If you are interested in joining a fraternity, please contact Becky Boyle Jones in the Office of Student Activities at 477.2524.

**FUN FACTS:**

* Normally, 71% of all Greeks graduate while only 50% of non-Greeks graduate.

* 85% of the Fortune 500 key executives are Greek.

* Greeks head 86% of the nation’s 50 largest corporations.

* 76% of Who’s Who in America are Greek.

* 70% of the U.S. Presidents’ cabinet members since 1900 have been Greek.

* 76% of U.S. Senators are Greek.

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**Greek Student Spotlight: Rachel Braaten**

Gamma Phi Beta’s President, Rachel Braaten, is a senior here at MSUM majoring in University Studies with an emphasis in health and physical education. She joined Greek Life as a sophomore in the Fall of 2008, and was elected her first active semester as the Vice President of Education. Her junior year, Rachel was elected President.

As President, she works hard to oversee her house, offices, keep in touch with internationals and schools, and keep everyone “in the know.” When asked about her mission as President of Gamma Phi Beta, Rachel responded “I want people to know that we’re there, and for us to grow as a sorority.”

Rachel’s favorite thing about being President is that she’s met so many people around the country and had the opportunity to travel. “Just being a leader is a great feeling—knowing that there are people who depend on you.” She also enjoys being able to live in the house and know that others feel comfortable talking to her. “I really like being able to listen and help.” Rachel plans to use these skills in her future career in which she would like to be a college or high school counselor.

Rachel has also learned many other transitional skills in her time at Gamma Phi Beta. She has had the opportunity to learn public speaking, how to work with friends in a business setting and parliamentary procedure. In addition, Rachel learned to stay organized and manage her time by using her planner, lists, planning ahead, and knowing when to say no. “You can carry all the skills you learn with you to a future career.”

Rachel chose to join Greek after being very active in high school, and then feeling disconnected in her first year of college. “It [Greek Life] brought me back to being involved in school and helped me to make friends that I wouldn’t have otherwise met.”

Rachel wants to encourage all students to try Greek Life. “Even if you don’t think it is for you, just go to one night of our activities and you will see how we break the stereotype.” She also wants students to know that you can join at the beginning of any semester no matter what year you are at in college, though Fall semester is the traditional way.

When asked what her favorite part of Greek Life was, Rachel responded “It’s fun, and we do a lot of good in our community. Also, it’s a lifetime experience. It’s not just four years. It’s the rest of your life.”