

Greeks Having Revival at SWOSU

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University is enjoying a Greek revival.

For years, SWOSU had numerous social fraternities and sororities on the Weatherford campus. Then, in the 1990s, the Greek organizations started to fold. Now, during the past couple of years, the Greeks have made a big comeback at SWOSU and are becoming quite active in many worthwhile projects.

In 2005, the SWOSU Greek Council was created, bringing all the Greek presidents and officers together at least six times a year. The council is sponsored by Cindy Dougherty, dean of students at SWOSU. Greek Council serves to coordinate all Greek rush activities and shared philanthropic endeavors at SWOSU.

"When SWOSU students expressed an interest in 'growing the Greeks,' I was happy to help," Dougherty said. "These are some of our best and brightest young men and women. They strive to better themselves and I am very proud of them."

Social sororities at SWOSU include:

- Sigma Sigma Chi
- Zeta Phi
- Kappa Delta Omega

Social fraternities include:

- Theta Alpha Omega
- Tau Kappa Epsilon
- Sigma Tau Gamma
- Phi Delta Theta
- Omega Psi Phi

"I am excited about the increased participation in sororities and fraternities at SWOSU," said Randy Beutler, president of SWOSU. "This adds to the traditional college element on campus and also serves the community as a whole with the many service projects that the groups have and will participate in around the area."

The Greeks are joining together to hold an exciting new event, Greek Sing, which is planned Wednesday, March 31, at 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Centers on the Weatherford campus. Tickets are \$5 with proceeds benefiting the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event. The Greek Sing is a musical competition, chaired by Abbie Freeman and Kayla DeWitt. Tickets are available from any Greek member and from the Dean of Students Office in Room 211 of the Stafford Center.

The fraternities and sororities are involved in many activities and all are excited about the Relay for Life event coming up April 9 at the SWOSU Wellness Center.

"We are committed to support efforts like these which will create a positive influence on campus and among the student body," Beutler said.