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Delta Zeta— Up and Coming

Their symbol is a roman lamp, their colors are pink and green, and they appear to have a rather strong affection for pink roses, green turtles, and shiny diamonds. Who are they? They are the lovely sisters of Delta Zeta, of course.

Since its colonization earlier this year, the forty six new members of Delta Zeta have made quite an impact on the Wake Forest community. Already, Delta Zeta has held two successful date functions. DZ Debut, its first Wake Forest University date function, took place at the Millennium Center on January 22nd. Then, in the spirit of Valentine's Day, the sorority organized a crush party at Brew Ha Ha's on February 12th.

Although newly acquainted, the Delta Zetas have already formed the strong friendships among one another that provide the foundation of every great sorority. One might easily find a group of the sisters eating lunch together at the Pit or Benson. On Thursday nights, the sisters gather together and bond over the final episodes of Friends. And, on Wednesday nights, the girls all guiltily meet to watch the reality television series, American Idol. Moreover, the girls really got to know one another during their pledge retreat, which took place on February 13th.

Currently, the sorority is holding elections for their chapter officers. They will also attend Delta Zeta's Region Weekend, which takes place in Greensboro on December 14. In addition, the sisters plan to hold a Piccolo fundraiser during late April.

The Delta Zetas have a bright and exciting future ahead of them, so watch out for these girls as they make their mark at Wake Forest University!

-Jackie Connell

Sigma Pi Update

The brothers of the Alpha Nu chapter of Sigma Pi Fraternity, International have been engaged in an assortment of activities since returning to school from winter break. The spring 2004 rush period successfully concluded with the addition of twenty-four young men to our chapter. As these men begin the pledge process, the remainder of the brotherhood has been busy with other commitments. This past weekend (February 6-8) our president and chapter director attended a Sigma Pi leadership conference in St. Louis, Missouri, learning about various ways to improve the functionality and efficiency of the chapter. Several meetings have occurred to plan for the Brian Piccolo 3 on 3 basketball tournament. This fundraiser, an event co-sponsored with Phi Mu scheduled for April 3, has already received many donations from local businesses and restaurants as a result of the brotherhood's diligent work. Another event that Alpha Nu participated in was the Red Cross Blood Drive at Wake Forest on February 13. Brothers donated blood as well as assisted the Red Cross in the collection process. Finally, preparations for the annual Viking Fest activities have begun in earnest as we will try to surpass last year's fun. That is what is happening at the Alpha Nu chapter of Sigma Pi.

-Members of Sigma Pi

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Pi Beta Phi Update

Pi Phi was very busy in all aspects of campus life last semester, and we are even busier this semester with the addition of our 47 new little angels. Last semester Pi Phi did extremely well in all of the fundraisers for Brian Piccolo. We won the "Hit the Bricks" fundraiser, with both the highest number of laps, and highest amount of money raised for the event. Our own Piccolo fundraiser, "Pancake Phest" was held in December with over \$2,000 being given to the Piccolo fund. Recruitment went extremely well this year and we received our highest return rate yet following day one. We now have 47 new members and they were each able to meet with our AAC this past weekend. We currently have five sisters studying abroad this semester and our President and Treasurer have been busy attending National Conventions this month. All other members of Pi Phi are continually involved in numerous activities on campus, especially the intramural sports of basketball, bowling, and water-polo. Our first date function of the semester called "Crazy Hat" was also held this month, and as of now our formal is planned for April 2nd and 3rd.

-Kaite Reedy

Alpha Kappa Alpha Update

The fourteen lovely ladies of the Pi Beta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. at Wake Forest University have continued to remain quite active in both on campus and off campus activities. In addition to maintaining active participation in the reading one-to-one program sponsored by the Phi Omega Graduate Chapter in Winston-Salem, the ladies sponsored a Love Week for students on campus to participate in. Love Week, which was held during the week of Valentine's Day, featured a carnation sale, a Love Yourself pampering session in conjunction with Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, dinner and a movie, as well as free candy at various points throughout the week. Pi Beta is also planning an open discussion for Wake Forest students, as well as the annual Feminini Tea as some of the future events for the spring semester.

-Rachel Maree

Kappa Delta Update

The Kappa Delta New Members had a busy and fun-filled first weekend of February. Following the festivities of Pledge Night, they went on an overnight retreat to Camp Hanes for some bonding time. The new members will be serenading their pledge class sweetheart and getting their Big Sisters next week. After the success of our Stoplight Party, there will be an upcoming date function with the Roaring Twenties theme. We are so excited to welcome such an amazing bunch of enthusiastic, dedicated young women into our sisterhood!

-Melissa Williams

Alpha Sig Update

As you all know, this past month has been very busy for everyone. Rush was a very enjoyable time for both the brotherhood and the rushees. Highlights of our rush include dinner at La Carreta, the Salem Open, and our date function held this year at the Days Inn. Unfortunately, our most popular event, paintball, was snowed out this year.

This semester we were fortunate enough to receive 14 new pledges. We would like to thank those men and all those that came out to rush.

-Brian Lamb

Pi Kappa Alpha Update

On January 31 beloved brother James Christopher Smith '03, better known as Smitty, was officially commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corp. The PiKa brotherhood attended the ceremony in Benson to honor Smitty's accomplishment. Following the ceremony brothers, family, and fellow officers gathered in the PiKA lounge for a barbeque celebration.

Brothers and alumni also gathered in the lounge last month to enjoy food and drinks during the UNC vs. Wake Forest men's basketball game. This event was coordinated by Kirk Joseph Nelson '04 who, working with the newly elected PiKa exec, has recently established an alumni board, which will advise the fraternity and oversee the completion of long term projects. The leaders of the newly elected exec council include president Matthew Gerard Farrell and Marc Rufio Royo.

On another note, the band Johnnie's By Association (who's members include brothers David Hiller, Brendan Horgan, and Joe Swithenbank) drew rave reviews in Wake Radio's "Battle of the Bands" contest held last month in Shorty's.

-Eric Iverson

Phi Mu Makes Peanut Butter for Piccolo

Phi Mu has had a busy, but fun month. It's been an immense pleasure to welcome our new members. In the past two weeks we have had big and little sister revelation and our annual "Phis N Guys," a dance in honor of our new members. This year we had a "High Rollers" casino theme.

In addition to a full social calendar, Phi Mu has been working hard on our philanthropy. On Wednesday, February 11, we hosted "Peanut Butter for Piccolo." Teams of four competed to make the most peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. Proceeds went to the Brian Piccolo Foundation and the sandwiches went to the Samaritan Inn. We also look forward to hosting our annual 3 on 3 basketball shootout next month.

Finally, Phi Mu will conclude February with the initiation of our new members at the Piedmont Club on the 29th.

-Katie Hendrick

Chi Psi Update

The brotherhood of Chi Psi is pleased with the progress it has seen in the past year. Last spring, the brotherhood was re-established on campus with a group of freshmen who felt that they desired different fraternal ideals than those of current organizations on campus. The rush process went fairly well and included events at "The Comedy Zone" in Greensboro and "Cue 'n' Spirits." At the conclusion of rush we were pleased to have five new members join the current brotherhood in our quest to rebuild the Chi Psi fraternity. The fraternity continues to send brothers to the Salvation Army to volunteer and several brothers prepare meals at the AIDS Care Center every Sunday. Also, on February 26, the brotherhood will co-sponsor Donald Johanson's lecture at Wait Chapel. Dr. Johanson is the Director at the Institute for Human Origins and the man responsible for the discovery of the fossil *A. afarensis*, dubbed "Lucy."

-Dave Pappano

Delta Kappa Epsilon Update

DKE fraternity has had a great start to the semester. Rush ran smoothly and produced some quality new members that they are proud of. The final days with our two houses were spent well, they will be dearly missed. Many alumni from years past, some with family, traveled back to Wake to witness the historical event. The construction of the new house is already in progress and set to be completed by next October. We look forward to a great semester and year.

-Stephen Tatum

Lambda Chi Alpha Update

Last semester, Lambda Chi attained a great level of success, earning both the Chapter Excellence Award and Scholastic Leadership Award. We were also very honored to have some individual contributions recognized, as our former President, Reid Nance, won the title, Greek Man of the Year, and our faculty and alumni advisors, Dr. George Aldhizer and Dan Anthony, both earned awards as well.

This semester promises to be busy with our upcoming Piccolo Event, "Pig Out for Piccolo," and our continuous participation in The North American Food Drive. Luckily, our Spring Rush efforts have brought in twelve outstanding young men to aid in these pursuits. For another consecutive semester, our numbers have shown steady growth, illustrating the efforts of all the brothers in making Lambda Chi Alpha a success at Wake.

-Jacob Misenheimer

Chi Omega Update

Chi Omega Sorority announced today they raised record \$18,916 for the Brian Piccolo Cancer Fund. This contribution surpasses the previous record of \$7,150 set in 2003.

The sorority will present a check to the Comprehensive Cancer Center of Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center to be used for cancer research. The check will be presented to Cancer Center Director, Dr. Frank Torti on Wednesday, Feb. 25th, prior to the start of the Wake/Florida State basketball game.

According to Kate Leonard, co-chairman of the fundraiser, the silent auction featured more than 60 items, including weekend getaways, gift certificates for local restaurants, and Wake sports paraphernalia, like a basketball signed by Josh Howard and golf gear autographed by Arnold Palmer. A Hilton Head package, including a villa in Sea Pines, Heritage golf tickets and restaurant gift certificates, yielded the highest single contribution to the Piccolo Drive going for \$1,030.

Winston-Salem Mayor Allen Joines kicked off the event by dedicating Chi Omega's official "Brian Piccolo" Parking Spot, which was auctioned to a Wake student to use exclusively for a year. During the ceremony, the Mayor proclaimed a "Brian Piccolo Day" throughout Winston-Salem.

"The members of Chi Omega believe that cancer has touched the lives of each Wake Forest student in a very different and powerful way," says Crotzer. We are honored to be a part of the cure."

-Claire Crotzer