COMMUNITY UPDATE
Evan Fossen – Interim FSI Director

111 years, and UM’s Greek life is still going strong. There are currently 11 chartered organizations and one colonizing chapter on our campus. The 4 sororities on campus are Alpha Phi, Delta Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta, and Kappa KappaGamma. The fraternities are Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi, and Sigma Nu, Phi Delta Theta, Kappa Sigma, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Pi Kappa Phi, and Alpha Sigma Phi who are colonizing. Sorority total is currently at 66 members, and the average fraternity size is 30 members. All sorority chapters are housed, and there is a mix of housed and unhoused fraternities. A few of the unhoused chapters are working together to get the Missoula city council to address and change the housing ordinances in place in the U District restricting them from obtaining a chapter facility.

Though UM has faced many hard times with a major decline in enrollment numbers and budget cuts, Greek life continues to grow and excel. Adding 168 new members this past fall semester, the Greek community is 512 members strong. This is a growth of over 30 members from last year! The Greeks continue to strive for academic excellence, and last fall earned a cumulative GPA of 2.92.

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UPCOMING EVENT
DICK FORD - SAE ALUM

The Montana Beta Chapter of SAE will be celebrating 90 years of continuous presence on the University of Montana Campus next Fall 2017 at Homecoming. Many activities are being planned, including a Banquet and Concert, Open Houses, Saturday morning Pancake Breakfast, Little Sisters reunion, and much more! Check out the website to learn more. Contact John Greener 815-459-0099 if you want to help with events.
UM’s Homecoming is always a great time for alumni, students, faculty, staff, and friends of UM to come together and show their pride for the Griz. This year’s homecoming theme was “Under the Big Sky” and took place on the weekend of Sept. 30th - Oct. 1st. Fraternities and Sororities were grouped into four teams that each entered a float in the annual homecoming parade. The team that consisted of Kappa Alpha Theta, Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, and Sigma Nu won third place among UM Organizations for their float (see photo).

Friday luncheons were held for actives and alums of Alpha Phi at Jaker’s, Kappa Kappa Gamma at Finn & Porter and Sigma Chi at The Press Box. The All-Alumni Social and Dance was held at the Holiday Inn on Friday night from 7:00 until midnight.

The Sigma Chi Brothers celebrated their 110th anniversary at the Elks on Friday evening, at a tailgate Sat. before the game and at a banquet and dance at the Hilton Garden Inn on Saturday evening. Over 200 Sigma Chis were in attendance.

SAE members provided breakfast for those watching the parade on Sat. morning at the corner of University and Gerald. All Greek Alumni tailgate hosted by the Greek Task Force at the practice field by the footbridge before the game. The GTF is a committee that provides scholarships for Greek students. To get involved in the GTF and supporting scholarships, send an email to Evan Fossen, or check out the: umgreek giving page to donate directly.

Please check out the fraternity & sorority involvement Facebook page and website to stay up to date on what is going on with Greek Life at UM. All FSI or GTF inquiries may be directed to Evan Fossen.

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