GREEK ADVISOR

Summer search for a new Greek Advisor shows no promises, while ongoing search continues.

The Search Committee, headed by Chris Ray, ASNMSU Attorney, and composed of Cheryl Matchett, Chi Omega Advisor, Eric Montgomery, Lambda Chi Alpha Advisor, Karla Lerma, Panhellenic President, Tomas Talamante, IFC Rush Chair, Eric Neilson, Coordinator of Residential Communities, and Patrick Natoni, American Indian Programs, has worked all summer screening possible candidates for the position.

Two candidates were selected to interview, however, before an offer could be made to the lead candidate, he pulled out to accept a position at another university.

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Currently the position is posted on higheredjobs.com as well as other national job listings. Ray said that he thinks it’s important to keep the position posted national, so we have a greater number of candidates to choose from.

Required qualifications for applicants are: a Bachelor’s degree in student personnel, counseling, education, business or related fields, as well as two years experience in a professional position advising student organizations.

Ray is confident for a second round of interviews, and sees the position being filled when the best candidate is found.

The Greek Advisor search committee is trying diligently to find the right person for the position.

MEN AND FORMAL RECRUITMENT

This fall the Inter-Fraternity Council and all of the fraternities decided it was time for a change.

That change was a move to semi-formal recruitment. In the form of two days of open houses at the beginning of recruitment.

For the open houses each fraternity was given 30 minutes to present themselves and their houses. Several chapters that have no central house, at the time, presented themselves to the potential new members in the Corbett Senate Chambers.

This idea of open houses and somewhat formal recruitment has been present in several of the previous IFC executive committees, however until now the process had not been tried.

The result was better than some anticipated and not quite as good as others expected. Regardless of the numbers the recruitment seems to be something everyone respects. Around the Greek Life Office and elsewhere none of the participating IFC or Panhellenic executives have heard negative responses to the events.

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It may be implied from relevant sources that a full time Greek Advisor is not likely in the near future.

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OPINION: SHOULD NMSU SUPPORT THEUS?

Should NMSU love or hate that its last coach is now a National Basketball Association (NBA) coach?

Reggie Theus has left New Mexico State University and is heading on to so called bigger and better things. Many NMSU students are outraged after hearing him say “I’ll be here for a number of years,” less than six months ago. So I beg the question: should NMSU students support Theus now that he has moved on to the Sacramento Kings?

In an age when college and professional sports coaches are just as high profile as athletes it seems that coaches come and go on a whim. We saw Florida Gators head men’s basketball coach Billy Donovan, quit the Gators for the Orlando Magic, quit the Magic and then return to the Gators, all in a matter of a month.

However, Theus’ situation is completely different. Yes, he went back on his word to the students; yes, he no longer works for NMSU. Yet he managed to handle the situation with as much care as possible. To me Theus has proven that he cares about NMSU by scheduling a pre-season game between the Kings and the Dallas Mavericks on October 16th at the Pan American Center.

Also, look at what Theus did in only a matter of two seasons. He turned our team around. We went from a lackluster team that was not very competitive in the Sun Belt conference several years ago, to the Western Athletic Conference champions in 2007. Theus helped NMSU to its first NCAA Tournament appearance since 1999 this past season. NMSU finished the year tied with the fourth best record in school history at 25-9 and the Aggies are now the most improved team in Division I men’s basketball over the last two seasons.

What else did Theus do for us? Besides turn our basketball team around from a losing group into a group of winners, he also gave not only our basketball program but also our university national credibility. No longer, when teams play NMSU, do they ask where are we or who are we playing?

Come October when Theus has his last coaching experience at the Pan American Center bid him farewell with several chants of “REGGIE REGGIE REGGIE.” Remind him what it means to be a Panamaniac.

GREEK ON ABC FAMILY

This summer channel 51 had one of the hottest new shows for college co-eds.

Channel 51 is the kids channel of ABC Family. The show “GREEK,” a new drama on ABC Family provides viewers with a look at Greek Life at Cyprus Rhodes University.

The show just ended with its season finale last Monday but will return in 2008.

“The message that is being sent to viewers is that this isn’t just a TV show.”

OPEN RECRUITMENT

With formal recruitment ending for all sororities, Continuous Open Recruitment (COR) begins with closed recruiting for Alpha Xi Delta during September.

With hopes to bring up membership numbers, the women of AZD have embraced COR with numerous events throughout the month. Such events include, a BBQ, movie and ice cream nights.

As a result of their forum tables set in front of Corbett Center, AZD kicked everything off with an open house on Tuesday, September 11.

“I’d like to leave the chapter with great new sisters,” said Kristina Herrera, senior English and Criminal Justice major, who will be graduating in May.

The outcome of formal recruitment seemed to be positive for all, with about 100 new members among the six sororities on campus.