

The Greek Column

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Welcome to the September issue of the Greek Column. Greek Life at Wake Forest is not just about extravagant parties complete with extreme inebriation. Greek students are among the campus' many leaders holding positions in Student Government and Volunteer Service Corps. Continue reading to hear what the organizations have to say about themselves and their activities.

-David Pappano, IFC Publications Chair

Chi Psi

Greek Community Educates Freshmen on Alcohol Abuse

On September 8 at 7pm in Wait Chapel, the Greek Alcohol Advisory Committee (GAAC) presented the alcohol SPEAKOUT. In memory of the tragic drunk driving accident that took the lives of two young Wake students several years ago, the underlying message of the SPEAKOUT was to raise awareness of alcohol consumption and to put an end to drunk driving. Members of GAAC, headed by co-chairs Kat Robinson, John Selph, and Jenna Dauten, worked hard to bring students from all different aspects of Wake Forest life together to present their personal stories and experiences with alcohol and college life. Students heard from members of the Greek community, athletes, Honor & Ethics Council, and a student EMT. In addition to the speeches, there were three student testimonials, two of which were read aloud anonymously, while the other was presented by a student who had been personally affected by the horrors of drunk driving and wanted to share her story. In between the testimonials and the speeches, the Demon Divas graced the crowd with their amazing voices, singing a wonderful selection of songs which really added to the overall effect of the SPEAKOUT. In both the introduction and conclusion, it was emphasized that the entire event had been put on "by students for students"; and to further that point, there were no faculty members present at the SPEAKOUT, making it a much more relaxed and comfortable atmosphere when discussing a topic like alcohol and drunk driving. The SPEAKOUT was a huge success, and members of GAAC would like to thank everyone who participated for all their time and effort, as well as all those who attended.

Upcoming Events

Panhellenic Breast Cancer Fashion Show	October 19 at 7pm	Benson 401
All Greek Cookout	October 25, 5-7pm	Wingate Picnic Area
Greek Coming Attractions	October 26, 6-7pm	Benson 401

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Pi Phi Sorority Ready for the Coming Year

By Katie Reedy

Here at Wake Forest the sister's of Pi Beta Phi are all very fun-loving, laid back, and always excited about meeting new people. Since there are about 150 girls within Pi Phi, you can be sure to find us involved in all aspects of campus life.

Although many of our junior sisters are taking this semester to study abroad, you can still find Pi Phi's participating in numerous campus wide activities. Since classes have started we have already had two sisterhoods and we are now in the process of planning our fall Piccolo Event, Pancake Phest, to be held on Friday, October 8th. During Pancake Phest the sisters make pancakes from 10pm-2am and students who have a ticket can get all-you-can-eat pancakes and orange juice throughout the night. It's the perfect snack to have while you are out at the campus lounge parties on a Friday night. The money raised in this campaign goes to the campus-wide Brian Piccolo Foundation, which supports cancer research. We would love for all students to come out to the event, get some pancakes, and meet some Pi Phi's!

Besides Pancake Phest, we are looking forward to defending our winning titles in both 'Triple Play' and 'Hit the Bricks.' Pi Phi's are involved in intramural sports as well, so if you are ever in Reynolds gym on a Tuesday or Thursday night come watch us play water polo!

All of the sisters of Pi Phi are very excited for this semester and for recruitment in the Spring! We can't wait to meet you!



National Women's Friendship Day with Kappa Delta

Women nationwide celebrated the sixth annual National Women's Friendship Day on Sunday, September 19. Created by Kappa Delta Sorority for women everywhere, this special day provides an opportunity for women to recognize those friends who play important roles in their lives. This year the sisters of Kappa Delta came together for a sisterhood event in their lounge. The girls bonded over ice cream sundaes and watched episodes of *Sex and the City*. "It was a chance to take a break from studying and relax with my fellow sisters and best friends. So often we take for granted the friendships we have and National Women's Friendship Day is a chance to say thanks to the people that give me the most support," says Jenny Ferderber, a Junior Kappa Delta sister. Friendships among women strengthen who we are, how we live, love, and work and how we keep our bodies going.

By Sarah Anderson

Chi Omega Prepares for Silent Auction

The Chi Omega on-campus silent auction will be held from Wednesday, October 27th through Friday, October 29th. This event is open to anyone who is interested, and all proceeds benefit the Brian Piccolo Cancer Fund. The tables will be open from 9 a.m.—6 p.m., in the Benson Center Food Court (across from Pizza Hut). Items include an on-campus parking space, various gifts and accessories, coupons to local favorite restaurants, and much more. Everyone is welcome—bring your parents and friends, or stop by on your way to class, and bid on your favorite items! Also, we want to thank everyone who participated last year and helped us raise over \$18,000 for the Brian Piccolo Cancer Fund. We hope to contribute even more this year!

By Laura Cookman

Pi Kappa Alpha: The House that Brotherhood Built

The Gamma Phi Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha received its charter in 1939 and is one of the oldest fraternities at Wake Forest. Throughout our history we have prided ourselves as being “The House that Brotherhood Built.” That brotherhood is demonstrated by our strong intramural teams, popular social events, dedicated community service, and scholastic achievements.

Pi Kappa Alpha hosts a wide range of events throughout the year. The highlights of the fall include Pike Olympics, Homecoming Dance, Snowball dance, Mid-week Parties, and Fall Formal at Lake Lure near Chimney Rock, NC. Of course you can always find us tailgating before football games; just look for the fire truck. In the spring we host our traditional Funk Party, Fireman’s Ball, Rush Dance, North/South Party, Spring Formal at Myrtle Beach, and Dukes of Hazard which is consistently the biggest party of the year at Wake Forest.

Our brothers hail from a wide range of states and have come together to form the most closely knit brotherhood on campus. Pikes are extremely active in many of Wake Forest’s clubs including College Republicans, College Democrats, Volunteer Service Corps, Club Hockey, ROTC, and the Harbinger Corps. We are especially proud that a Pike has captained the Wake Forest Rugby team for the past 15 years. In addition, several Pi Kappa Alpha brothers are members of varsity teams including basketball (Scott Feather) and baseball (Kip Byrum).

Our fraternity GPA is consistently above the all male and fraternity averages. However, we are not only good students, but also good citizens. Pike brothers participate in many service projects at Wake Forest and abroad. The brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha volunteer as a group at a local homeless shelter several time a year. We conclude the year with our annual Brian Piccolo cancer fundraiser “Pump up for Piccolo,” a weightlifting competition hosted in conjunction with the football team.

Feel free to stop by our fire truck at tailgates before the football games or at one of our parties in Davis Residence Hall and introduce yourself. If you have any questions feel free to contact David Hiller or Ben Psych via email. Come see why Pi Kappa Alpha is the “House that Brotherhood Built.”

By Eric Iverson

Chi Psi: Pursuing Advancement in Intellectual, Moral, and Social Life

In the spring of 2003, eleven freshmen were chosen to re-establish the Alpha Upsilon Delta chapter of Chi Psi at Wake Forest University. Since that season, presence of Chi Psi has grown considerably on campus. Brothers are involved in a variety of groups on campus including the Old Gold & Black, Club Ice Hockey, Student Government, Harbinger Corps, ROTC, and Club Tennis. As a basic tenet, these gentlemen are in constant pursuit of “advancement in intellectual, moral, and social life.”

Chi Psi events over the course of the year are both social and academic in nature. We hold on campus parties in the Luter Lounge, located next to the Chi Psi halls on the A-side of the building. Every spring, Brothers head to Myrtle Beach for our Silver Cord Formal. In regards to academic events, Chi Psi hosted a reception for noted paleoanthropologist Donald Johanson after his lecture on campus last spring. Last year, the Chi Psi Car Bash was held during homecoming weekend to raise money for the Brian Piccolo Cancer Research Fund. Students took a sledge hammer to Georgia Tech’s “Ramblin’ Wreck” while helping the fraternity aid a good cause.

Being a Chi Psi is much more than just guaranteeing yourself an invite to a party every week. Our smaller size enables us to have a close-knit Brotherhood. To accept the bonds of brotherhood in Chi Psi is to establish a lifelong friendship with the fraternity. If you are interested in rushing, or want to learn more about the fraternity, visit our webpage at

<http://www.wfu.edu/Student-organizations/lodge/>, or stop by the basement halls of Luter.

By David Pappano

Alpha Sigma Phi: Strong, Small, and Connected

The brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi are a unique group of individuals. We are one of the smallest fraternities on campus but we see that as a strength, not a weakness. Being a small frat allows us to have a close brotherhood where the brothers know everyone and are friends with everyone. We are an athletic fraternity and participate in most intramural sports on campus. Our athletics is not limited to intramural sports however as we can often be found in Reynolds Gym playing pick up basketball or out on the quad tossing around a football.

Annually, Alpha Sigma Phi hosts its 5K race called Run With the Deacs. Run With the Deacs is one of the highest profiting Piccolo events on campus. This year looks to be no different as local businesses and organizations have already donated a great deal of time, money, and prizes and student interest is already at an all time high.

By Brian Lamb

Sigma Chi Continues Tradition at Wake

Since 1955, the Sigma Chi Fraternity has carried on a proud tradition in its chapter at Wake Forest. With forty-two active members and ten abroad this fall, Sigma Chi is a strong brotherhood of some of the finest men on campus. We are also excited to have recently picked up eight new gentlemen. Throughout the years, Sigma Chi has been a leader in Greek life at Wake Forest in all facets from athletics to philanthropy. We have been considered one of the most athletic fraternities on campus since our charter. For the past four years Sigma Chi has led the fraternity intramural league in points across the board. We also have several members participating in club sports and ROTC. Academically, Sigma Chi's continue to post some of the finest grades in Wake Forest's most difficult areas of study. As a social organization Sigma Chi has many events planned throughout this fall. Among others, we are extremely excited about our Alumni Golf Tournament over homecoming weekend. This tournament will be an excellent opportunity for alumni to meet and socialize with the current brothers. One of the most important responsibilities of a fraternity is its duty to give back to the community. Every year Sigma Chi hosts its famous Derby Days competition to support the Brian Piccolo Cancer Fund. In addition to raising thousands of dollars for charity, Derby Days inspires healthy competition among the sororities. Also, we are sending brothers to volunteer weekly at St. Leo's School in downtown Winston-Salem for an after school program. As always, Sigma Chi will continue uphold a standard of excellence in all of our endeavors as a fraternity.

By Matthew Veal

Pi Beta: Back At It Again!

The Lovely Ladies of the Pi Beta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. have been quite busy since returning from summer vacation. In an effort to welcome the freshmen to campus, the ladies set up a pink lemonade stand to provide some refreshments to the tired parents and students during freshman move in day. The first event of the year was a mixer for freshman, where they were informed of the "Do's and Don'ts" as new students here at Wake Forest. There was also a party held in Benson, with a Pink Haze theme, for a little fun and relaxation after the first few weeks of classes. The ladies have continued to do the bi-weekly street clean on Shorefair Drive and tutor school children at Ivy Arms in downtown Winston-Salem. Other events that are coming up include a Spades Tournament that is being cosponsored with the Black Student Alliance, as well as an evening being spent serving food to families at the Ronald McDonald House. In addition to these events, Pi Beta is looking forward to attending the annual Undergraduate Caucus for the Mid-Atlantic Region, to be held in Norfolk, VA. Keep looking for more things from Pi Beta!



Kappa Alpha Psi Anticipates Second Full Semester on Campus

The brothers of the Omicron Sigma chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi are very excited about the 2004-2005 school year. This is our second full semester on campus, and we are looking again to contribute both to Wake Forest and the greater Winston-Salem community. We participated in freshman move-in on August 18th, and on the 19th we cleaned our Adopt-A-Highway stretch, located on Silas Creek Parkway outside of the Reynolda Road entrance to the University. We will be there again on October 1st and December 4th, and we invite any and all volunteers to join us. On August 23rd we hosted “Bowling with Kappa” at Northside Bowling Lanes, and we raised money for prostate cancer awareness and research through a Krispy Kreme doughnut sale from August 25th-28th. On Saturday, September 18th we hosted an after-party for the Wake Forest vs. North Carolina A&T football game. The party was held at the M.C. Benton Convention Center, and was a collaborative effort with the Delta Chi chapter of the fraternity at Winston-Salem State University. On November 2nd we will host an open forum in Greene 162 on Intimate Partner Violence, facilitated by Drs. Earl Smith and Angela Hattery of the Sociology department.

Presently, we are working with a group of students to make African Diaspora studies a part of the University’s offerings—as a minor. We, along with many others feel that the richness and diversity of the existing body of majors and minors would only be enhanced by such an addition. There is a petition circulating now to gauge student interest in this matter; please contact us at kappaalphapsi@wfu.edu for further information. We would like to thank the entire Wake Forest community for responding so warmly to our arrival on campus, and we hope to see you at future events!

By Julius Cave

Sigma Pi Fraternity Recognized with National Awards

The brothers of the Alpha Nu chapter of Sigma Pi Fraternity, International continue to strive to be an integral part of the Wake Forest Greek community. Recipients of the Grand Sage Award, the highest award a chapter of Sigma Pi is eligible to receive, in 1996, 1998, and 2002, the Alpha Nu chapter is a tradition rich chapter of Sigma Pi. The fall at Alpha Nu is highlighted by the return of tailgates, ReggaeFest, Homecoming, and our annual brotherhood Mountain Weekend in November. We also look forward to maintaining, preserving, and improving the Reynolda running trails as part of our national ACE Project that we began last spring as a service to the entire Wake Forest community. The spring brings not only the exciting time of freshman rush, but also an assortment of other activities to our chapter. Parties such as Nuclear Fallout and Vikingfest have become spring staples of Sigma Pi here at Wake Forest. Our annual brotherhood retreat, the Orchid Ball, is held on the first weekend of April. Also, we continue our year long maintenance of the Reynolda trails as well as host our annual Brian Piccolo fundraiser, the 3 on 3 basketball tournament, in the spring. This is just an overview of some of the events and activities in which the brothers of Sigma Pi participate in.

By Hunter Edwards

Dunk a DZ!

On Friday October 8th, from 11am-4pm Delta Zeta will be holding its first annual Dunk a DZ. Teams will come out to the quad and try their best to dunk some of the ladies of DZ. There will also be a special time during the event where participants will have the chance to “dunk on Chris Paul” so come out and support us! The proceeds from the event will benefit the Delta Zeta Foundation which supports the National Speech and Hearing Impaired.

We are also in preparation for Homecoming and Parent’s Weekend and are very excited to welcome back our alumni and parents to show them all the hard work we have put into establishing ourselves on campus. The Pi Delta colony would also like to thank the Delta Zeta Triad Alumni group for their continuous support.

By Alisha Richardson



Delta Sigma Theta Busy with Community Service Events

The Mighty Pi Omicron Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was founded as the first black or white sorority on this campus on April 14, 1988 by 9 dedicated and illustrious women. Since then, our Sisterhood has remained strong and Pi Omicron has been dedicated to promoting the Five Point Programmatic Thrust that upholds the ideals of Delta Sigma Theta. Pi Omicron proudly designs and runs programs on the Wake Forest Campus and throughout the Winston Salem Community around Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness & Involvement, Political Awareness & Involvement, and Physical & Mental Health

This year Delta Sigma Theta is planning community service with a Voter Registration Drive, Habitat for Humanity, weekly tutoring, Girl Scouts Troop Leadership, and active Big Sisters in the Big Brother/ Big Sister Program. Also the sisters will be planning our first Minority College Interest Program and a Health and Wellness Day, so be sure to stay updated.

By Tamara Meyili Pickett

The New Look of the Lambda Chi Lounge

Over the summer, Lambda Chi renovated its lounge with the help of donations from both the chapter brothers and alumni. In addition to the cosmetic improvements of a new wooden floor and a new color scheme, new furniture and a state of the art sound system were added to the main room. We are currently in the process of converting our back room into a game room for the brothers to enjoy, and we hope to have the work finished by next fall.

The improvements in our lounge could not have been undertaken without the aid of our gracious alumni association and our faculty advisor, Dr. George Aldhizer, whose tireless commitment and ongoing participation in our chapter are greatly appreciated by all. Much of our gains in recent years have been due to the growing efforts of our alumni, coupled with the ongoing labors of all our chapter brothers. As a token of our thanks and respect for our alumni, we look forward to celebrating Homecoming with them in late October, and we especially look forward to showing them how their contributions have improved our home here at Wake Forest.

As for the future, we look forward to an excellent Spring Rush, and it is our hope that our improved facilities will help us in our recruitment efforts. We enjoyed a fruitful Spring Rush last year with the addition of nine quality men, and we hope to increase that number this year.

By Jacob Misenheimer, External Vice President

Tri Delta Honored at National Convention

The fall semester promises to be an exciting one for the sisters of Tri Delta, as we have already had a busy start! Our sisters kicked off the year with the rekindled tradition of an officers' retreat, held on August 28, at which our 25 leaders generated ideas for how to better our chapter. Some of these initiatives were also discussed at our chapter retreat held at Salem Lake on September 11, as the entire sisterhood gathered to gear up for the semester.

Tri Deltas are enjoying our newly redecorated lounge, cookouts with other Greek organizations and our Friday afternoon sisterhoods. We have begun the year with a renewed commitment to our academics, but are also saving plenty of time for fun—our first date function, “When I Grow Up,” was recently held at Freddie B’s and was a huge hit.

On the philanthropy front, our chapter is preparing for our annual Brian Piccolo fundraiser—the Triple Play softball tournament—to be held on Sunday, October 3 at 2 p.m. There is always a great amount of support for this event, and we’d love to have you join us! To enter a team in this year’s tournament, please contact Emily Coulter at coulem1@wfu.edu.

Most notably, though, our chapter has been recognized by Tri Delta’s Executive Office for its achievements. This summer, our president and new member educator represented the Gamma Kappa chapter at Tri Delta’s biannual national convention, held in San Antonio, TX. Wake Forest’s chapter was recognized for its successes, as we received the Outstanding Financial Responsibility Award, the Outstanding Membership Recruitment Award and an honorable mention for the Advisory Team Award. We were also named as a top 10 collegiate contributor to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital and a top contributor to the Tri Delta Foundation, which provides scholarships for sisters.

By Kate Davis

Phi Mu: Rich Sorority History

The Lambda Eta chapter of Phi Mu fraternity celebrates its seventh birthday on October 25th! To commemorate the sorority's founding at Wake Forest University, Phi Mu's national president, Kathy Williams, will visit and join the sisters for a chapter wide dinner in the Magnolia Room followed by a "recommitment" ritual ceremony.

Phi Mu, the second oldest sorority in the world, began on January 4, 1852, when three best friends, Mary DuPont Lines, Mary Myrick Daniel and Martha Hardaway Redding, founded the Philomathean Society at Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia. Current sisters celebrate Founders' Day in commemoration of March 4, 1852, the day the founding was publicly announced. Wesleyan College was the first college in the world to grant bachelor's degrees to women and the birthplace of the college woman's sorority, or fraternity, as they were known in those days.

As the years continued, the reputation and prestige of the Philomathean Society continued to grow. The organization played a vital part in the social, civic, and academic growth of its members and those around them. Prominent figures such as Robert E. Lee, T.J. "Stonewall" Jackson, and Jefferson Davis were among several chosen to receive honorary membership to Phi Mu. In 1904, the Philomathean Society became the strong organization that we know today: Phi Mu Fraternity.

Phi Mu now has over 121 collegiate chapters and over 312 alumnae organizations. Lambda Eta is proud to share in the rich heritage of this sorority and to share it with the Wake Forest community.

Theta Chi: Styles Vary, Quality Doesn't

The Gamma Omicron chapter of Theta Chi fraternity is an organization which thrives on campus involvement and a strong brotherhood. True to the phrase, "Style varies, quality doesn't," brothers of Gamma Omicron are known around the Wake Forest community for their genuineness, reliability, and willingness to lend a helping hand anywhere they can spare to lend it.

Student life is a big part among the brothers, many of whom participate in at least one of many different campus organizations, including Army ROTC, varsity athletics, Project Pumpkin, Intervarsity, the Old Gold & Black newspaper, and The Howler yearbook. Theta Chi currently boasts several editors across student publication organizations, almost a dozen ROTC cadets, and committee heads for Project Pumpkin – a volunteer service activity run during the Halloween season for children.

The brothers of Gamma Omicron may be active around campus, but they're also occupied with the business of running a smooth fraternity. Our executive committee works closely with Wake Forest administrators to improve relations and communications concerning policy developments and opportunities. Additionally, our chapter has introduced a Capital Expansion Plan for 2005, a fundraising program designed to help fund a complete revamping of our on-campus lounge. Alumni relations have also been improved in recent years.

As a group, we chill in our lounge, participate on intramural sports teams, or fundraise for various causes. The Rogue Snafu, a Gamma Omicron rock band, plays several times throughout the year, including our end-of-the-year party that we call "Ox Fest". Other events throughout the year include "Rambo Commando", our "Dirty Santa Party", as well as various tailgates and smaller events. Thanks to an innovative social chair last semester, Theta Chi parties were some of the most original on campus, featuring themes like the "Waffle House Trucker" party, and a Kentucky Derby celebration. Weekend-long formals are held once a semester – "Mountain Weekend" in the fall, and the "Sword and Serpent Formal" each spring.

Gamma Omicron continues to grow and prosper as a brotherhood. Last spring, 18 new members were initiated into the fraternity, bringing our total up to 44 brothers. Each brother continues the fraternity's tradition of maintaining an above-average grade point average and making the most out of their time spent at Wake Forest.

By Brothers of Theta Chi

“Hit the Bricks for Brian!”

Reynolda Quad was bustling with activity on Thursday, September 23, 2003, as the Brian Piccolo Cancer Drive kicked off the year with its first event. Hundreds of students, from Greek groups to Freshman halls, came out to raise money and awareness in the fight against cancer. Twenty three teams of 10 students officially participated in the relay event around the Quad, although there were many more that contributed to the day’s activities. There was great enthusiasm as the relay event started off at 11am, and the excitement did not let down until the end of the closing ceremonies at 9pm. The luminary ceremony, which was an addition to the event from last year, was an amazing way end to the day. It was a truly inspirational way to support the unified fight against cancer.

Pi Beta Phi and Lambda Chi Alpha were the sorority and fraternity winners respectively for the most number of laps completed and money raised. Both of these teams were winners in last year’s events. In the “Open” category, Campus Gas Estate was the winner for most laps completed, and Phi IM Phi was the winner for most money raised. Johnson 3B was the winner for most laps completed in the Freshman Halls category, and Babcock for the most money raised. Throughout the entire event a total of 7,415 laps were completed (1,854 miles), and \$5,321 were raised.

The Brian Piccolo Cancer Drive, a student initiated drive, is in its 25th year of celebrating the remembrance of Brian Piccolo, a tremendous athlete. So far, the students of Wake Forest have been able to successfully raise over \$630,000 for the Cancer Center of Wake Forest Baptist Hospital. Through this fund, researchers are provided with the funds to research and hopefully cure the disease of cancer. Special thanks go out to the WFU Bookstore, the Office of Student Development, Krispy Kreme, and Chik-fil-A for their help in sponsoring the event.

By Tricia Rezendes, Piccolo Committee co-chair



October Piccolo Events

Sunday, October 3

Tri Delta Triple Play

Potat Field

Friday, October 8

Pi Beta Phi Pancake Phest

Davis Residence Hall

Friday, October 29

Chi Omega Auction

Benson Center

Saturday, October 30

Kappa Delta War of the Wings

Grove Stadium