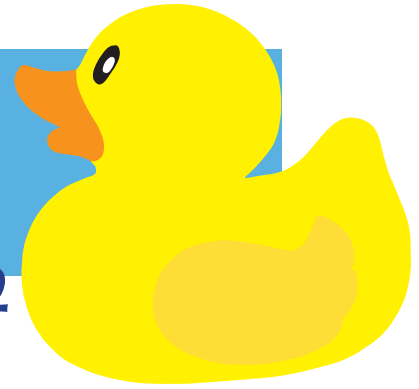


Quick Quacks

fall 2012



hello!

I would like to welcome you to our newsletter! I hope that each of you enjoy reading about the wonderful events your daughter has participated in through the spring 2012 semester with Alpha Sigma Gamma. Our purpose is reflected in our motto, "Service Today Shapes a Better Tomorrow." We are firm believers that we can better the community and ourselves by lending a hand to those in need. Through a wide variety of service events, your daughter has made a positive impact on the Kirksville community, the Truman campus, and other communities. We are very proud to have served and continue to serve such a wide variety of organizations and communities.

Some of the service opportunities that Alpha Sigma Gamma takes part in include tutoring at local schools, assisting at the humane society, street cleaning, volunteering at nursing homes, fundraising for various philanthropic organizations, and helping local food pantries.

Due to your daughter's commitment and the hard work of the 160 young women in our organization, we have bettered the lives of numerous individuals. Even though a minimum of 25 hours of service is required for active members, many individuals go far beyond the requirement. Thank you for all of your support and we hope to continue to make you proud!

Sincerely,

Maegan Rathmann
President 2012



Welcome parents and alumni! I have been honored to serve as the Public Relations chair for the 2012 school year. I am always excited to be spreading the word about all of these fabulous ladies and the events we host and sponsor. These articles describe only a few of the many events that Alpha Sigma Gamma has participated in throughout the semester. For a more detailed look at ASG, check out our website at asg.truman.edu

-Caitlin Bladt

Public Relations Chair 2012

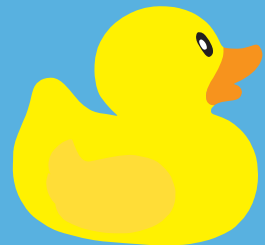
"come together right now in asg" fall rush

Jenny True

In September Truman's campus was dotted with blue posters and t-shirts signaling the beginning of ASG's Rush Week. Actives and rushees gathered for three nights of fun, fellowship, and service.

Actives got to learn more about their potential new sisters through ice breaker games, service crafts, and working together to win a trivia contest. Then the rushees got to see how much fun ASG could be by playing games like musical chairs and Ships & Sailors.

Overall it was a fun and successful week and at the end, ASG welcomed a brand new batch of sisters.



rush memories



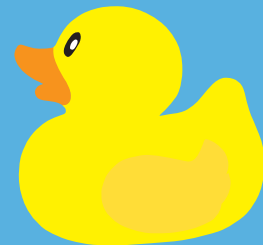
girl scout big day

Claire LaMarche

On September 22nd ASG girls decided that they hadn't had enough of the Girl Scouts yet and headed to St. Louis for another Girl Scout BIG Day. On Friday we left Truman and stopped at Camp Tuckaho to spend the night. It was an interesting night as we roasted hot dogs over a stove, but fun nonetheless.

When we arrived in downtown St. Louis the next morning, we found out that our group would carry two balloons in the parade for the Girl Scouts. One was a space ship and the other was a birthday cake commemorating Girl Scouts' 100th birthday. After we dodged the streetlights and spun the balloons, we then headed to the volunteer booth for our next assignment.

Some ASG girls spun jump ropes as very eager little Girl Scouts lined up to jump. ASG girls also were able to help vendors set up their stations and help the Girl Scouts climb out of the bubble pit and get washed off. It was a perfect day to work outside and help the Girl Scouts again. But the best was spending the day doing service with my ASG sisters.



breast cancer awareness week

Megan Funke

This fall, Alpha Sigma Gamma held our annual Breast Cancer Awareness Week from October 21st to the 27th. Our chairs for the event, Brooke Dean and Rachel Niebergall, did a fantastic job organizing the events for the week and inspiring the campus to participate to help spread awareness.

On Sunday, to start off the week of events, we hosted bra decorating on the quad. People from all over campus were welcome to decorate a bra, which would later be judged as part of a contest.

On Tuesday, we hosted a yoga event in Kirk Gym. Everyone around campus was welcome to participate in a yoga class with instructor Pete Esau, by paying \$1 to help us raise money to support breast cancer research.

On Wednesday, there was a campus-wide pink out! We urged everyone on campus to wear as much pink as possible to show their support for the festivities of the week. On Thursday, we had the opportunity to listen to guest speaker, Mary Jane Kiefer, who told her inspiring story of fighting breast cancer, and the importance of early detection. We then held a vigil in honor of all those who have lost their fight with cancer, or those who are still heroically fighting. I think it helped everyone see the affect this disease has on so many people.

On Friday and Saturday, there were several sports teams that went the extra mile to support BCA week and hosted "pink out" events during their games. Friday was the pink soccer game and Saturday was the pink football and volleyball games. It was great to see such enthusiasm and participation from everyone on campus.

Breast Cancer Awareness Week was definitely a success and it was an excellent opportunity to spread awareness throughout Truman's campus.

ymca kickball tournament

Ashley Delaney

On October 7, 2012 Alpha Sigma Gamma held a kickball tournament in support of the new year-long philanthropy of the YMCA in Adair County. The money donated from this event will go towards helping the YMCA buy new tumbling mats for the gymnastics program! This event was organized by co-chairs Jessica Sheets and Amy Jones, with the help of Philanthropy chair Becky Rader.

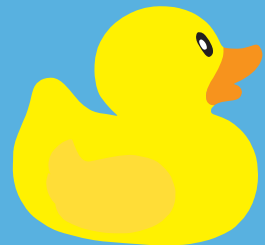
It was an all-day, double elimination tournament, with each team being coached by a member from Alpha Sigma Gamma. There were five teams composed of campus organizations including Sweet Nothings, Beta Theta Pi, Beta Alpha Psi and two teams from Alpha Sigma Gamma.

The event raised \$100 to go towards the purchase of the tumbling mats, and at the end of the day Beta Alpha Psi was named kickball champions! We congratulate them on their victory, as well as thank them and the other participating teams for their involvement in this event!

in other sports news...

ASG's team took the top spot in the annual, campus-wide Frats at Bat softball tournament!





leaf raking fun

Tracy Cheung

If your yard is full of leaves and you don't have the time or manpower to rake them yourself, Alpha Sigma Gamma girls are there to help! This semester, leaf raking was offered as a service opportunity for about 3 hours over the span of a couple of Sundays. During this service, a group of girls met up and picked a nearby Kirksville residential street where they went door-to-door asking the residents if they needed the leaves in their yards to be raked.

We split into two groups and knocked on several doors until we found some residents that let us rake their yards. My group was raking quite a large front yard, while the other group finished up raking the smaller yard and came over to help us finish. While we were raking the large yard, a woman was driving by and waved us over to her car and asked us if we could rake her yard that was just down the street. After we had finished raking the large yard, there were about twenty trash bags full of leaves, so half of the group went to go dispose of the bags of leaves, while the other half went to rake the woman's yard. We spent a good hour or so raking the front yard and backyard of her house. The lady had us put the leaves in a big orange bag with a pumpkin face on it, once it was filled up, we set it on a tree stump in her front yard as a Halloween decoration.

I liked doing this service, even though it was a bit chilly, but it felt nice helping the older lady do something that she probably did not have enough time or was not able to do by herself. She was very thankful that we were helping her and came outside to talk to us several times.



fall formal

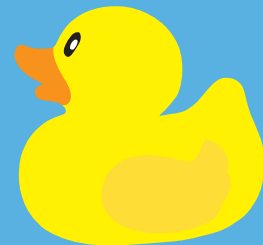
Nora Hackmann & Anna Sumner

As the ladies of Alpha Sigma Gamma and their dates stepped foot into the Kirksville Country Club Saturday, November 3, their worlds were turned upside down. With lanterns ablaze along the walls and streamers strewn about the ceiling, Shanghai appeared before their eyes.

Formal did not disappoint. After stepping into their finest apparel, or kimonos, the ladies of ASG headed over to the Kirksville Country Club to enjoy a night of sisterhood and dancing. Ladies and their dates boogied to a playlist jam-packed with some of their favorite hits, such as "The Wobble" and "Gangnam Style."

When the women of ASG needed a breather from all the dancing, they could find entertainment in the picture-taking area, complete with kimonos, an abacus, and other fun items. This ensured that the memories made on that special Shanghai Night would never be forgotten. Lydia Nagel stated that donning kimonos and taking pictures was the highlight of her night.

When the playlist ended and the ASG members and their friends headed home, there was no question that they would look back on the night fondly. Social chairs Susan Burk and Gretchen Sun, along with their social committee, did a phenomenal job putting together such a spectacular event. They truly whisked the ladies of ASG away from the monotony of Kirksville for one special night of bonding, dancing, and memory-making with their sisters.



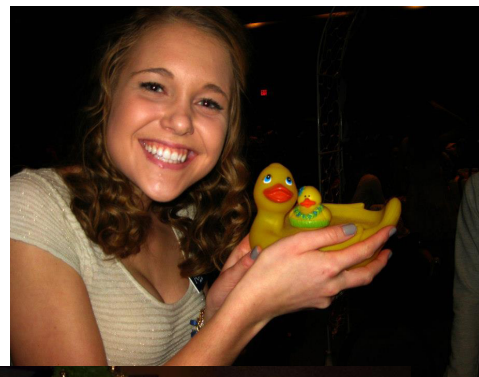
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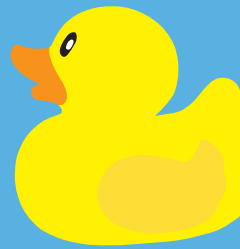
Kristin Struckhoff

After 119 interviews with active members, eight weeks of fulfilling pledge requirements, and a semester of becoming acclimated with Alpha Sigma Gamma, 30 beautiful pledges were finally activated on Friday, November 30th. Gathering at a church in town, pledges lined up to await their turn to proudly accept and proclaim their official membership in ASG. Following the pinning, the executive board explained the purpose of the letters that represent this organization, and the final steps were taken to initiating these pledges, officially deeming them active members.

Once the formal business had been taken care of, new actives met with their ASG families to receive gifts and were able to finally don the Greek letters they had worked so hard to wear. A meal was prepared by the pledge educators as well as the pledge committee, and every girl eagerly waited to devour the massive array of food picked out by the pledges. After thousands of pictures were taken, plenty of ducks were given out, and more than plenty of food was consumed, girls gathered around wooden letters to take pictures with their ASG families and pledge classes. Starting from Fall '09, each pledge class awaited their turn to reconvene with the girls they were activated with. The event started to die down and everyone started to prepare for the activation party that would take place that evening.

Changing out of their formal attire, everyone met later that night to celebrate, wearing costumes that resembled YouTube sensations. Girls were sporting costumes resembling everything from Marcel the Shell, to Bon Qui Qui, to Jenna Marbles, to Soulja Boy, to Charlie the Unicorn...and well, the list goes on. It was here that everyone finally united together as a new active body, dancing to their favorite songs, taking pictures with their friends, and overall being silly with their ASG sisters. Overall the fabulous pledge educators Megan Distler and Amanda Schwent, along with their wonderful pledge committee, put on a beautiful and fun activation event!





we say hello to some

Fall 2012 Pledge Class

Kelsey Boydston
 Elise Brummett
 Emily Clyatt
 Samantha Collins
 Erin Cowling
 Talli Currie
 Lauren Dendrinellis
 Lauren Desmond
 Betty Grauberger

Michelle Howard
 Michelle Krahenbuhl
 Olivia Lahman
 Kelsie Langenberg
 Sammi McCain
 Katie McEntee
 Abby McKim
 Mackenzie Meade

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 Abby McKim
 Mackenzie Meade
 Katie Mohan
 Lydia Nagel
 Lauren Neeson
 Petra Peterman

Katie Shields
 Morgan Siebert
 Ashley Strege
 Elizabeth Sutton
 Taylor Telken
 Kaytlin Tippin
 Emma Vonder Haar
 Rachel White
 Nettie Williams



and goodbye to others

Fall 2012 Alumnae

Taylor Colvin
 Rachel Marx
 Olivia Schorheuser
 Rachel Messamaker
 Emily Davidson

Kelley Koenig
 Carly Brotemarkle
 Rachael Beckerman
 Stephanie Sears

Caitlyn Davis
 Claire Domian
 Kristen Lilley
 Caitlin Hilterbrand

Courtney Rigdon
 Cara Lowry
 Jenny True
 Liz Fifer
 Sarah Lux

