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Kappa Deltas Meet Sisters at National Conference!!

On January 30, while the rest of the campus relaxed after a busy week, Georgeanna Smith and I were headed on a flight to Memphis, Tennessee in order to attend Kappa Delta's National Presidents and Emerging Leaders Conference. The conference was an amazing opportunity for both Georgeanna and I to learn leadership skills and to bring back ideas on how to effectively run our chapter.

As a President, I attended sessions geared towards the main offices of our sorority, giving me a better understanding of what everyone else's duties are so that I can make sure that we as a chapter are efficient. Georgeanna attended sessions geared more towards developing skills as a leader. A number of these sessions were geared towards the Kappa Delta philosophy of PACE. Both of us got to attend workshops directed towards our New Member Education period, Recruitment, Public Relations, and our annual Shamrock philanthropy project. These workshops gave us pages of ideas which we brought back to our officers and have already begun implementing in our chapter.

Perhaps the most amazing part of the conference however was to see how diverse Kappa Delta chapters from around the nation are. Every chapter was unique in its size, achievements, and concerns. As one of the top chapters in our organization, it made us realize how much hard work and dedication we have put into improving our chapter over the past several years and how we must continue to do so in order to keep this title.

At the end of our visit we were able to tour the National Headquarters in Memphis and see a lot of the history that surrounds Kappa Delta's founding. The building itself was beautiful and full of history that I was not aware of until visiting. More importantly, our National Council members were there to share the history and experience with us.

My weekend at the National Presidents and Emerging Leaders Conference was very valuable in the sense that I now have a better understanding of the management of my chapter and everyone's individual role in upholding our standards and efficiency. More importantly however, my weekend in Memphis was unforgettable as I now have close bonds with sisters from chapters all over the country and our National Council members. I feel honored to be able to fulfill my small part as a member of such an impressive national organization.

-Jenny Ferderber -Jenny Ferderber

Alpha Sig Academics

Things continue to go well for Alpha Sigma Phi. Our intramural teams have enjoyed much success and are looking forward to continuing that success in the post season. Our brothers have reason to celebrate as we had the 2nd highest GPA of all the fraternities on campus. We have always stressed academics to all our new members and we hope to continue that tradition in years to come.

-Brian Lamb

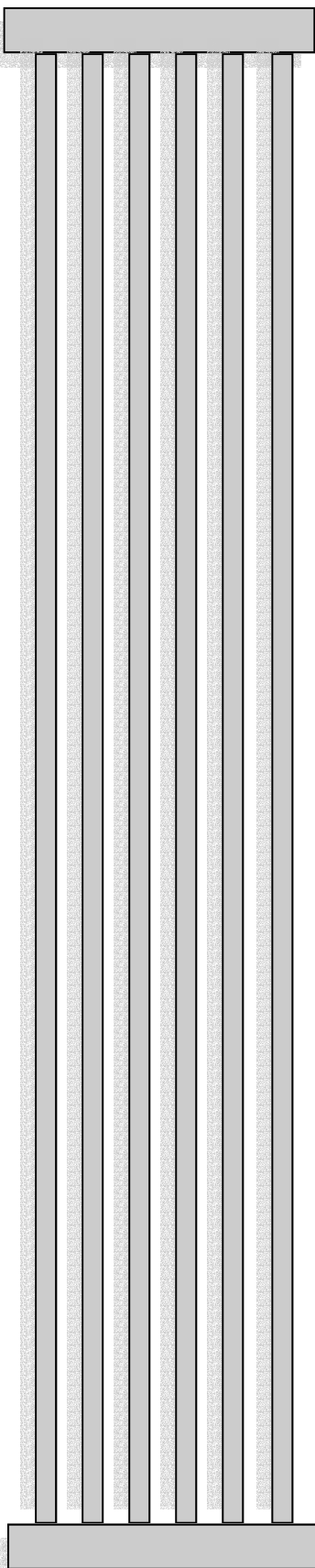
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Phi Mu Birthday Celebration

On February 29, 2004, the Lambda Eta chapter of Phi Mu fraternity welcomed our newly initiated sisters. We are incredibly excited to receive them into our bond. Following initiation, we celebrated Phi Mu's 152nd birthday on March 4. We enjoyed a ceremony honoring our three founders, which extended into examining our individual roles in promoting the fraternity's ideal noble womanhood.

We also enjoyed our St. Patrick's Day "grab a date" at Brew Ha-Ha's. We look forward to our upcoming formal on April 2-3. Phi Mu is almost in the midst of planning another initiation for more girls who have recently accepted bids. Additionally, we are collaborating with Sigma Pi for our annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament benefiting Brian Piccolo. The tournament will be held April 17.



Greek Week— “Place Your Bets”

The Greek Week Committee has been working hard for over a month to organize a fun and exciting Greek Week. Greek Week will be held April 19th through the 23rd and will have a Las Vegas theme, “Place Your Bets”. We are also in the process of creating t-shirts for the week that will be colorful and fun. The schedule for the week is also somewhat different as we are including a Battle of the Sexes as a kickoff event for Monday with inflatables and a capture the flag game. Tuesday will be the Faculty Appreciation day which will include a cookie decorating contest. Also on Tuesday we will take part in "Celebrate the Fight." This is when we invite children with cancer to go to one of the Wake baseball games, enjoy free food, and show these kids a great time. It helps us see why we do Piccolo events and why we raise money.

Wednesday will be the Greek Sing. Thursday will be the ever popular Quad 500 and other field events. Last of all will be a Step Show on Friday that will include groups from many surrounding states with a party afterwards. I, as well as the rest of the Greek Week Committee, are looking forward to Greek Week and we think it will be a great success.

-Brad Smith

Alpha Kappa Alpha Service Projects

The Pi Beta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. has continued to remain quite active in both on campus and off campus activities. The ladies are planning an Easter Food Drive to collect canned goods and nonperishable food items for less fortunate families. Other planned programs include distributing information concerning breast cancer and the HIV/AIDS epidemic to Wake Forest students in conjunction with Alpha Kappa Alpha’s national Health Awareness Week, as well as regular street clean-up activities and a car wash. Pi Beta will also be hosting a Feminini Tea for female students to participate in, which will feature proper etiquette when dining, as well as proper attire and protocol while in the workplace. Also, the ladies will be having a Cabaret in April to commemorate the founding of the Pi Beta Chapter. Pi Beta is also looking forward to hosting a Gym Jam with other greek organizations on campus to celebrate the end of Greek Week

-Rachel Maree

Pi Beta Phi Formal and Philanthropy

Pi Beta Phi has had a very busy, but fun filled month. We have been especially busy welcoming our newest members. Initiation went very smoothly this year and now all of our members have found out who their new big and little sisters are.

Our formal was held March 26th and 27th and the new members enjoyed deciding on the theme for the first night of formal. We are all looking forward to participating in Derby Days and Greek Week, and we have started planning our spring Piccolo event which is "Bagels in Bed."

Finally, Pi Phi's continue to be actively involved in intramural basketball and softball, and we are all enjoying hanging out with our senior sisters as much as we can.

-Katie Reedy

Delta Zeta’s Involvement

The Delta Zetas are very excited about what we have accomplished this semester. We are beginning to organize our first Brian Piccolo event in early April and hope that everyone in the Wake community comes out to help support us. The Delta Zetas are also excited about our first chance to really introduce ourselves to the Greek system with our participation in Sigma Chi’s Derby Days and Greek Week – Go DZ! We would like to extend congratulations to our newly elected Executive Board and coaches. Delta Zeta is looking forward to ending this semester as strongly as it began.

-Alisha Richardson

Kappa Alpha’s Re-chartering Process

The Kappa Alpha Order, which was established at Wake Forest University in 1881, is in the first stage of the re-chartering process. Among the main focuses of this process are brotherhood, scholarship, and service to the community. The brothers of Kappa Alpha have been busy with their academic tutoring program at North Hills Elementary and are planning fundraisers for the Muscular Dystrophy Association and the Brian Piccolo Cancer Foundation. A busy social calendar for the rest of the semester is also being organized.

-Jonathan Doorley

Philanthropy This Semester For Lambda Chi

In the coming weeks, Lambda Chi will be engaged in several philanthropic activities. Our local part of the North American Food Drive, which consists of collecting food donations from local neighborhoods, took place from March 21 to March 27. All proceeds went to Second Harvest Food Bank. Last year we raised over a ton of canned goods and nonperishable food items, and we hope to collect even more this year.

On April 1, we held our annual Piccolo Event, Pig Out for Piccolo, at Fuddruckers on Hanes Mall Boulevard. Two hamburger-eating contests were held, prizes were raffled off, and T-shirts were sold, with all proceeds going to the Brian Piccolo Cancer Fund. In addition, Fuddruckers donated fifteen percent of all sales between 5 pm and 9pm. In order for this event to be a success, we need to have both Greek and campus-wide involvement.

On April 5 through April 8, Lambda Chi will be holding a Faculty Food Drive, in which our brothers will be taking bags to different academic departments to be filled with canned goods and nonperishable food items.

All three of these events illustrate Lambda Chi's ongoing commitment to service in the Wake Forest community. With everyone's participation, we hope both to feed many hungry families this Easter and to raise money to find innovative treatments and eventually a cure for cancer.

-Jacob Misenheimer

Tri Delta's St. Jude Campaign

The month of March is an exciting one for the members of Gamma Kappa chapter, especially with the addition of our 47 recently initiated sisters! With philanthropy projects, social events and other activities in full swing, the Tri Deltas are already enjoying an active spring semester.

Our commitment to Tri Delta's national philanthropy is strengthened each spring with the chapter's participation in *d-life*, a national letter-writing fundraising campaign to benefit St. Jude Children's Hospital. In 2003—our first year of participation—Gamma Kappa raised the most money of all 134 Tri Delta chapters, surpassing the \$8,000 mark. This year, with even more chapter support, Gamma Kappa hopes to reach its goal of \$16,000 for the hospital that costs over \$800,000 a day to operate. Additionally, in April, the sisters will hold their annual car wash, also to benefit St. Jude. Be on the lookout for more information regarding that event!

Socially, Tri Delta hosts its annual spring semi-formal, Stars and Crescent, the weekend of March 19th and 20th. Friday evening, the sisters and their dates bowled in "Two of a Kind"-themed attire; Saturday, an evening of dancing ensued at the downtown Piedmont Club.

From *d-life* to dancing, intramural victories to plans for lounge redecoration, the Tri Deltas enjoyed a busy March and are looking forward to an equally exciting April!

- Kate Davis

Brian Piccolo Cancer Drive

The Piccolo Committee has been working hard over the past couple of months in trying to organize the events for this spring semester. In February former co-chairs of the committee, Trip Chalk and Anna Armstrong, presented the check from 2003 to Dr. Frank Torti, Director of the Cancer Center. Setting a new record for the Brian Piccolo Cancer Fund, the \$53,000 contribution has set high standards for 2004. Theta Chi's Battle of the Bands on March 19th was a great kickoff to the 2004 Cancer Drive, which only helps all of the Wake Forest student organizations look forward to participating in the Cancer Drive. Some of the upcoming events that are going to be taking place in the next couple of months are Pig Out for Piccolo, the Sigma Pi-Phi Mu basketball tournament, and Pump up for Piccolo. This spring there are going to be two new Piccolo events - Sigma Nu's Texas Hold 'em Tournament and a Guster concert at the Millenium. All on the Piccolo Committee are excited about the Cancer Drive this year, and are looking to set a record donation for 2004.

-Tricia Rezendes



Pi Kappa Alpha—Commitment to Service

On Saturday April 3 alumni from the Piedmont region and as far away as Philadelphia will join the current brothers for Pike work day. Working together alumni and brothers will paint the halls and refurbish the grill on the patio. The event will be spearheaded by alumni coordinator Kirk Nelson '02 and alumni handy-man Wayne Miller '02.

This summer eight Wake Forest Students will be going to Moscow, Russia through the volunteer service corps to rebuild an orphanage. Three members of this trip are Pikes (Eric Iverson, Joe Swithenbank, and Ian Johnstone). These brothers have been working hard all semester to raise funds and collect supplies for the service trip.

Fraternity GPA's were released this month for fall 2003 and Pi Kappa Alpha ranked fifth out of the twelve fraternities on campus. Pi Kappa Alpha's average GPA was 3.062 which is above the all men's average as well as the Greek average. In addition 29 of the 49 brothers made the Dean's List.

Finally Pi Kappa Alpha would like to congratulate brother Scott Feather, a member of the Wake Forest basketball team, on an excellent season. While Scott saw limited time on the court he was an important part of the team. He was assigned the not so small task of marking Chris Paul and Justin Grey everyday in practice.

-Eric Iverson

Sigma Pi Philanthropy and Service

In recent weeks the brothers of Sigma Pi Fraternity, International have been busy with a multitude of activities. On February 28 a group of brothers participated in the Bowling for Kids fundraiser. In addition to forming teams that bowled for 2 hours, each brother raised money that will be utilized to further local children's' education. Over spring break, six brothers participated in a Habitat for Humanity build in Tutwiler, Mississippi. This group finished the dormitory that future Habitat groups will live in during their stay in Tutwiler. Upcoming events for the Alpha Nu chapter of Sigma Pi include the annual Vikingfest festivities and alumni weekend. Planning and advertising for the 3 on 3 Brian Piccolo basketball tournament continue in conjunction with Phi Mu and will culminate in the tournament set for April 17. Preparations for the chapter to engage in our ACE project, a service project specifically geared toward improving the Wake Forest campus, have begun. Through several meetings with school officials, the chapter decided to improve and help maintain the Reynolda gardens. Thus, the brothers of Sigma Pi are quite busy as spring begins.

-Hunter Edwards

Chi Psi and Education

The brotherhood of Chi Psi has been very busy in recent weeks. After sponsoring a lecture by Dr. Donald Johansson, the fraternity has been concentrating on new member education and brotherhood activities. Just prior to Spring Break, the National Executive Council of Chi Psi visited Wake Forest for their annual conference. After the meeting, the brothers packed up and headed to sunny Florida for the remainder of break. In the coming weeks new members will be going on a retreat to the University of Georgia and will continue their new member education process.

-Dave Pappano

Greek Grade Report

Lambda Chi Alpha	3.154		
Alpha Sigma Phi	3.123	Chi Omega	3.383
Sigma Nu	3.119	Delta Delta Delta (Tri Delta)	3.360
Theta Chi	3.108	Kappa Delta	3.350
Pi Kappa Alpha	3.062	Kappa Kappa Gamma	3.324
Chi Psi	3.027	Phi Mu	3.269
Delta Kappa Epsilon	3.007	Pi Beta Phi	3.238
Sigma Chi	2.983	Delta Sigma Theta	2.997
Sigma Pi	2.964	All Sorority Average	3.315
Kappa Sigma	2.857	All Women's Average	3.205
Alpha Phi Alpha	2.853		
Omega Psi Phi	2.423		
All Fraternity Average	3.021		
All Men's Average	2.979		