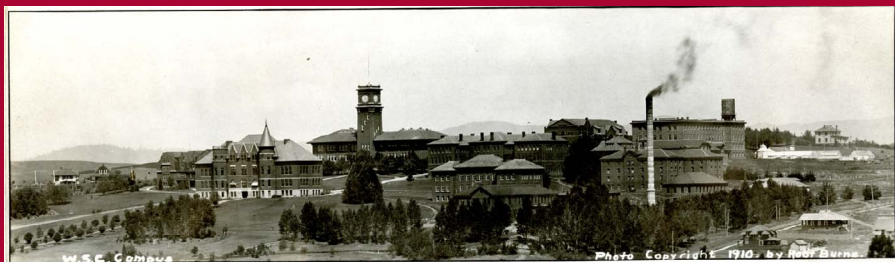


A CENTURY OF GREEK LIFE AT WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

1909-2009



ABOUT THIS BOOK...

This book was prepared by the Center for Fraternity and Sorority Life to accompany the celebration of Greek Life's centennial. It is in no way a scholarly publication, but rather, is meant to convey a little of what campus life in general, and Greek Life in particular was like through the past century. A paragraph or two summing up a decade can do little else. The time line flowing through the booklet gives highlights and significant events, but does not pretend to be comprehensive.

There are American Elm trees on the east side of Bryan Hall, planted by E.A. Bryan, over a century ago. Greek life is like these trees. Alive, enduring, yet subject to the environment. You will find hints of that environment here.

The information here will also be presented as part of the Greek Centennial website (www.gogreek.wsu.edu).

You are invited to be a part of telling this story. Send your story to greeklife@wsu.edu and, if you wish, it will be added to the website. Photographs are also welcome.

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- 1890 — State Land-Grant College established by the State Legislature, March 28.
First meeting of Board of Regents, April 22.
- 1891 — George Lilley appointed first president, April 25.
Contract awarded May 22 for the campus's first building named the "CRIB". Cost estimate = \$1500.
- 1892 — College opened its doors on January 13 under the name Washington Agricultural College and School of Science.
Construction started on Ferry Hall, first residence hall, February.
College Hall contract awarded May 15.
- 1893 — E.A. Bryan appointed third president. Elm trees planted on west side of Bryan hall (trees still stand).
- 1894 — First varsity football game: WSC beat Idaho, 10-0
November 10.
- 1895 — First issue of Evergreen student newspaper published.
- 1896 —
- 1897 — **Eight men formed a club that became the Ophite fraternity, which eventually became chartered as Sigma Nu.**
- 1898 — Alumni Association organized June 23. Edward Kimmel (Class of 1897) is the first president.

THE BEGINNING OF WSU

What would eventually become Washington State University was founded in 1890 when the state legislature established the land-grant college. The first Board of Regents met that April to begin the work of making a college. George Lilley was appointed as first president in April, 1891. Contracts soon went out for the first few buildings. On January 13, 1892, the Washington Agricultural College and School of Science opened its doors for instruction. Photographs of the campus then do not show lots of trees and grass, but rather lots of open space and dirt. Students, mostly kids fresh from the farm, walked from the Pullman train depot up the hill to start lives different from what their parents knew. Even after Ferry Hall opened in 1892, students sought accommodation in the houses near campus—on College Hill. Spare rooms were rented and boarding houses became gathering places after class.

E.A. Bryan became the third president on July 22, 1893. Instruction in Veterinary Medicine began in 1895. The first graduating class, all seven of them, received their degrees in 1887.



1900

1901

1902

First master's degree conferred - M.S. in Botany.

1903

1904

1905

College name changed to State College of Washington.

1906

Ophite fraternity forms, will become Delta Iota of Sigma Nu in 1910.
Pi Delta Phi, the first women's fraternity on campus, formed in November, 1906 and would eventually become a chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta

1907

1908

1909

National Interfraternity Conference founded in 1909
Kappa Theta affiliated with Kappa Sigma becoming the first nationally affiliated fraternity at WSC on February 3, 1909.



Walter Davis donated his family home to Kappa Sigma for their first chapter house.

THE FIRST DECADE OF GREEK LIFE

This first decade of the new century began with new campus buildings and more degree offerings. But the feel of the college was very much that of a small school. The president of the university, E.A. Bryan, gathered all of the students each morning for a talk. At a time when other universities observed a strict separation of students and professors, here they went on wagon rides together. How much the isolation of Pullman brought everyone together can be debated, but not ignored.

Isolation did have one very positive effect on students at the State College of Washington. Since there were not very many students, but much to do between athletics, politics, and activities, people who might have been excluded from participation in more densely populated places were accepted at the state college. Even women. Daisey T. Busby became editor of the campus newspaper in 1904 and supervised a staff of men. Women graduated with science degrees and served on campus committees, but would not take other prominent positions on campus until the 1940's.

One amazing fact that brought students from everywhere to Pullman was that it was tuition-free. Women and farm kids and children of parents who never expected to go to college could come here and get a quality education.

It is easy to see how a like-minded group of young men found each other and common purpose in founding Kappa Theta, and with the help of the Idaho Chapter of Kappa Sigma, gained their charter as Gamma Mu of Kappa Sigma in February of 1909. The local Ophite fraternity, started in 1906, was on it's way to becoming the Delta Iota chapter of Sigma Nu. Their charter was granted in March of 1910.

- 1910 — **Sigma Nu chartered (Ophites become Delta Iota of Sigma Nu) on March 10, 1910**
- 1911 — **Washington Sigma fraternity installed as the Washington Gamma chapter of Alpha Tau Omega**
- 1912 — **Local Beta Alpha granted Washington Alpha chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon on in March, 1912**
Phi Alpha Epsilon became Beta of Pi Beta Phi on July 6
Theta Kappa became Upsilon of Alpha Delta Pi on October 5
- 1913 — **Pi Delta Phi installed as Alpha Sigma chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta in June, 1913**
- 1914 — **Tolo Club installed as Tau Zeta of Lambda Chi Alpha in April**
 Students Book Corporation — the ‘Bookie’ - founded by the Associated Students of the State College of Washington.
- 1915 — **Phi Upsilon became Washington Beta chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon**
 Ernest O. Holland appointed president.
- 1916 — **Alpha Theta Sigma women’s local installed as Omega of Alpha Chi Omega in September**
- 1917 — World War I (1917-19) impacted State College, with units of soldiers training on campus. 41 soldiers died of influenza epidemic.
- 1918 — **Phi Delta Theta installed Delta as Washington Gamma chapter of Phi Delta Theta on March 15**
Sigma Beta Pi granted charter as Theta Nu of Delta Delta Delta in December
- 1919 — **Delta Phi Phi installed as Phi chapter of Delta Zeta on April 18**
Delta Sigma installed as Beta Upsilon of Sigma Chi on November 14



The first Kappa Alpha Theta chapter house

1910-1919

As enrollments increased, more Greek chapters were established and took up residence on Greek Row. Many local clubs chartered as chapters of national fraternities—like the Tolo Club becoming a chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha and the Ophites becoming Sigma Nu. Chapters took up residence in old family homes on Colorado and Linden streets, like the Walter Davis house given to Kappa Sigma.

Women’s groups, still called fraternities at this time, arrived on the scene. Pi Delta Phi formed in 1906 and chartered as Alpha Sigma chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta in 1913. Two other locals became nationally chartered in 1912--local Phi Alpha Epsilon became the Beta chapter of Pi Beta Phi on July 6, 1912 and Theta Kapa local became Upsilon chapter of Alha Delta Pi on October 5, 1912.

Even then, students had to be persuaded to leave the relative comfort of the dorms for life in chapter houses that might have not been the most luxurious of accommodations. But they were persuaded and membership blossomed. Chapter houses took on more of the feel of homes than dormitories ever could. Greek Row was the center of campus social life. And membership might even help you find a job to pay for college. Many students worked in chapter dining halls and a fellow member might have a connection to someone who might give you a job downtown. Of course, the fissure between Greeks and the rest of campus grew.



Alpha Delta Pi members

1920	<p>Gamma Delta local became Gamma Theta chapter of Beta Theta Pi on January 17</p> <p>Zeta Phi intalled as Gamma Eta of Kappa Kappa Gamma on May 7</p>
1921	<p>Local Epsilon Nu Gamma installed as Omega chpater of Theta Xi in February</p> <p>A.G.R. club installed as Sigma chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho</p> <p>Phi Gamma Chi local was became Alpha Gamma of Sigma Kappa on February 12</p>
1922	<p>Tonora Club granted a charter as Sigma Tau of Kappa Delta on April 14</p> <p>Mitra Club installed as Delta Beta of Alpha Gamma Delta on June 8</p>
1923	<p>Omega Theta became Beta Beta of Chi Omega on June 9</p> <p>Sigma Upsilon installed as Epsilon of Theta Upsilon in September</p>
1924	<p>Gamma Phi installed as Alpha Omicron chapter of Theta Chi</p>
1925	<p>Gamma Nu became Alpha Sigma of Alpha Xi Delta in June</p> <p>Beta Chi Alpha, a men's local, was chartered as Chi Deuteron of Phi Sigma Kappa on December 18</p>
1926	<p>Butch Meeker, 5-foot-5, 145-pound halfback, led the football team to a successful 6 win-1 loss season. The Cougar mascot was named "Butch" in his honor.</p>
1927	<p>Diversity Club became Eta of Alpha Kappa Lambda</p> <p>Omega Phi installed as Alpha Kappa of Phi Kappa Tau</p>
1928	<p>Delta Tau Alpha became Alpha Gamma of Tau Kappa Epsilon on January 1</p> <p>Local women's group Kappa Beta installed as Beta Mu of Zeta Tau Alpha in February</p>
1929	<p>Phi Epsilon chartered as Gamma Xi of Pi Kappa Alpha on October 26</p>

Dinner at a Sorority House



THE TWENTIES

Expansion continued on Greek Row. As you can see from the timeline on the facing page, sixteen national chartered fraternities and sororites were operating on campus by the end of this decade. These chapters grew out of locally established clubs. Most bought or built homes on California, Colorado, Linden or Ruby streets. (The reader is referred to E.A. Bryan's *Historical Sketch of the State College of Washington* for addresses of these original homes.) As more students became affiliated with these fraternities and sororites, the voting power of Greeks became apparent. Here was a large and growing groups of students who were in touch with each other and involved with campus issues. The cohesiveness of this community far surpassed that of independent students. Mobilizing them to vote turned out to be relatively easy. When leadership was needed, Tau Nu Epsilon stepped in to fill the void.

Tau Nu Epsilon (TNE) at WSC formed in about 1912 or 1913 but didn't become a power broker in student government until 1920. This was a nationwide, if unofficial, secret organization that had a profound influence on campus politics into the 1920's. TNE provided a way for fraternities to band together and unite the voting students to elect student body presidents, editors of the *Daily Evergreen*, and even Homecoming Queens. Members were hand-picked by other members and most people on campus knew nothing of the organization or who it's members were. Through its leadership, Greek Row dominated campus politics for over a decade.

Edward R. Murrow, 1926-1930, was a member Kappa Sigma at WSC. He honed his speaking skills through classes and debates, and graduated to become one our most famous alumni.

1930	\$1,000,000 raised in three months to rebuild football stadium.
1931	The Great Depression severely impacts WSU, with faculty and staff taking an average 25 percent cut in salary during two-year period.
1932	Alpha Omicron Pi established
1933	Delta Upsilon chapter chartered Philip Abelson graduated in Chemistry. Later recognized as "Father of Atomic Submarine." Editor of Science magazine; president of Carnegie Institution.
1934	
1935	Gauge and Gavel Club chartered as chapter of Acacia
1936	Construction started on Women's Gym and on Davis and Wilmer residence halls.
1937	
1938	Alumni Association celebrated 40th anniversary.
1939	

Student Strike, 1936



THE THIRTIES

Student life in the 1920's and 30's was dominated by the influence of Dean of Women, Annie M. Fertig. She was considered a tyrant by students of the day. Lambda Chi Alpha held a dance without her approval and was placed on social restriction for the rest of the year. Many rules, like women could not wear red dresses, either issued from the Dean's office or everyone thought they did. Dean Annie did not write her rules down. This became the chief complaint that lead to the student strike in April of 1936.

The strike was organized in about four days, something made easier by communication on Greek Row. Discussion began there and reached out to dormitories over the weekend. News was provided to the Spokane and Seattle newspapers. An estimated 3,000 to 3,500 students (nearly the entire student body) marched on Bryan Hall on May 5. Jerry Sage and Robert Yothers, along with half a dozen other students, met with President Holland for several hours to discuss the complaints.

When a disheartened Holland finally agreed to the student's demands, it was too late on the night of May 6 to call off the strike. On the morning of May 7, pickets went up in front of all campus buildings and were honored by most students. By 4:30 that afternoon, word of the president's concession was transmitted to students and the strike ended. Dean Annie Fertig and Dean of Men Carl Morrow resigned immediately after the strike. Rules governing student social life were soon published and a committee was established that provided fairer hearings for students. Discontent with the administration's rules will be a recurring theme in the future.

Only three chapters were chartered in this decade, a marked slowdown from the roaring expansion during the Twenties. But clearly, as the strike organizers knew, Greek Row was still the center of student organization.

1940

1941

Land purchased by ASSCW for Student Union Building.
Pearl Harbor attacked, December 14

1942

First contract with government for training enlisted men in aviation, Japanese language, signal corps, radio and gunnery.

1943

Delta Sigma Zeta chartered as chapter of Delta Chi
Cougar football suspended for duration of World War II.

1944

Research led to the development of "Cougar Gold Cheese," produced by WSU Creamery.

1945

Wilson Compton becomes president of WSC in 1945

1946

Phi Kappa Theta established
Delta Gamma established
Temporary housing brought in for faculty and students to accommodate GI bulge following World War II.

1947

1948

Contract awarded to build Todd Hall.

1949

Delta Sigma Phi established
Contract award to build Holland Library.

THE FORTIES

The insulation of endless wheat fields was not enough to keep the world events away from WSC. The lasting effects of World War II reshaped campus life. After Pearl Harbor, most men joined the military and left campus. Men did come to Pullman, but as squads of trainees who only stayed four months. The task of carrying on campus traditions was left to women. For the first time, women became campus leaders, editors of the Evergreen, and set the tone for campus life.



East House, 1946. One of the temporary residences built for GI's on Mud Flats.

After the war, veterans using the GI bill flooded onto campus. Enrollment in 1939 was 4,300. By 1947 it soared to 6,700. Temporary dorms were built to accommodate the new students. The fact that these men were older and had experienced military life meant that the typical treatment of freshmen by seniors would not hold. Any vestiges of the old "hacking" and other forms of hazing died away quickly. Alcohol became a much more common part of student life. Many veterans came to campus with their wives and children. Most professors at the time felt that these men were some of the serious students they had known.

THE FIFTIES

Changes in student life that began with the return of soldiers and sailors after the War, continued into the fifties. The presence of cars (and parking problems) helped open the surrounding community to students. In 1952, the CUB opened and took some of the social focus from Greek Row.

But what brought the outside world to isolated Pullman in the biggest way might have been Rock and Roll music. The sing-alongs beside the parlor piano gave way to records and radios and a sound with urban roots. It became the soundtrack of the Korean War and the McCarthy era.

Fraternalities and sororities were still a vital part of student life. In many ways, they were havens and bastions of a more conservative way of life. Amidst the rock and roll, house moms ruled and curfews were taken seriously, especially by women. Even so, woman's place in society was quietly starting to shift—a move that would become more pronounced in the 60's and 70's. Alpha Phi's were in at the beginning of it. While they built their new chapter house in 1955, they lived in one of the dormitories set up for returning GI's. Men and women living in such proximity brought about discussions of integration—of gender, not race.



Rush Picnic, 1955

- 1950 — **Phi Gamma Delta chartered**
- 1951 —
- 1952 — C. Clement French assumes presidency on April 1.
Compton Union Building dedicated.
- 1953 —
- 1954 — Keith Jackson graduated, president of Crimson Circle, outstanding senior, chief announcer of KWSU.
- 1955 — **FarmHouse chapter chartered**
Gamma Phi Beta chapter chartered
- 1956 — **Delta Tau Delta chartered**
- 1957 —
- 1958 —
- 1959 — WSC became WSU

1960 — Presidential candidate John F. Kennedy spoke in Bryan Auditorium Feb. 11, 1960

1961

1962

1963 — WSU joined Athletic Association of Western Universities, which later became the Pacific-8, then the Pacific-10 Conference.

1964 — Famed “Agony Hall” (Music Conservatory) torn down to make way for new Kimbrough Music Building.

1965

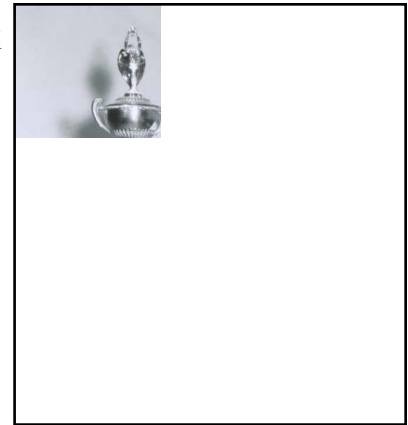
1966

1967

1968 — New French Administration Building dedicated to President C. Clement French.
Marmes excavation near Washtucna in Adams County revealed the remains of oldest human beings in Western Hemisphere, approximately 12,000 years old.

1969 — Anti-Vietnam War protests and student unrest result in sit-ins in Placement Bureau and French Administration Building.

Sue Pedersen, Sigma Chi Sweetheart, 1963



THE SIXTIES

Vietnam War, race riots, footage from campus protests were seen on television nightly news broadcasts—the world was crashing in on Pullman’s isolation. Campus protest marches and rallies coincided with high ROTC enrollment. Anti-war and pro-war editorials sometimes appeared side by side in the *Evergreen*. Racial tensions ran high on campus and protests melded racial issues with nonunion migrant worker issues and included those protesting the draft.

The influence of Greek Row on campus culture waned. Rule-bound fraternities and sororities were seen as a social liability in the free-wheeling 60’s. No one really wanted to be told what to do. And the idea of coming to school to find a husband was history! Fraternities, especially, still offered the hope of making business connections that

would lead to a prosperous future. In a time of chaos and shifting causes, Greek chapters held steady. Alpha Chi Omega built a new chapter house during the sixties, and moved out of the building that is now known as the K House.



Theta Chi Dreamgirl, 1969

1970	Vietnam War spreads to Cambodia May 3--National Guard troops kill 4 students at Kent State. May 13--State troopers kill two students at Jackson State University, MS. Rogers Stadium burned April 4—attributed to arsonists but no one was ever charged.
1971	\$1,000,000 raised in three months to rebuild football stadium.
1972	
1973	Performing Arts Coliseum opened with first event - graduation.
1974	
1975	Ferry Hall torn down; cupola saved and installed as a memorial along Glenn Terrell Friendship Mall, later moved to overlook Lewis Alumni Center.
1976	
1977	
1978	ABC television sportscaster Keith Jackson awarded 10th Regents Distinguished Alumnus Award. The movie “Animal House” premiers.
1979	WSU Foundation created on Nov. 8.

Student protest of invasion of Cambodia, 1970



THE SEVENTIES

Rogers Stadium burned April 4, 1970—attributed to arsonists but no one was ever charged. Agitation on campus reflected the agitation of the day. The killing of students on another college campus mobilized student anger at WSU. After a meeting with student leaders, President Terrell sent a telegram to President Nixon stating that the shooting at Kent State and the Cambodian invasion had “outrage and dismay on the part of a substantial segment of the campus at Washington State University.”

As more students of color came to campus, racism followed them. Several incidents prompted the call of black students for action. Graduation in 1970 brought an end to the student strike against racism on campus. One result of the strike was the Racism Workshop held as students came back to school in the fall of 1970. This workshop gave an opportunity for students on both sides of the divide to learn about each other.

As the decade progressed, the radicalism of the sixties faded and traditions that had been left behind returned to popularity. Gradually, protest marches become more everyday occurrences than shocking calls to action. The tumult and social consciousness of the sixties gave way to more laid-back, pleasure centered campus climate. By the half-way point of the decade, fraternities and sororities were again recruiting more members than their houses could hold. The Cougar went back to being a tavern in 1976 and a favorite haunt of those living on Greek Row. Keggers were not uncommon and “The Wheel,” during which groups of sorority women rotated through fraternity parties, was a back-to-school ritual.



Alpha Gamma Delta members, 1975

1980	<p>Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. established Mount St. Helens erupted May 18, leaving one-half inch of volcanic ash on campus.</p>
1981	
1982	<p>Phi Kappa Sigma established</p>
1983	<p>100,000th graduate, Cheryl Anne Breen received degree from WSU.</p>
1984	
1985	<p>Samuel H. Smith named 8th president of WSU.</p>
1986	
1987	
1988	
1989	<p>WSU celebrated its Centennial.</p>
20	

THE EIGHTIES

The challenging issue of the 1980's and the administration of President Sam Smith was alcohol. While the seventies had been a time for keggers and open parties, the administration cracked down on alcohol use in the eighties—with Greek Row being a target. Legal liability became everyone's concern. Matters came to a head in 1987 when key administrators ordered the disbanding of the IFC Executive Committee after a very raucous party shortly before the start of the school year. Because of the summary nature of the order, non-Greek students rallied to the cause. Just when it looked like another protest march or strike was in the offing, fraternity leaders met with administration officials and together drafted an alcohol-use policy.

All campus activities declined as students focused on their resumes and eventual careers. What had been an outward focus during the fifties and sixties had turned inward. The traditional formal homecoming dance went the way of the frosh beanie. Other dances became informal, except for some fraternity and sorority functions. Sports in general, and intramural sports in particular, brought people together—and still do.

Diversity in the student body accounts for some of the disruption of tradition, too. More and more, students were older, more were graduate students, more were members of a racial minority and more were from distant regions of the country or from another country.



1990	<p>Psi Upsilon established Gary Larson, syndicated cartoonist and creator of the Far Side, received the Regents 24th Distinguished Alumnus Award and was the Centennial Commencement Speaker.</p>
1991	
1992	
1993	<p>Gamma Alpha Omega Sorority, Inc. established Omega Phi Omega, Inc. established</p>
1994	<p>First Fraternal Organization Agreements signed-the formal statement of relationship between Greek chapters and WSU.</p>
1995	<p>The \$3.1 million Phi Kappa Theta fraternity chapter house opened. High-tech in every respect, it reflects the “wired world” commitment of WSU alumnus and fraternity member Paul Allen, Microsoft co-founder.</p>
1996	<p>La Hermandad de O eMe Te established</p>
1997	<p>Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc. established Omega Delta Phi Fraternity, Inc. established</p>
1998	
1999	

THE NINETIES

The last decade of the twentieth century was a time of transition for student life at WSU. The technologies that are ubiquitous now, yet so different from before, were only wishes in the 1990’s. But the change was coming. In 1996, Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen funded and help build the new Phi Kappa Theta chapter house and created GreekNet that let every chapter house have access to the new internet.

This decade saw an expansion of culturally and ethnically based fraternities and sororities on campus. These chapters do not own chapter houses on Greek Row and tend to have smaller membership numbers than most Greek Row chapters.

Changes were also taking place in how the campus administration related to Greek chapters. In 1998, signing the Fraternal Organization Agreement (FOA) became a requirement. This agreement sets down in writing the expectations of the university and Greek community as expressed by the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council. Over the next several years, grade standards and program attendance were added to the FOA.



Gamma Alpha Omega
Yard Show

2000	Steve Wymer, Phi Kappa Theta, became the first person in WSU history to serve three different terms as president of the ASWSU. He initially became president upon succession while serving as ASWSU vice president, in 1998-1999. He was elected president in 1999-2000 and reelected for 2000-2001. V. Lane Rawlins became the 9th president of WSU.
2001	September 11, World Trade Center, Pentagon hit by planes.
2002	Forty-seven WSU students from the Middle East return after leaving early fall semester because of the events of Sept. 11. "Their reasons for coming back are the reasons they came to WSU to begin with: WSU has programs they are interested in and a good reputation," said Paul Svaren of WSU International Programs.
2003	
2004	
2005	
2006	On Dec. 13, WSU Regents named Elson S. Floyd, 50, as WSU's 10th president Gamma Iota Omicron Fraternity established
2007	Chi Delta Sigma Sorority established
2008	The newly-renovated Compton Union Building and Martin Stadium opened for the fall semester. Sigma Pi founded Alpha Nu Multicultural Sorority established
2009	Celebration commemorates the centennial of Greek life on WSU campus.

2000-2009

In the spring of 2001, the Office of Greek Life, now the Center for Fraternity and Sorority Life, separated from Residence Life and became a stand-alone unit at WSU. This is the only office to deal solely with fraternity and sorority issues. Through close partnering with the Panhellenic Council, Interfraternity Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council, and United Greek Council, WSU administration, and Greek alumni, the Center for Fraternity and Sorority Life is dedicated to strengthening and advancing Greek life at WSU.

As more ethnically and culturally based groups on campus affiliated with national organizations, it became clear that developing governing councils and bringing them into the advising structure of other Greek organizations would be wise. CFSL staff has been working closely with chapters to develop a National Pan-Hellenic Council to serve the historically African-American chapters and develop a United Greek Council to serve Latina/o and other culturally based chapters.

Developing communication technology is the hallmark of this decade. Cell phones, laptop and smaller computers, social networking sites have changed the landscape of relationships. It also changes the pace at which students relate to other students, staff, administrators, and even parents. Instead of the son writing home once or twice a year, students whip out cell phones to update parents on the results of their latest quiz. Rather than sing-alongs or hay rides, it's Facebook groups and Twitter. The method of communication changes, but keeping your friends and family close is as important as ever.



THE FUTURE

What will the future bring? Change, certainly. There will be new challenges, new technologies, new ways of thinking about the world.

What will remain? Greek values and people committed to them. No matter the letters, this will endure.

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H. DEWAYNE KRFAGER, DIRECTOR
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SIX MONTHS AGO WHEN YOU INVITED ME ON BEHALF OF THE BROTHERS OF GAMMA MU OF KAPPA SIGMA TO BE THE SPEAKER NOVEMBER FOURTEEN ON THE OCCASION OF THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF OUR CHAPTER, I COULD NOT ACCEPT BECAUSE OF PLANS ALREADY MADE FOR MY SABBATICAL YEAR ABROAD. FEW THINGS IN MY LIFE WOULD HAVE GIVEN ME GREATER PLEASURE THAN TO HAVE HAD THAT HONOR. PLEASE SPEAK FOR ME AS IF I WERE PRESENT, AND AS I WILL BE PRESENT IN SPIRIT.

TONIGHT FROM SWITZERLAND I AM TROUBLED BY THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THE GREATEST NEED OF AN UNEASY WORLD TODAY IS FOR BROTHERHOOD AND FELLOWSHIP, FOR THE MUTUALITY OF UNDERSTANDING THAT MUST EXIST AMONG ALL PEOPLES IF THE WORLD IS TO PRESERVE FREEDOM AS A WAY OF LIFE.

NO THING IN MY EXPERIENCE TAUGHT ME MORE ABOUT THE PROBLEMS OF LIVING TOGETHER THAN MY FOUR YEARS AT GAMMA MU. BROTHERS WHO KNEW ME NINETEEN TWENTY SIX TO NINETEEN THIRTY AND THOSE WHO HAVE COME TO KNOW ME SINCE ARE AWARE THAT I HAVE NEVER CEASED TO CHERISH THE FRIENDSHIPS THERE AND THEN MADE, AND THAT FIVE HUNDRED CALIFORNIA STREET IN PULLMAN, WASHINGTON, ALWAYS HAS A SOFT SPOT IN MY HEART.

PERHAPS THE ASSOCIATION YOU AND I HAVE HAD OVER TWENTY NINE YEARS, EVEN AS GAMMA MU BROTHERS WHO WERE NOT IN SCHOOL TOGETHER, IS THE BEST EXAMPLE I CAN SUGGEST YOU GIVE THE PRESENT DAY MEMBERS AND PLEDGES OF GAMMA MU AS THE VALUE TO BE ACHIEVED THROUGH A LIFETIME FROM THE INVESTMENT OF SPIRIT A GOOD FRATERNITY MAN ALWAYS GIVES HIS CHAPTER.

TO THE OLD TIMERS PRESENT, TO THE GANG I KNEW, I ASK QUOTE HAVE ONE FOR ME IN THE SPIRIT OF COME GATHER ALL YE MERRY MEN UNQUOTE. A.E.K.D.B.

EDWARD R. MURROW
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