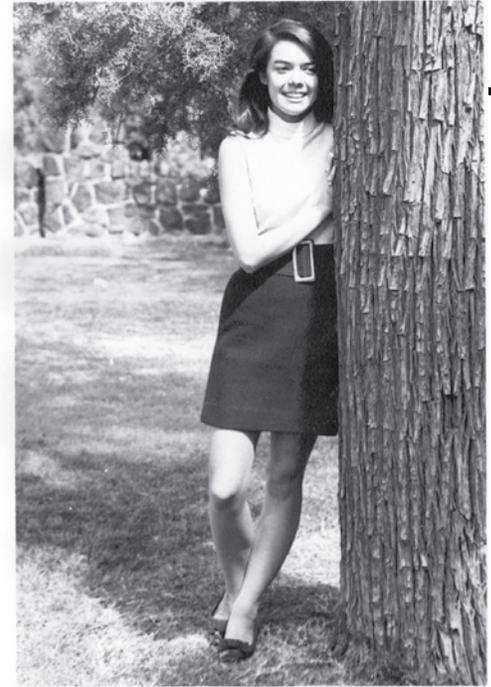
Our first UA Greek Alumni spotlight is Margaret (Max) Maxwell.

Max, a Phoenix Native now residing in Tucson, was initiated at the Beta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Chi Omega in 1968. While at The University of Arizona, Max received a BA in Drama Education and later received her Juris Doctorate from the UA College of Law. She was very involved as an undergraduate, serving as a Student Senator for the College of Fine Arts, as an Editor for the *Desert Yearbook*, the Editor of Course Evaluation, as a Justice on the ASUA Student Supreme Court and as the student member of President Harvill’s Student Personnel Committee. Max has since held numerous advisory positions including Chapter Advisor, Scholarship Advisor, New Member Advisor and Rush Advisor. She serves the Greek, Tucson, and Arizona community through various philanthropic and service organizations. From Habitat for Humanity to the Girl Scouts, Margaret will stop at nothing to help her community. She aspires to help everyone around her to lead a better life. Before her work as a judge, Margaret volunteered her law services to needy community members, including Vietnam War Veterans and victims of domestic violence. Max currently serves the Tucson community as a Judge for the Arizona Superior Court in Pima County.

Margaret Maxwell served on the Alpha Chi Omega National Council as National Vice President from 2004-2008. She has served on the Alpha Chi Omega Legislative Committee from 2003-2004. She also served as the President of the Beta Nu Beta Alumnae Chapter of Alpha Chi Omega from 2003-2005. She has been an active member of the local Alumnae Chapter since 1980. Margaret has been a member of the Beta Lambda Chapter Housing Corporation since 1994. During her membership with the Corporation, she has held the offices of President and Secretary.

While much of her work in the Community is done to benefit Alpha Chi Omega, Margaret always jumps at the opportunity to aid the Greek Community at The University of Arizona. With the help of her husband, University of Arizona Police Department Chief Anthony Daykin, she is constantly working to better the relationship between the two and to help Greek students to understand the safety resources that are available on campus.

Do you know someone you would like to nominate for the spring Alumni Spotlight? Send us their name and bio information to Jenny French Nirh, french@email.arizona.edu.



MARGARET MAXWELL
1968 Alpha Chi Omega



STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS

Joseph Rodriguez, a member of Pi Kappa Phi and our first fraternity member spotlight, is a native Arizonan who grew up in the Phoenix area. He graduated in 2005 from Brophy College Preparatory School and decided to attend The University of Arizona when he was offered a full scholarship because of his status as a National Hispanic Scholar. Joseph also wanted to stay close to his parents and two younger sisters, and felt the UA had the best campus setting for the college experience he wanted.



Although Joseph was the first person in his family to attend college and the first to join a fraternity, his family is very supportive of all the activities he is involved in. Joseph is now a senior at the UA pursuing dual degrees in Political Science and Geography and will graduate in May 2009, after which he hopes to attend law school.

Joseph has served the Greek Community and the University in a variety of ways. In Pi Kappa Phi he served as the President of his associate class, Associate Member Educator, Warden, member of the Rush/Bid Committee, and currently is the Philanthropy Chair. Joseph says, "Being able to share my experiences and relate to each of the pledge classes was a great experience, in which I really felt I was able to shape the direction of our house." His current position as Philanthropy Chair, is very rewarding for him and he is busy planning War of The Roses, the Pi Kappa Phi philanthropy to benefit Push America. Joseph is active in other areas of campus as well, and is currently the Mortar Board Senior Honorary President and serves as a student representative on the national board. He is also involved in Phi Alpha Delta, the pre-law honorary and Order of Omega Greek Honorary. Some of Joseph's favorite memories of the Greek Community are volunteering at the Tucson Children's Hospital with other members of Pi Kappa Phi and doing serenades for the sorority women as a freshman. Although he found singing and dancing for the women nerve wracking and out of character for him, overall he says it was a great time and a fond memory. ■

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Khristian Fleming, a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., is our first sorority student spotlight. An Arizona native hailing from the Phoenix area, Khristian graduated from Peoria High School in 2005 and decided to attend The University of Arizona because of the culture and mellow vibe of the campus. She also thought it was the perfect distance from her hometown, still near her family including four younger sisters. Khristian comes from a family of Greeks with numerous aunts and uncles belonging to National Pan-Hellenic Organizations. Khristian is now a UA senior pursuing a degree in Elementary Education and plans to graduate in May 2009, after which she hopes to teach in the Tucson Area while completing her Masters in Education. A very busy woman, she is currently president of both her sorority and the National Pan-Hellenic Council. Khristian has also served AKA as Vice-President, Parliamentarian, and Keeper of the Door and is active in Order of Omega Honorary and tutors at local school.

All of Khristian's favorite moments in the community revolve around service. She says, "Just knowing that me giving a little bit of my time can have such an amazing impact on the life of another individual is so inspiring to me. Whether it was CATwalk or a small chapter event with a local church on Easter Sunday, I felt great happiness when I was able to give back." In particular, volunteering with others at the Casa Maria Soup Kitchen was a great experience for her.



The reason Khristian decided to join the community was the past history of NPHC groups or Black Greek-letter Organizations. She greatly admires the resolve the women had when they started these organizations amidst the racism in the early 1900s. She also admires the way that the organizations have empowered women on college campuses and in communities across the world and is proud to be among such great women. ■



RECRUITMENT UPDATES

INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL (IFC) RUSH

The UA's Interfraternity Council had yet another successful Fall Rush. The week-long event, from September 1-6, 2008, ended with 608 men receiving bids to join fraternities on campus.

At the beginning of Rush week, each fraternity hosted events open to all potential new members. Rushees were encouraged to attend multiple open house events, and then attended invite-only events later in the week.

The culmination of IFC Rush was Bid Day, September sixth. All potential new members attended Bid Day Education sessions: one from UAPD on alcohol awareness and consequences for underage consumption, and another by the Oasis Program for Sexual Assault & Relationship Violence and Fraternity & Sorority Programs, about sexual consent and hazing. ■

PANHELLENIC RECRUITMENT

UA's 2008 Panhellenic Recruitment hit a record high, with registrations topping out at 1,146 women and 1,090 women the first day. We also had close to 1,000 family members at the information session. The father of Panhellenic President, Anna Beckett, who had another daughter going through recruitment, spoke to families about the recruitment process and what it is like having a daughter in a sorority.

Over 750 women received invitations to join our 11 Panhellenic Sororities. Each of the sororities accepted at least 66 new members, bringing our chapter average to about 180 women. We made a few successful changes to recruitment this year: firstly to the schedule. All recruitment events ended the Sunday prior to the first day of classes so that women could focus on academics. Also, the addition of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority allowed over 180 women to take part in sorority life through a new avenue. In all, more than 900 women joined us this fall, setting a new high point for our UA sorority community.

Additionally, this year the Panhellenic Council created educational sessions for women to attend between recruitment events. We had four different mandatory sessions: staying healthy in Tucson, the basics of Tucson/fun things to do, involvement opportunities at the UA, and positive body image. Next year the Council hopes to add additional sessions to further inform the women participating in recruitment. ■

NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL (NPHC) "MEET THE GREEKS 2008"

NPHC hosted their fall recruitment event, "Meet the Greeks" for the six Historically Black Greek-letter Organizations at The University of Arizona on September 19th. This bi-annual event was well attended by a diverse UA student population.

The evening began with an opening address from Judge Ronald Wilson, a UA adjunct professor and South Tucson City Judge. Judge Wilson opened the program by talking about the history of Black Greek-letter organizations and current role these organizations serve on campus and in the community.

After Judge Wilson's opening, attendees split up into groups to rotate from one chapter's presentation to another in order to learn more specific information about the activities and requirements for membership for each of the six NPHC chapters. The program concluded with a brief mixer so students could informally meet the active chapter members and ask questions. The NPHC chapters are looking for new members this year and interested students can come to the Fraternity and Sorority Programs office for more information. ■

USFC'S ROUND ROBIN

The United Sorority and Fraternity Council (USFC) represents diverse fraternities and sororities ranging from Latino-based, and Asian-American interest, to Gay Progressive, and Multicultural organizations. On Thursday, September 11th, USFC held their semi-annual Round Robin.

The event was a great success! Ten chapters were present and about 30 students attended. During the event, each chapter gave a brief overview on their history, values, and standards. Students who were interested were then given the opportunity to meet chapter members to see where they best fit.

As USFC continues to grow as a council, so are their recruitment efforts. The number of people in attendance during the fall Round Robin was more than what the council has had in previous semesters. USFC is looking forward to seeing more interest in what their chapters have to offer and having the Council grow. ■

EXPANSION

The **Interfraternity Council** is pleased to expand with three new fraternities joining its ranks. This process has been an exciting one for the council as well as for the new and potential members. The chapters who have been accepted or are under review for being accepted into the IFC family are: **Sigma Chi**, **Pi Kappa Alpha (PIKE)**, and **Zeta Beta Tau (ZBT)**.

Sigma Chi's Beta Phi Chapter will be in their third semester on The University of Arizona's campus this year, after making a final presentation to IFC on October 7, 2008, they are now full members of IFC. They have made a lot of progress so far; with the second highest total chapter GPA last spring semester and 42 active members within their chapter, they are looking to initiate 20 new members by the end of this fall.

Pi Kappa Alpha is well on their way to becoming a recognized member of the IFC for the first time in six years. They are in the process of colonizing now, with a full and active colony advisory board, who are taking steps to ensure their success. Thus far they have over 70 new members in the colony and look to grow that by the end of their recruitment period.

Zeta Beta Tau presented to the UA community and IFC on October 20th and 21st. We are excited to welcome them as a recognized fraternity in our greek community. They no already have over 25 members in their growing chapter. Welcome ZBT!

This period is a very exciting time for all parties, and the IFC looks forward to a successful expansion.

Alpha Delta Pi was welcomed into the **Panhellenic Community** in Fall 2008. Members from different groups served as ADPi ambassadors and helped the chapter recruit more than 180 women in just four short weeks. The chapter completed the colonization process in November and initiated 156 women and are now a fully recognized chapter at The University of Arizona.

The **United Sorority & Fraternity Council** also has a new chapter. **Chi Upsilon Sigma**, a Latina Sorority, joined USFC officially this fall and has already participated in many USFC events. ■



CATWALK A SUCCESS ...

... ONE MORE TIME!

CATwalk 2008 was a huge success! Over 3,200 people walked and ran, helping to raise **\$108,000** for the Bobbi Olson Fund for Women's Cancer Research at the Arizona Cancer Center.

The UA fraternity & sorority community did it again, by showing up in force and walking, running, and volunteering to pull this massive event off! We couldn't have done it without our sponsors, especially Sol Casinos, and without the talent of Jody Oehler and the support of the entire Olson family.

Check out the event photographs from Saturday's 5k walk and 10k run at catwalk.arizona.edu. The CATwalk team is already gearing up for next year, so save the date: **November 14, 2009**. To see how you can help with next year's CATwalk, email us at: catwalk@email.arizona.edu. And to donate directly, go to the web site and click on the paw.





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SPRING INFORMATIONAL & RECRUITMENT EVENTS

GO GREEK INFORMATION SESSION: JANUARY 25, 2009

This is an opportunity for students to learn about all the fraternities and sororities at The University of Arizona at one time. Student will later have the opportunity to attend sessions from our different councils.

IFC RUSH

January 25-January 30, 2009

USFC ROUND ROBIN

February 5, 2009

NPFC WEEK

February 16-20, 2009

HUNTER WHITE SAFE SPRING BREAK

March 1, 2009

THE LEGACY...

Did you know that the The Aristotle Academic Program is well under way? Designed and delivered by Fraternity & Sorority Programs together with the UA's award winning Strategic Alternative Learning Techniques Center (SALT), the Aristotle program will improve student grade point averages, improve student study skills, and build stronger Greek organizations. Find out more! Call us at 520/621-8046

GET IN TOUCH...

If you are a UA Greek Alum, we are excited to hear from you! The UA Fraternity & Sorority Programs office is always looking to get in touch with Alumni, and see how they are doing, and find out how the UA Greek community influenced their lives. Call us or email us, 520/621-8046 or french@email.arizona.edu.

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