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Greek life wraps up recruitment weekend



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The sisters of Alpha Phi pose with their new members. They welcomed their new members home with a '70s theme.



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Members of Theta Phi Alpha Kimmy Gayhardt, Maria Cirincione and Shleby Starnes pose for a picture on bid day.



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY KARLY SMITH

Delta Zeta members celebrated bid day with a theme of "Going for Gold."



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY KELSEY SMITLEY

Megan Komjati and Kelsey Smitley welcome thier new members in a '90s fashion.

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Ashland University's Greek Life wrapped up their four-day-long fall formal recruitment this past weekend, inducting roughly 13 to 16 new members into each chapter. Leading up to formal recruitment, Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL) and Panhellenic Council hold several events that allow the new members to meet active members, get to know what each chapter values and their philanthropy, and understand how FSL works as a whole.

Sarah Rayman, a senior Alpha Phi member explained the formal recruitment process that women

go through to be in FSL. This process is their chance to get to know women from each chapter, see if a chapters' values align with theirs and determine what chapter they feel they belong to.

During this time, the chapter is also looking at the pledge members to see who would be a good fit in their chapter.

"Each night (of recruitment) the women going through will visit the chapters, have in depth conversations about themselves and the sororities and learn about what it means to be a sorority woman," Rayman said. "The first night is Values Night, the second is Philanthropy Night, the third is Preference Round and the fourth day is

Bid Day."

During the first night of recruitment the incoming women will attend each sorority's party and from there they will select only three chapters they would like to visit the next day. The second day, they will select two chapters. On the third day they will make their final decision on what chapter they would like to be apart of.

"Recruitment for Ashland is a 'mutual selection process', so while girls are choosing chapters they want, chapters are also choosing the girls they would like to ask back the next night. Some girls get to go to the chapters they picked, while some may only go to one or two chapters the second day,"

Rayman said. "Recruitment relies heavily on statistics, numbers and how girls pair with chapters. It can be a very complicated process, but the purpose is to make sure each woman is in the chapter she belongs to, and the chapters have the women they think will be the best fit for them."

Although, Rayman admits recruitment can be stressful for active members, seeing as how it is their busiest times of the year, she says it is still a great time for the chapter to bond and get excited about new incoming members.

"Fraternity and Sorority Life means being a part of something much bigger than yourself," Rayman said, "It sounds so cliché to

say, but you truly are part of a family and a group that requires many different kinds of people from different backgrounds to work together. I have personally experienced so much growth being in my chapter, Alpha Phi. I have become a leader and role model to others, I have learned to be a better friend and a better human, and I have realized the potential for success. Without my sisters and the rest of the Greek community, I would not be the person I am today."

For more information on Greek Life, spring formal recruitment or upcoming FSL events, visit Fraternity and Sorority Life under the student affairs tab on the Ashland University website.

The 2018 Ashland County Fair

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The Ashland County Fair opened up their gates for the 2018 fair season on Sunday.

The week long event started with opening ceremonies and the crowning of the Jr. Fair King and Queen. The night ended with the OSTPA tractor pull.

Throughout the week, numerous animal shows took place. The ani-

mal shows feature market animals that were taken care of through young students in a 4-H program.

Besides animal shows, fair visitors had the option to walk through a few buildings that showcased local businesses and companies.

Visitors also had the option to check out a feature new to the fair this year. For those 21 and older, a beer garden was added, where for just five-dollars you could pick from five different kinds of beers.

The beer garden was put on by the Ashland Young Professionals group with the proceeds going towards helping the group fund future events and activities.

If the night scene is more your style, the fair had many night activities to pick from. From tractor pulls, to the lawn mower derby, to motocross and the demolition derby, there was something for everyone.

For those who wanted something

more than just tractor pulls, the fair held their yearly concert series on Tuesday. This year's headlines included Sawyer Brown and Lee Greenwood. Greenwood is most famous for his "God Bless the U.S.A." song.

From the market shows, to the demo derby, to a concert, the Ashland County Fair had it all but do not forget about the real reason most go to the fair. For the food.

The fair features more than 25

vendors from all around Ohio. With options like Auntie Anne's, pizza, fried veggies, hot dogs, cotton candy and lemonade stands, visitors were sure to find something that hit their cravings.

The fair goes until Saturday with the demo derby and county line band ending out the night.

For more information on the Ashland County Fair and plans for next year, visit ashlandcountyfair.com.



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The Ashland County Fair opened on Sunday and went through Saturday, Sept. 22.

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