

# Greek Life 411

## Delta Chi Initiates 26 into Florida Colony

*Submitted by Young-Ki Chang, President, Delta Chi*

This past Saturday, April 8, 2006, our University of Florida Colony initiated our first class of associate members into the brotherhood of Delta Chi Fraternity.

Through the efforts of the International Fraternity and Rusty Williams (Georgia Southern '05), Director of Expansion & Colony Operations, the Florida colony successfully rushed and initiated 26 men this spring. The officers and several brothers from the University of South Florida Chapter attended our initiation ceremony and performed the ritual.

Congressman John Mica, with the help of the International Fraternity, has established a charitable

scholarship for our new Chapter. It will initially be funded with \$25,000 from donations promised by alumni and the International Fraternity's education foundation.

Gentlemen of Delta Chi fraternity are excited to be back on campus and we are looking forward to working with Greek communities of University of Florida to continue the tradition.

*Below: UF & USF brothers pose with Delta Chi Alumni after initiation*



## Upcoming Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Friday, April 21	Orange & Blue Pep Rally	7:00pm-10:00pm	Reitz Union North Lawn
Monday, April 24	NPHC Neophyte Orientation	7:00pm	JWRU 349
Tuesday, April 25	Order of Omega Initiation	6:30pm	Hillel
Wednesday, April 26	Classes End		
April 27 & 28	Reading Days		
April 29-May 5	Final Exams		



## Tip of the Week...Health and Wellness (continued):

The Office of Sorority and Fraternity Affairs would like to remind all members of the Greek community to take care of yourselves and your health during this exam time. To that end, we will be offering healthy snacks in the office for all members. Stop by suite 310 in the Union to pick up some "brain food" and remember to eat well and get plenty of rest.

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## Campus Chatter:

The talk about the [Gainesville Responsible Vendor Hospitality Covenant...](#)

Word on the street is out!

The Gainesville Responsible Vendor Hospitality Covenant is a community-wide initiative intended to protect the health, safety, and well-being of students, residents, and guests in Gainesville.

The UF effort for this program has been driven by the Department of Student Affairs and a charge from President Machen to curb unhealthy and dangerous binge drinking by students.

The covenant is written for businesses within the hospitality industry, including hotels, restaurants, bars, and nightclubs. By adopting the covenant, businesses agree to promote a healthy and safe environment including:

- Compliance with all legal obligations for the appropriate sale or service and consumption of alcoholic beverages
- Encouraging responsible drinking and discouraging intoxication
- Creating an atmosphere that facilitates positive and respectful social interactions, and provides activities other than drinking
- Providing supervision of activities by those who are properly trained to maintain control of the environment
- Raising awareness of the risks involved with the consumption of beverages containing alcohol

## Helping Local Youth...New Orleans Style!

What do you get when you combine New Orleans cooking, oysters, zydeco music and the brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon's Florida Upsilon chapter? The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Cajun Cookout - a March fundraising event that raised more than \$4,000 for Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Mid Florida - that's what!

With more than 650 University of Florida students, faculty and staff in attendance, the event was a tremendous success! The chapter raised money through ticket sales, raffle contests, t-shirt sales and the main attraction: an oyster eating contest.

ΣAE Cajun Cookout Chairman Tyler Tedcastle ('04) said he thought the event

went amazingly well. "With the great weather and plenty of advanced promotion, we were expecting a good crowd, but this just blew us away," he said. "Everyone seemed to be having a great time and enjoying themselves. Overall it was a complete success and a fun way to help the community."

In addition to raising money for Big Brothers and Big Sisters, the highlight of the event, and a Gainesville tradition, was the annual Sorority Oyster Eating Contest. With 25 UF sorority members participating, the crowd roared as the girls raced to finish 10 oysters as quickly as possible. After several elimination rounds,

Delta Gamma placed first in the contest with Kappa Delta second and Alpha Delta Pi third.

The crowd was entertained by live music from local bands consisting of chapter members. Everyone in attendance had their fill of all-you-can-eat oysters, crawfish, jambalaya, and clam chowder.

*Left: attendees pack the ΣAE courtyard and enjoy food and fun at fraternity's annual Cajun Cookout philanthropy event*



*Check out the Orange & Blue Pep Rally this Friday (presented by the Interfraternity Council)!*

*The festivities begin at 7:00pm on the Reitz Union North Lawn with a concert by The Landsharks, immediately followed by the pep rally beginning at 9:00pm.*

## MGC Promotes Unity

On Wednesday, the Multicultural Greek Council held its first Unity Social. The event included food, drinks, and fun for members. The goal of the social was to provide an inviting atmosphere where members of the MGC could socialize outside of their respective chapters. "The MGC is a council which encompasses very diverse organizations. Because of this, bringing unity to its members is very important" said the MGC's programming director Elise Hickey. Over 70 members were in attendance for the social: a great turnout for this small council. The MGC is a growing council which is changing and developing.

Unity and respect are at the core of the council's mission. This social is one step towards a more unified, visible, and powerful MGC.

