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Leading Off: Don't drop the baton



"I take full blame for it," said Tyson Gay, a member of the men's 2008 U.S. Olympic 4x100 meter relay team, "I kind of feel I let them down."

Gay and teammate Darvis Patton failed to connect on the passing of the relay baton and therefore the American team failed to reach the Olympic 4x100m relay finals for the first time since 1988. On the same day, the exact same situation happened with Torri Edwards and Lauryn Williams of the women's US 4x100m relay team as they also failed to connect in the passing of the relay baton.

Unfortunately, many ATO chapter officers all across the country can sympathize. Because outgoing officers failed to properly pass the baton, the new officers are left to fumble with transitioning into their new office and waste valuable time learning how to best handle their new duties.

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Signature Events:

Ohio State

Beta Omega

The Beta Omega Taus have started a monthly pancake breakfast in association with a local church. The 'Jericho Road' breakfast is a program that provides a free breakfast to all students from 11 p.m. – 2 a.m. in order to help keep students safe and give them an alternative to binge drinking on the weekends. The chapter also uses the event to raise money for a local charity organization that provides food and clothes to less fortunate families in the Columbus area. The most recent breakfast attracted nearly 450 students.

Stepping In It:

An SAE pledge fell to his death from a fifth floor balcony at his off campus dorm at the University of Texas. The subsequent investigation revealed that he had been preparing for the chapter's annual Jungle Party and that the pledges were each given half-gallon bottles of liquor to drink. The pledge's BAC was 0.19 at the time of his death. A civil lawsuit was filed, four members of the chapter were found guilty of criminal charges and two sent to jail, including the pledge trainer, for their involvement in hazing the pledge.

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