Remembering the Red; Homecoming 2013

By Moriel Daniel

Homecoming this year at the University of Maryland had a different perspective than usual. With the Greek Centennial and a new homecoming committee, events and activities took a different route.

While matchups are typically concerned about the competition, the homecoming committee worked hard to turn the focus onto University activities, such as the comedy show and the new pep-rally and pre-party. The main activities for Greek Life included the typical athletics, Olympics, skit and backdrop. However, with the Centennial this year, chapters were able to create exciting digital backdrops. At the pep-rally, the top three matchups performed their skits again – exposing the talent of the community to the broader Maryland population. Greek members were also happy to learn about the points breakdown for this year’s events. With the system more transparent, members were able to somewhat track their standing throughout the week. Chapters found it much more convenient for athletics to take place mostly on a Sunday, as classes and other extracurricular activities did not conflict. Athletics were much more laid back in the early afternoon, rather than the sun coming down on a flag football game.

The result of the new homecoming week layout helped create less stress for chapters and a great social environment for matchups!

New PHA Advisor Excited For Greek Life at UMD

By Rachel Barron

If Kahlin McKeown’s life had gone exactly how she planned it when she was a college sophomore, she would be teaching elementary school, not serving as advisor for the University of Maryland’s Panhellenic Association.

“I feel like my sorority gave me everything that I needed to get to this point because I wouldn’t be here if I hadn’t joined a sorority,” McKeown said.

As advisor of Maryland’s Panhellenic Association, the governing body of the university’s 15 sororities, McKeown is responsible for organizing, communicating, streamlining and explaining all things sorority. She is particularly focused on improving the relationship between the university, Panhellenic Association and the sororities. McKeown prides herself as being a go-to resource: she makes sure she is available to problem solve and figure out what the Panhellenic Association can do to help in any situation.

“We’re working on kind of getting the chapters to realize what PHA does and why,” she said.

McKeown’s first taste of Greek Life came when she was a freshman at the University of Delaware. After feeling lost among a crowd of 17,000 students, she decided to participate in sorority recruitment. McKeown found a home in Alpha Xi Delta. Although it wasn’t her first choice, once McKeown joined Alpha Xi Delta, she fell in love with it. Right from the beginning, her sisters looked to her to assume important responsibilities. Her sorority gave McKeown the opportunity to be a leader and see that being a part of Alpha Xi Delta was bigger than herself.

The Greek community guided McKeown through some difficult decisions during college and, in a way, showed her the impact that Greek leaders can have on young lives.

“In my junior and senior years, I really didn’t want to do education,” she said. “I really couldn’t see myself being in a classroom every single day.” Instead of giving up, McKeown turned to resources within the Greek community for guidance and career advice. When one of the advisors suggested working in student affairs, particularly Greek Life, McKeown realized she had her answer.

Prior to moving to the Washington, D.C., area, McKeown spent time in Bowling Green, Ohio, and Wilmington, N.C., working in the Greek division of student affairs, a big change from the diverse high school she attended outside Philadelphia. “After being involved in that kind of environment, going to places like Bowling Green, Ohio, and Wilmington, N.C., and seeing how little diversity there was, I was just like ‘Oh,’” she said.

At Maryland, however, McKeown felt right at home. The diverse environment on campus and in the city was compatible with her background and comfort level. “Delaware’s campus looks a lot like Maryland: it’s brick, it’s Georgian architecture, it’s columns, it’s beautiful,” she said. McKeown sees her role in Greek life as striking a balance between building relationships and challenging people. “You don’t want to rub people the wrong way as soon as you get there, but you also don’t want to be a pushover when you first get there,” she said.

Right now, she is building relationships, as well as starting to challenge the culture and ask questions of the students.

“I see so much in students that I saw in myself,” McKeown said. “I can help them through things that I either went through or that I can definitely relate to.”

Photo from Kahlin
Rho Gamma Training has Begun

By Natalie Koltun
At the beginning of our journey in Greek life, we all went through some form of recruitment. Majority of sorority women experience formal recruitment in the spring. This entails long days, hours of talking, and meticulously prepared outfits. The ones that guided us through the sometimes confusing and challenging process that is recruitment are our lovely Rho Gammas. These women are carefully selected based on an individual interview as well as a lengthy application process. Once chosen, they undergo extensive training taking place during the fall semester before formal recruitment. This training includes classes every Wednesday starting in October where the women learn what is necessary for a fair recruitment as well as tips on how to properly advise their potential new member group. During this training period, Rho Gammas are required to disaffiliate from their respective chapters. They must refrain from wearing their letters or any form of PR. However, they are able to continue sporting apparel that supports the entire Greek community, such as PHA shirts. In addition, any and all pictures of a current Rho Gamma displayed in a chapter house must be removed or covered, including composite pictures. These women are also required to delete anything related to their chapter that they have posted on social media, and are often asked to change their settings to “unsearchable”, as to prevent any curious potential new members from interacting with them outside of recruitment events.

Kappa Delta’s Dunk N’ Dodge

By Sara Goodwin
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Get to Know the PHA Executive Board!

Molly Alsobrook-President
About My Position:
I oversee all operations of PHA. I work a lot with outside groups and organizations to promote and sponsor many programs. I am also great for any general questions or concerns, and I will lead you in the right direction!
Fun Fact: Despite being diabetic, I can bake a mean brownie.
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Hannah Klein-VP of Community Affairs
I serve as head of the Homecoming and Greek Week committee to plan and organize various activities throughout the week. I works closely with IFC and SGA to strengthen the relationship between the University and the City of College Park. I also hold monthly meetings with service events and intersorority events for the PHA.
Fun Fact: I love fun slides
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Laurealee Fangmeyer-VP of Recruitment
Update the Panhellenic Formal Recruitment Rules - Meet monthly with Recruitment Chairs & Recruitment Advisors - Plan and Organize Meet the Greeks - Oversee and assist my cabinet: 2 Rho Gamma Coordinators & 1 Assistant - Help to select and train Rho Gammas - Oversee all of Formal Recruitment and Fall Recruitment Efforts
Fun Fact: I'm the only Laurealee I have ever met.
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Claire Posey-VP of Social Responsibility
I work with Chapters in order to educate them on the SEM policy, risk management and BYOB
I book the Fall and Spring New Member Alcohol Speaker
I plan the programming for Hazing Prevention Week
I plan the perfect party
Fun Fact: I was a ball girl for the 2003 Maryland Men's Basketball Team
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- I oversee all apparel and advertisement items that each chapter makes
- I control the facebook, twitter, and website accounts! I also make the columns and advisor newsletter each month!
- I collaborate with the PR chairs from all chapters
- I also make a free community PR item for all chapters in the fall so keep an eye out!
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Promote and Execute PHA Academic Focus week
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Hillel Alternative Break Trip

In an effort to bring Hillel and Greek life closer together on the Maryland campus, Hillel has created an unique Alternative Break trip for Greek Terps! Maryland Hillel is partnering with the Jewish Disaster Response Corps in Oklahoma City this year to help physically rebuild from the tornado that hit this May. Terps will have the opportunity to help rebuild the towns of Moore and Whitecastle, both devastated by the storm, during the week of January 12th to 19th.
While interacting with survivors of the tornado, trip members will have the chance to stay on campus at Oklahoma University and create friendships with other Jewish Greek Terps!
Applications available at http://www.marylandhillel.org/alternativebreak/.

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The NPHC Homecoming Step Show put on by various NPHC groups, was included at this year’s Pep-Rally and Pre-Party. Various chapters were able to participate in this inaugural event, including Alpha Phi Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta and Kappa Alpha Psi. Both the men and women's groups performed traditional stepping routines as well as original, innovative dances.
The step show provided an opportunity for all four Greek Life councils to join together and celebrate the conclusion of Homecoming Week. While the councils typically run their own activities, Homecoming brings them together to foster relationships between various groups of people.
The broader Maryland community was also provided a chance to view the culture of the “Divine Nine” African American group, to which students are not generally exposed.

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Danielle Beauchamp-VP of Finance
Manage the budget
Create invoices for chapters' dues and/or fines
Pay for any room reservations, events, Panhellenic expenses, etc.
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