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Latin Fraternity & Sorority Informational!

Come learn more about
Lambda Theta Alpha Latin
Sorority, Inc. & Lambda Theta
Phi Latin Fraternity, Inc.

Date: **Feb 22nd**
Time: **5pm**
Location: **SU 305**

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Submissions for the newsletter
should be sent to Sarah Seward at:

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Greek of the Month

Congratulations to February's Greek of the Month Winner-
Nick Gelbar (Beta Theta Pi)

Nick Gelbar has been an astound member of the Greek Community in the past year, taking on numerous roles and demonstrating excellence in every pillar of Greek Life. Nick serves as the New Member Educator, Chapter Historian and Homecoming Chair of Beta.



In addition to the roles Nick has taken on within his chapter, he has also emphasizes the importance of scholarship by maintaining a stellar GPA and playing an important role in Order of Omega. Nick has risen as the President of Order of Omega bringing the organization to new heights. He played a vital role in bringing the IMPACT program to UCONN and working with enhancing many programs such as Greek 101 and Emerging Leaders. Nick is "a special brother and a great leader." He will be graduating in May and will be greatly missed by the Greek Community.

HUSKYthon was a SUCCESS!

On Friday, Feb 11th, the 7th annual Husky Midnight Marathon kicked off events with a new spin to the opening ceremonies. Husky Midnight Marathon premièred this year with a new name of "HUSKYthon". Also, this year a dance marathon atmosphere actually emerged with over 80 dancers dancing the whole night through. Jorgensen was filled with the excitement from families from the Connecticut Children's Medical Center, UConn students, and friends from the community. The silent auction, inflatables, toilet bowl races, and UConn athlete autograph signing session were all a success! Overall, HUSKYthon brought in over \$16,000 for the Children's Miracle Network and the Connecticut Children's Medical Center- almost \$3,000 more than last year! The Board of Directors did an amazing job- a thank you goes out to them!



Selections for next year's Board of Directors will begin very soon. Applications for the top three directors positions are currently being accepted- please contact Amanda Andrade for more information (email: pixel632@msn.com). Applications will be posted shortly on www.greeklife.uconn.edu.

Exec Workshop
All Council &
Executive Officers

Date: Sunday March 19th

Time: 1-5 pm

Location: SU 304

This workshop will be an interactive session of goal setting for all continuing and newly elected chapter and council executive officers.

This is an extremely important training session to improve the future success of UCONN's Greek Community!

KEEP THE DATE OPEN!

Presidents
Appreciation
Lunch

In appreciation and honor for all of the hard work that presidents do for our Greek community and for their own organization, the Fraternity and Sorority Life Staff would like to cordially invite all council, chapter and Greek initiative presidents (past and present) to attend an open house style lunch.

Date: Monday, Feb 20th
Time: 11:30- 1:30
Location: SU 304C

We look forward to seeing you on Feb 20th. Thank you for all your efforts- Your hard work does not go unnoticed.

Community Service Days- A Fun and Easy Way to Help the Community!

The Mansfield Parks and Rec. department is gladly welcoming thirty five volunteers to aid in cleaning plants from a shrubland restoration project. These events will be held:



Mansfield Parks and Recreation
March 18th and 25th & April 1st
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Additionally, the town of Mansfield will also be accepting thirty-five participants to help pick up litter. The Clean-Up days are as follows:

Mansfield Community Clean-Up
March 18th and 25th & April 1st and 22nd
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM



If your organization is interested in participating in either of these community service events please contact Katie Fileccio at uconncsds@yahoo.com or go to the programs website at www.volunteer.uconn.edu

Lambda Take Over- Step Show



On Saturday, March 18th, Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc. and Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, Inc. will be hosting a high energy step show. Beginning at 6pm there will be various

groups showing their pride by strolling, stepping and saluting. The first place team will receive a large cash prize!

This is also a pre-event for Greek Week. Come to the Lambda Take Over and earn points earlier for your Greek Week team!

Zeta Beta Tau Colony Nationally Recognized

UConn's own ZBT Colony has been recognized in the national newsletter for undergraduate chapters of the Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity for being an outstanding and successful colony!

We are currently revamping the Greek Life website- any suggestions, feedback and comments are more than welcomed!

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Happy Birthday!
Recent & Upcoming
Fraternity & Sorority
Founders' Days

December

- 1- Lambda Theta Phi
- 4- Alpha Phi Alpha
- 10- Kappa Sigma
- 25- Delta Gamma

January

- 10- Tau Kappa Epsilon
- 15- Alpha Kappa Alpha
- 27- Kappa Alpha Theta

February

No UConn Organizations

March

- 1- Pi Kappa Alpha
- 9- Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Pi Beta Phi Community Service

The sisters of Pi Beta Phi, under the direction of Crystal Huntoon, sold Valentine-Grams as a recent fundraising event. The Valentines included a flower and candy, along with a personalized note from the sender. The event was a huge success and all of the proceeds raised were donated to purchase books for a local school.

Greek Week 2006- April 2-8th

Attention Chapters- Sign up for participating in Greek Week 2006 is currently open! This year, the GWMT is asking that chapters wishing to participate in Greek Week sign up. The deadline to sign up is Feb 22nd- to sign up, please



email Jenna Tamburro (jenna.tamburro@uconn.edu) with the name of your chapter delegate and their email. Chapter delegates must attend weekly delegate meetings starting Monday, Feb 27th at 5:30pm in MSB 415. Greek Week teams will be announced at the first delegate meeting.

Pre-Greek Week Event- Greek Week teams can earn bonus point for attending the *Lambda Take Over* on March 18th!

Student Action Committees

As the next step towards fraternal excellence at UConn, student action committees are being created this semester. The goal of these action committees is to have the students take us to the next level by laying down the ground work and true action plans for change. Below you will find the various committees and their brief descriptions. The committee memberships are open to all Greek students. Students who are interested should contact Judy Preston (judy.preston@uconn.edu) for more information. Meeting time and dates have not yet been established.



Technology Committee:

- o Develop and enhance all existing fraternity and sorority websites
- o Continue improvements on the Greek Life Website

Recruitment Committee:

- o Fall 2006- Minimal GPA standards raised to a 2.5
- o Fall 2007- Institution of a delayed recruitment program held in the Spring that would recruit students with at least 12 campus earned credits and minimal 2.5 GPA

Public Relations & Marketing Committee:

Greek Fun Facts

United States Presidents from 1887-Present who are Members of Greek Organizations:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>
1877-81	R. Hayes	ΔKE
1881	J. Garfield	ΔY
1881-85	C. Arthurs	ΨY
1889-93	B. Harrison	ΦΔΘ
1897-1901	W. McKinley	ΣAE
1901-09	T. Roosevelt	ΔKE/ΑΔΦ
1909-13	W. Taft	ΨY
1913-21	W. Wilson	ΦKΨ
1923-29	C. Coolidge	ΦΓΔ
1933-45	F. Roosevelt	ΑΔΦ
1945-53	H. Truman	ΔXA
1953-60	D. Eisenhower	TEΦ
1960-63	J. Kennedy	ΦKΘ
1974-77	G. Ford	ΔKE
1981-89	R. Reagan	TKE
1989-93	G. Bush	ΔKE
2000-now	G.W. Bush	ΔKE

All presidents since 1887 have been members of social Greek organizations except seven. Some, like Bill Clinton, are members of other Greek-lettered organizations or honor societies that then later developed into some of today's fraternities. Bill Clinton is a member of Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity- and we have an APO chapter at UCONN!

- Create a comprehensive marketing plan to target publics of the fraternity and sorority community

Policy Issues Committee:

- Audit of policies to develop recommended changes to existing policies

Husky Village Enhancement Committee:

- Enhance existing facilities in the Husky Village

Plots Committee:

- Develop a long-term plan for installing the plots that includes collaboration with grads/alums and working with the appropriate University staff.

UCPD Liaison Committee:

- Identify ways to establish proactive, positive relationships with both campus and community law enforcement departments.

Leadership Development Committee:

- Focus on progressive leadership development programs in order to foster future leaders (to include but not limited to: courses for credit, general leadership classes, and community-wide marquee programs)
- Actively support the Greek Judicial Board as the vehicle for peer adjudication of policies adopted by the governing councils

Recognition Program Committee:

- Identify ways to more publicly honor the members of the Greek Community

Alumni and Homecoming Committee:

- Create UConn Greek Alumni Association to begin Fall 2006
- Establish association between OFSL and UConn Alumni Association and UConn Foundation in order to establish a program of outreach, involvement, and recognition

Looking ahead to upcoming events...

Feb 16-18: NGLA Conference in Hershey, PA
Feb 20: Presidents' Day, Presidents Appreciation Lunch
Feb 22: Greek 101: New Member Seminar, 6-7pm in SU 304B
Feb 26: Husky Village Housing Corp Alums & House Managers Meeting, 3-4:30pm in South A, Room 113
March 1: Greek Alum Panel, 8-9 pm in SU Theatre
March 2: Greek 101: New Member Seminar, 6-7pm in SU 304B
March 5-12: SPRING BREAK!
March 18: Lambda Take Over, 6-11pm in VDM
March 19: Exec Workshop, 1-5pm in SU 304\
March 21-22: David Stollman's campus visit
March 26: Alum/Grad Advisors & Presidents Meeting, 1-2:30pm in South A, Room 113
March 26: Husky Village Housing Corp Alums & House Managers Meeting, 3-4:30pm in South A, Room 113
March 26: NPC Workshop, 6-10pm in SU 304

Greek Week Schedule of Events, April 2-8th:

Greek Life Awards Reception is April 9!