More mouths to feed in Dining Hall

By Jordana Tusman

Many students may have noticed the presence of the fresh new faces of Greek fraternities, Zeta Beta Tau (ZBT) and Phi Kappa Tau in Daly’s Dining Hall this semester.

The two chapters are currently eating in Daly’s until they can successfully recruit more independents in order to fulfill the requirement of occupancy in a certain number of board slots.

“This will give [ZBT and Phi Kappa Tau] an opportunity to meet a lot of guys who may not know them,” said Director of Greek Life Ada Badgley.

“We have them go to Daly’s because [both houses] fell short of [45], so we closed their kitchen and had them go to Daly’s to give them more exposure to people who may want to join,” she said.

Because ZBT and Phi Kappa Tau are now on Rider’s meal plan and eating breakfast, lunch and dinner at Daly’s, there is a mixed reaction among the brothers about how this new way of life is working out for them.

“The food [at Daly’s] all tastes the same and you immediately have to go to the bathroom in the middle of your meal,” said junior Richard Quick. “I also spend more money and eat less at Daly’s than when we had a cook,” he said.

While some, like Quick, were not too excited about eating at Daly’s, others were a bit more positive.

“I don’t like eating at the house, but it’s not that bad eating at Daly’s because we get in contact with more independents,” said junior Garrett Joest.

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Greeks learn how to tame the ‘idiots’

By Candice Grieco

The responsibilities and privileges involved with being a Greek were discussed by a guest speaker TJ Sullivan during National Hazing Prevention week. Sullivan, who has the experience of approaching confrontations among brothers and sisters in the correct way.

Sullivan’s speech, which took place on Wed., Oct. 28, entitled “Confronting the Idiot in your Chapter” dealt with hardships that one may encounter with other members while being in a sorority or a fraternity.

Sullivan started off the program by reiterating common complaints from other schools about each particular chapter. He said that Greek communities would improve if the members learned how to approach sisters and brothers about members’ inappropriate behavior.

Although the speech was intended for the Greek community, it focused on behaviors that most college students encounter, such as excessive drinking and violence.

Commonly, most people do not react to certain behaviors because they figure “somebody else will react,” Sullivan said.

When other people are around actions become “defused.” He stated that this is the main problem with fraternities and sororities.

“You need to stop thinking like fraternities and sororities and start thinking like brothers and sisters,” Sullivan said.

The first step that should be done when members’ behavior is cause for concern is to figure out who would be the best person to confront the member. Sullivan said that “usually the person who wants to make the confrontation” should not be in most cases that person was directly affected by the act; in this case, Sullivan said the confrontation would be more of a personal attack.

“Choose a person who is not wounded up or pissed off,” he said.

Other things to consider are the location of the confrontation. Sullivan suggested avoiding familiar places and “going to a neutral space.” Lastly, he said that you must prepare for any possible reactions people will have many reactions to confrontations to avoid the subject. Making the approach more personal is always key because it establish es that you are there because you care” and the person will not become too offensive, he suggested.

“You have to hold your ground,” Sullivan said. “Describe for 60 seconds how the idiot in your chapter affects you and you will be set.”

Sullivan travels around the country speaking to Greek communities, having been in a fraternity himself, he knows firsthand what types of situations occur.

“I love talking to Greeks for a living,” said Sullivan. “(Becoming Greek) was the best decision I have ever made in my entire life. I love being involved.”

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SECURITY BRIEFS

Bee Careful!

While keeping tabs on a threatening juvenile, a female student slipped while on a treadmill at Maurer Gym on Friday, Sept. 23, at 4:20 p.m. The student struck the bar of the treadmill on her fall and bruised her left thigh. A female student worker witnessed the incident and confirmed the presence of medical services were offered and declined.

Hungry? Why Wait?

The plexiglass cover of a food vending machine in the Bart Luedeke Center (BLC) was broken by an unknown suspect on Saturday, Sept. 24 at 8:45 p.m. It seemed that the suspect used an unknown object to break the plexiglass, but no items appeared to be removed. The machine was moved to safe storage. Anyone with information is asked to call x5029.

No-Win Situation

A female commuter student suspect came into the lobby at the Public Safety office on Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 5:17 p.m. and started yelling about the reason why he received a ticket. When the officer who was at the desk told him that he would have to appeal the ticket, the suspect became loud and started shouting profanities. He was advised to meet with public administration personnel, and he continued to yell profanities. When the officer went back to work, the suspect smashed the plexiglass and then departed the area.

The student was charged with disorderly conduct and harassment.

Surprise!

A tree limb was found next to a female staff member’s vehicle on August 16 in the General Services lot. The incident was finally reported on Sept. 19, when the staff member was informed by a family member about a dent on the vehicle. She was offered police services and declined.

Reminder:

While this is a safe campus, we have to continue to look out for one another. Use a buddy program when walking around campus. If needed, students should utilize the escort service and call x3050 if it is needed.

Information provided by Director of Rider’s Department of Public Safety Vickie Weaver.