

UNIVERSITY CAMPUS INFORMATION

Greekfest '90 unites fraternities and sororities

Over \$1,000 raised in donations

by Tina Crinite
Staff Reporter

As the stereotype is often depicted, a fraternity is seen as nothing more than a group of beer drinking, party loving, ill-mannered guys with overactive hormones.

But what happens when you gather a group of young men who organize a party complete with a volleyball tournament, talent showcase, food, refreshments, and lots of "brotherly" spirit while still having their underlying motive being an effort to make a difference in the lives of many underprivileged children?

The end result is Greekfest '90, "the best event ever," according to Sigma Chi pledge brother Darrin Inbody.

"This was a social event, but

in addition it also shed a positive light on fraternities and Greeks as a whole; showing that this was not just another drinking party," Bea Camacho, prospective little sister for Sigma Chi said.

Sponsored by UNLV's Sigma Chi Fraternity, Greekfest was held Sept. 29 on the four acre Sigma Chi estate. Approximately 800 to 1000 UNLV Greeks, students, and friends gathered to not only have a good time, but in addition, to raise \$1,000 in charity donations to the Children's Miracle Network (CMN). In a statement made by the Sigma Chi Fraternity sponsors, Greekfest was designed to "promote Greek unity and excitement while benefiting the kids of the CMN.

The festivities began at 12 p.m. and continued throughout the day until 1 a.m. The first event

held was a volleyball tournament (complete with authentic beach sand) in which members of UNLV fraternities came together in the spirit of competition to participate. The teams of two played in a double elimination tournament which continued throughout the day with the finals being at 8 p.m. First place winnings of \$100 went to the Sigma Chi team comprised of Bill Black and Mike Mixer. Second place prize of \$50 was awarded to the Kappa Sigma team of Chris Tiller and Mark Henness.

Other entertainment included an all sorority pledge class talent showcase composed of the fall 1990 sorority pledge classes. The judging was based on originality, costume, harmony, and stage performance. First place honors of \$200 went to the pledge

class of Sigma Kappa, and the \$50 second place prize went to the Alpha Gamma Delta pledge class.

In addition, other activities included a live performance of the underground sounds of the "Leisure Lizards."

Much of the day's activities were made possible through the donations of local businesses. Wienerschnitzel donated 1,500 hot dogs and buns and Budweiser Beer donated 15 kegs while emphasizing with various banners not to drive while under the influence.

Quicksilver sportswear donated 375 Greekfest '90 t-shirts which were available for sale with the profits benefiting the charity.

Other contributors were IV Marketing and Sigma Chi Fraternity which donated over \$250 worth of non-alcoholic refresh-

ments.

"Everyone I talked to had a great time at this worthwhile cause," said Nick Simms, brother of Sigma Chi.

Other comments regarding the day's events included Sigma Chi brother, Marc Brown who said it was an "event where all Greeks gather together in a fair competitive arena and have a fun time."

Lebaron Reid, Sigma Chi brother said, "It's not just a fun event, it's a Greek event."

The Children's Miracle Network, along with the University Medical Center (UMC) Foundation have undertaken the project of raising funds for the neonatal unit at UMC. The brothers of Sigma Chi will present their donation of \$1,000 to the charity at their annual 1991 telethon in June.

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Fantastic Fiction Club expanding on campus

by Audrey Conway
Reporter

Any budding Ray Bradburys out there may be interested in the Fantastic Fiction Club, which has been on campus since 1986, but has kept a relatively low profile about its activities. Not so this semester, for, as President Paul Andricopulos put it, "The club needs to make more people aware of its existence."

The club's primary endeavor is the publication each semester of a literary magazine called "Neon Galaxy," consisting of short stories and artwork with science fiction or fantasy themes. The club looks forward to its largest issue ever, the sixth, this semester.

"Hopefully it will be out in October and on sale at the MSU Barnes & Noble Bookstore. We also are carrying an advertisement for Rebelbooks and are arranging to make it available there," said Andricopulos.

The club currently has about twenty members, six of whom actually write. Included among the contributors are Andricopulos and Kevin Kirk, a UNLV psychology graduate who is now the editor of "Neon Galaxy." Not all the contributors are students, and not all are from Nevada.

"We had some members attend an out-of-state symposium where they told others about the magazine. Since then, we've had some contributions from people in other states," said Andricopulos.

Most club meetings are not for shy, reticent types. Although the atmosphere is relaxed and

friendly, those who wish to contribute their stories are expected to read their works aloud to the group. The club president understands the difficulty some have with this activity.

"It took me a while to get involved enough to contribute my work. Some people are reluctant to read aloud because hearing a story is not the same as reading it, and most writers don't write their stories with the idea of them being read aloud in mind," said Andricopulos.

The magazine has undergone several changes since its original incarnation, including alterations in binding, size, volume, and typeface. Cartoons, art, and story illustrations are welcome, in addition to fiction.

"We're publishing more copies of our next issue than before, and hope the following Spring issue will include more color and more stories."

The club has no membership fees, and is actively seeking more members and more contributors to "Neon Galaxy."

"Because we publish the magazine ourselves, our club includes people who may not be inclined towards creative writing, but who are interested in speculative fiction or in publishing." Andricopulos continued to say that the club intends to increase its number of on-campus activities in the hope that more fantastic fiction fans will hear about the club and become involved.

International Student Organization promotes understanding and good relations

The International Student Organization (ISO) is an association open to all UNLV students. ISO promotes international understanding and good relations among the members of the campus and community through the use of educational and cultural programs. ISO officers and interested members work together, along with the International Student Services office to plan, organize and manage events, programs and out-

ings which benefit all student groups.

We are now accepting nominations for the offices explained below. If you are interested in nominating yourself or someone else for any office, please come by the Moyer Student Union, Room 126 to pick up a form.

Nominations must be submitted by 5 p.m., Oct. 8. Elections will be held Oct. 22.

PRESIDENT:

Presides at ISO meeting. Coordinates ISO activities with International Student Services (ISS).

VICE PRESIDENT:

Coordinates directly with the ISS office on projects, events and recruitment of "host families." Assists in development of new student orientation procedures.

SECRETARY:

Records and reports accurate minutes of all meetings. Completes all official ISO correspondence. Maintains all pertinent files on ISO sponsored events. Assists with administrative tasks.

TREASURER:

Keeps records of amounts and sources of ISO income. Pays ISO bills. Prepares annual budget. Assists in determining expenses associated with programs.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR:

Publicizes the ISO functions and other coordinating groups. Provides ideas and information about possible events, projects or programs.

Questions: Call Margaret Hardigree, program coordinator, ISS, 739-3221.