

Stay tuned for the launching of a new Greek Life website at MSUM.

This newsletter brought to you by the Office of Student Activities!

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Greek Quotes

- “It’s not a house, it’s a home”
Bob Dylan
- “Fraternities and Sororities represent all that we wish to accomplish in our lives. They represent the struggles we all face as we grow. Why we cling to them no one can explain, but in the end, we are all stronger for it”

Anonymous

Greek Life Exposed

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Greek Alumni Spotlight: Jane Pettinger

Jane Pettinger, one of MSUM’s Business Management professors, was and still is very active with Greek Life!



Jane Pettinger of Gamma Phi Beta, Alpha Omicron

An active member of Gamma Phi Beta at NDSU, Jane held Vice President and House Manager offices. Today, Jane continues to be involved as a treasurer for the local alumni group.

During Jane’s sorority involvement, they held a Teeter-A-Thon to raise money for big brother and big sister. During this event they literally teeter-tottered for many days and throughout the nights. Besides philanthropy, Jane’s sorority also added a little of their own fun. Each year they held a Bromo Bowl, a football challenge against a fraternity. This event was almost always during a muddy time of year. Jane describes this experience as, “Purely fun!”

Jane’s fondest memories of Greek Life were sharing “big” moments during engagements and pinning’s. She also describes her relationships

that took place with the Greek life community and her sorority sisters as a “natural automatic bond.” To Jane, this bond is truly authentic.

Jane learned a lot by participating in Gamma Phi Beta, most of which she uses in her life today. Effectively running a meeting by following an agenda, learning to be a good friend, and knowing how to give and take were a few of these life skills. By far though, Jane learned that the network that develops within a home is enough to keep a student in college. She shared, “I wouldn’t have made it through college without it!”

When asking Jane what her advice to students who are thinking about joining a fraternity or sorority, she recommended that students really look for one where they feel comfortable, and at MSUM make sure to visit both. In addition to this Jane noted, “Don’t try to live up to someone else’s expectations.”

When I asked Jane how she chose which sorority to join she said she chose the one that felt more like home. The women at the house played a factor in making this work for her too. The women and house that she chose were ultimately something that connected her to home.

By being involved with sorority life, Jane had fun times during her college years and developed lasting relationships. Jane stated, “Of the friends I talk to on Facebook, my sorority sisters are those I keep in contact with most.”

Fighting the Myths

Myth—New members of Greek Life don’t have personal time or space.

FACT—Greek life is not intended to take up so much time that you can’t keep up with your personal life or academic studies. Many sororities or fraternities spend time studying together in groups, which tends to be a more effective form of studying. Some Greek chapters make an effort to make getting good grades fun! They do this by having GPA contests, setting study hours with fun snacks, and quizzing each other.