



President's Report

Multicultural Greek Council

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As we prepare to embark on another chapter in the tradition of Greek Councils, it is important to realize we've accomplished thus far and what's in store to come. In this special issue of the President's Report you'll find a summary of the many successes of MGC towards strengthening the relations among the chapters and the rest of the Greek community.

Increasing visibility within the Greek Community

◆ **Established relations with other Greek Councils**

Often in the shadows of other Greek Councils, we are now a more recognized entity of Greek life, participating in the Order of Omega retreats and Greek Coordinating Council meetings. Additionally Council Presidents from all councils met this year to discuss council issues.

◆ **MGC website and newsletter**

A jazzy new website and newsletter can let the rest of the community know what's new with MGC! Pick up your copy of the newsletter today!

◆ **Established office space for MGC at Student Union**

We now have an official home for MGC members to coordinate organizational efforts. Sharing the space with Panhellenic and IFC also gives us more visibility within the Greek system.

◆ **Scholarship Banquet Recognition**

For the first time ever, MGC chapters were recognized at the semesterly scholarship banquet celebrating individuals in the Greek system who have achieved a 4.0 GPA. A total of four awards were handed out to Sigma Delta Alpha and Zeta Phi Rho members. This event was hosted by the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils.

Access the new MGC website at
<http://www.scf.usc.edu/~mcgc>



*Chapter calendars/events,
MGC sponsored events,
Access to Documents/Minutes
Individual Chapter Profiles*

Creating a MGC “Community”

◆ **A Successful Homecoming**
MGC hosted and all council homecoming tailgate for the 1st time – with over 50% membership present

◆ **Overall Increased participation in all council events**
More members than ever are enjoying what MGC has to offer!!!

◆ **Two successful retreats**
One of many firsts, MGC hosted the fall and spring semester retreats designed to develop leadership, unite the chapters of MGC and let members have fun, fun, fun!!!



Big Bear Retreat - Sisters from two Sororities—Tau Theta Pi & Zeta Sigma Phi - pose for a picture during the 2004 Spring MGC Leadership retreat. CW: Gail, Erin, Danielle and Vanessa



Fun times at Big Bear. Enjoying the last day of the 2004 Spring Leadership retreat, MGC members Steve Gray, Vanessa Ng, Jordan Cabrera and Luis Barrios go snowboarding

Creating Direction

◆ **Constitutional revisions**
MGC members worked to clarify gray areas within the constitution to improve the overall governing process

◆ **Bylaws**
In order to better streamline organizational efforts, MGC members created a set of bylaws to supplement and clarify an already re-revised Constitution

◆ **Chapter Presidents Meetings**
Monthly meetings were held amongst chapter presidents with the goal of increasing communication between chapters and to create a forum for chapter leaders to come together and discuss MGC and individual chapter issues.

Paving the Way...



◆ Archon leadership

MGC provided funding for members to participate in a leadership program designed for Greek members to gain invaluable leadership skills to hopefully become the future leaders their chapters and of MGC.

◆ National Recognition

MGC was registered for the first time as a member in the Western Regional Greek Leadership Conference (WRGLC). This opportunity will allow us to network with several organizations from around the west coast.

◆ Generating Interest Groups

The popularity of MGC as an alternative to the traditional Greek system has generated interest among groups currently outside the USC Greek system. MGC expansion is a possibility and decisions made today will determine what happens in the future.



◆ Current Projects

Current projects include establishing friendly competition between chapters in a MGC sponsored tournament as well as planning an annual banquet to celebrate all the accomplishments previously mentioned and to pave the way for the future leaders of MGC.

A Very Special Thanks...

There are many people that I wish to thank. Without the support of these and many others I would not have been able to carry throughout the duration of this year. These people supplied me with the motivation and drive to lead MGC to its current state. As such, I cannot take the credit for all the success we've seen in this council. These people should be congratulated. In addition to all members of MGC I would like to extend my personal thanks to:

◆ **Amanda Ebner**

For her wisdom and knowledge which inspired many members including myself. For her spirit and energy which kept many of us going even when things were slow on the go. For her representation of MGC outside of the council.

◆ **Kathy Steward**

For her patience and guidance from all the way back in Spring of 2003 to the present. For providing me with both the knowledge and confidence to lead. For her many ideas which influenced the development of MGC.

◆ **James Low, Raphael Matos, Courtney Wong, and Ryan Yamasaki**

For their patience, support, and contributions toward MGC. For taking the time to address MGC's concerns even though representing different councils. For showing me the "ropes" in Greek Affairs.

◆ **Luis Barrios**

For his commitment to the betterment of the council. For his pep talks and jokes which kept us all motivated to persevere. For stepping up when everyone else shied away.

◆ **Vanessa Ng**

For her continuous support as MGC Vice President and Banquet Chair. For putting up with me when most people would give up. For doing the things that I couldn't do even when you had your own plate to handle. For making MGC 2003-2004 a success.

◆ **Melissa Luis**

For her understanding and patience with my responsibility at hand: considered both my burden and pride. For supporting me when things did not go according to plan. For supplying me with many ideas most people would probably give me credit for. And for just being there for me.



A Message from the President

MGC has gone through many “firsts,” like carrying out an all-council retreat and creating office space alongside other Greek councils at student union. I believe that it is these “firsts” that will allow MGC to continue to grow and strengthen and move on to “seconds” and “thirds” to establish an a sense of community within the council and gaining further recognition not just from the Greek community, but from the rest of the USC community as well. To all the members of MGC: thank you for allowing me to serve you as your president, for implementing positive changes embodied by our constitution and bylaws as well as improving involvement and communication amongst all our members. I am grateful for being able to play a part in MGC’s history and traditions. Good luck to the future officers of MGC, may you continue this new tradition of.... paving the way. Congratulate yourselves on a job well done and continue to make MGC a significant force in the Greek community. Fight On!

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