

GREEK GRADES

Fraternities and Sororities must reach or make progress toward the undergraduate all-men's or all-women's averages from one review period to the next review period. Failure to continually make progress leads first to an endorsement warning, second to endorsement probation and finally to the disaffiliation process. The first number represents the average GPAs earned spring 2003, fall 2003 and winter 2004; and the second number represents the average GPAs earned winter 2003, spring 2003 and fall 2003.

Sororities:		Fraternities:	
Alpha Chi Omega	3.13 3.10	Alpha Epsilon Pi	3.03 3.02
Alpha Phi	2.90 2.88	Beta Theta Pi	2.95 2.89
Chi Omega	3.17 3.13	Chi Psi	2.68 2.75
Delta Gamma	3.05 3.04	Delta Sigma Phi	3.06 3.00
Gamma Phi Beta	2.93 2.87	Delta Tau Delta	2.78 2.77
Kappa Delta	3.22 3.21	Delta Upsilon	2.93 2.92
Kappa Kappa Gamma	3.01 3.03	Kappa Sigma	2.78 2.70
Pi Beta Phi	3.30 3.23	Lambda Chi Alpha	2.80 2.83
Sigma Kappa	2.98 3.06	Sigma Alpha Epsilon	2.87 2.80
UG average:	3.1794 3.1462	Sigma Chi	2.97 2.94
		Sigma Phi Epsilon	3.02 2.96
		Theta Chi	2.76 2.64
		UG average:	2.9806 2.9614

SOURCE: Greek Life Office

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Chairman James Runge said he understands people could draw the conclusion that the dry-house rule is cause for the grade improvements, but he said it depends on each house and each member as to whether that makes a difference.

"That comes down to a house-by-house basis," he said.

Delta Sigma Phi has made academics its top priority, he said, with a strong support system for struggling students. He said a scholarship chair was created in the fall, and members meet to study in the library two to three times a week.

"We try to make sure every brother in our house is a well-balanced guy," he said.

Pi Beta Phi Vice President of Mental Advancement Marissa Neitling attributes the improvements to a new system of goal-setting implemented in her house last term. In the system, members decide on academic goals and are rewarded for achieving them. She said she doesn't know if there's a correlation between dry houses and better grades, but said the greek system is pushing for general improvement.

"We're working to hold ourselves to higher standards," she said.

Despite this widespread effort, two fraternities continue to struggle with the endorsement requirements and face disaffiliation from the University, Lobisser said.

Although Beta Theta Pi received the second-highest fraternity GPA last term, it failed to meet the University's dry-house standards last fall, which led to its national organization calling for the house to be restructured, chapter President Dan Ochchipinti said.

"Since that time, our chapter has made significant advancements in

every aspect of greek life," he said in an e-mailed statement.

The house recently appealed to the University and awaits a hearing to receive an extended probation period, which would give members the chance to prove their chapter is worthy of endorsement, Ochchipinti said.

Beta Theta Pi Scholarship Chairman Chris Holman said the restructuring meant members that fell below a 2.75 GPA had to leave the fraternity. He said the remaining 29 members have been able to keep up their averages.

"Right now our house is really strong in academics," he said.

Holman added the dry-house rule has helped members focus more on schoolwork.

"Alcohol is just one less distraction that you have to worry about," he said.

The Chi Psi fraternity also faces possible disaffiliation. The fraternity has continually failed to meet the University's GPA standards for fraternities (meeting or exceeding the University's undergraduate all-men's average). Chi Psi's GPA average for the past three terms has been 2.68.

House Corporation President David Waterfall said the house also has appealed the disaffiliation process, and that the members are striving to get their grades up.

"Their idea is to improve dramatically and get back up to the average," he said.

Sutherland said the greek system was founded on academic success, leadership and character building, and she is hoping the overall improvements will attract more students seeking such opportunities.

"The greeks are very good at providing those," she said.

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"The one thing I would hear from students is, 'I didn't even know you existed,'" Troxel said. "The name will help draw attention to our department earlier in their studies."

The actual process to change the name took more than a year and a half, Klug said. The department received input on the name change from a variety of sources including faculty, student focus groups and

other universities. The grueling process of choosing the name "Human Physiology" took an entire year, and it took about another six months to get the name approved by the University and the State Board of Higher Education.

The name officially will change July 1, but EMS Office Manager Janice Brady said she doesn't know when the EMS sign will be replaced.

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Wednesday

Human resources workshop, Fir Room, EMU, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.
International Scholarships/Grants Workshop, Metolius and Owyhee Rooms, EMU, 3:30-5 p.m.
Chinese Film Series featuring "An Autumn's Tale," Room 115, Pacific Hall, 4-6 p.m.
Islam in America series, Room 142, Knight Law Center, 6 p.m.
Earth Day Celebration featuring environmental activist and author Julia Butterfly Hill, EMU Ballroom, 7-11 p.m.
Community Conversations: Race, Dymert Hall Lounge, Walton Complex, 7:30-9 p.m.
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