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This year’s Recruitment was a resounding success. About 140 girls rushed this year which was 20 more than last year. Overall, they were a really great group of girls. Recruitment started with section tours, as usual. The girls living in Theta section began decorating section a week before, and went all out with a Disney theme. The next day was Activity Day. With the increased dues, Theta was able to get very cute floral tank-tops recruitment shirts for Activity Day. The Thetas met the rush girls outside of section and then walked them over to the amphitheater where we played games, ate great food and got to know the girls better.

The next weekend was Philanthropy day and of course, Tea Day which was held at an alumni’s house near Milton-Freewater. This year, it was outside in a barn that was decorated like a country style wedding, and the alumni made delicious food.

Finally, came Bid Day, where all of the disaffiliated girls were revealed (there were upwards of 9 disaffiliated girls, Rho-Chi’s, SA’s RA’s...etc!) and then we met the new pledge class, which this year consisted of 25 amazing girls. We all took pictures outside of section, and then walked over to an upperclassmen house where there were cupcakes and other good food, and the new pledges and other Thetas dressed up in silly outfits, took pictures and danced!

Overall rush was quite a success—Theta got an awesome new pledge class, and made a good impression on the freshmen class as a whole.
Kyla Foreman
Hometown: San Diego, CA
Major: Undecided.
Hobbies/Interests: Kyla works for Whitman’s technology services and has a lot of fun working with animals in the community. Kyla swam during high school and intends to be on Whitman’s varsity swim team next year.

Shanley Miller
Hometown: Seattle, WA
Major: Potentially Politics, but she is open to studying in varied subject areas.
Hobbies/Interests: At Whitman, Shanley is a member of the varsity swim team and is interested in doing service in the Walla Walla community.

Annie Boyenneh
Hometown: Seattle, WA
Major: Economics
Hobbies/Interests: A sophomore transfer student, Annie has already ingratiated herself into Whittie life by becoming a member of ASWC’s oversight committee.
Fun fact: Annie has already trained to be a Certified Nursing Assistant.

Sam Fata
Hometown: Honolulu, HI
Major: Considering Psychology.
Hobbies/Interests: At Whitman, Sam is a member of the cycling team and is beginning to learn how to rock climb. Back in Hawaii, Sam is an avid scuba diver and surfer.
Fun fact: Sam has very few articles of clothing suitable for Whitman weather. She has also been skydiving!
More New Members!

Marlene Anderson
Hometown: Ballard, WA
Major: Undecided, leaning towards Rhetoric.
Hobbies/Interests: Marlene is a member Whitman’s policy debate team and has already been doing well in debate competitions.
Fun fact: This summer, Marlene went to camp at a women's debate institute in Minnesota.

Catie Chun
Hometown: San Francisco, CA
Major: Undecided
Hobbies/Interests: At Whitman, Catie has started training to be a peer listener and plays recreational soccer. She is also interested in working with children in the community.

Theta Football

This year, our Theta Football team comprised of 11 wonderful Theta members has been doing exceptionally well, especially in comparison to previous seasons. We are 3-1 so far (defeated Alpha-Phi and Delta Gamma!) and have 2 games left against Kappa Kappa Gamma and a freshman Jewett team which we anticipate to be wins. Led by captains Hanna Mosenthal ’14 and Lauren Vorona ’15 and coached by fraternity members Luke Hedlund ’15 (Beta Theta Pi) and Sam Fischer ’15 (Phi Delta Theta), we hope to take our team to playoffs. Mosenthal, on why our team is so great this year, remarks “Lauren and I, along with our coaches Luke and Sam, have really tried to create an open, welcoming, culture, where Thetas want to come out and play and bond with their sisters. Our team has great communication on and off the field, which helps us complete our plays and tighten up our defense.”

Go, Kite, Win!
From the Black Student Union to a pledge of community service, Thetas at Whitman continue to expand their involvement on campus by joining new student groups.

This year, Marla Harvey ‘16 joined Whitman’s BSU to learn more about diversity. “I’ve always wanted to tap into the diversity on this campus,” said Marla, “I also felt like I didn’t know enough about race issues, especially how they work at Whitman.”

Although outside of class, Marla embraced an opportunity at academic stimulation by taking the initiative to join a club on campus that effectively addresses her interests. Madeline Kemme ‘16 is also a member of BSU in addition to “All Students for Consent” along with Tina Welsh ’15, Lauren Vorona ’15 and Sayda Morales ’15.

“I want to raise awareness of issues relating to consent and racial diversity on campus,” said Madeline.

Junior Lauren Vorona learned about the community around her in a different way. This year, Lauren joined the “Give 20 Program” at Whitman, as a pledge to complete 20 hours of community service this semester. Simultaneously, Lauren has been a part of the Prison Research Group. As a close neighbor to the state penitentiary, Whitman students have been a large part of researching and growing aware of the surrounding prison culture.

Can you spot the Theta’s in this “Ask For Consent” club picture? Hint: There’s 4!
Sisterhood Bonding

Sisterhood is, simply, the core of Theta. Forming relationships with our other sisters is why we all joined it in the first place! Thus, sisterhood events act as the glue that holds us together. As junior Theta Satinder Haer states, “for me, sisterhood means the opportunity to share serious & silly experiences with the girls that I value the most on Whitman’s campus. Sisterhoods give me a chance to escape my busy Whitman life to reconnect with Thetas while having fun and catching up, they are a continual source of support and a reminder of why I joined Theta.” Sisterhood events create a space where we can stop, remember, and reflect on those that mean the most.

This month Thetas have enjoyed activities like ice-skating, trips to the corn maze, and a night of “mocktails” and board games. Sometimes, Theta sisterhood events are even inspired by the passions and talents of Theta members. In this way, these events not only allow us to bond, but also learn from and celebrate the talents of others. As we welcome new members into our chapter, we look forward to future sisterhood bonding to get to know them better!
Kathryn Bogley

Kathryn is in London this fall! She has gotten to see an impromptu Paul McCartney concert, worked on Shakespeare with the homeless and has an internship at the “Actors Center” right in the heart of London’s west end.

Julie Peterson

Julie is in Ecuador this fall! She lives with a host family (including 2 sisters and a dog) and says she is having an “amazing time”.

Claire Ihle

Claire is spending this fall in Brazil! She says it is “paradise”!

Annie Szeliski

Annie is taking a year off to study abroad but is spending this fall in Madrid, Spain and says her “Spanish is really improving!”
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