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## THE COLUMN

is a weekly informational email providing pertinent information to SMU fraternities and sororities on their individual operations, involvement in governing councils and engagement in the greater campus community. Fraternity and Sorority Life is committed to communication with our student leaders as well as alumni, parents, (inter)national organizations, and other key constituents that support our fraternity and sorority community. Check out the mission and guidelines for submission at: <http://smu.edu/fsl/thecolumn>

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Many new things have been added to the website. You can now link directly to SERC (Social Event Registration), as well as point people to register for recruitment from the homepage.

Also, send in pictures from your events so we can add them to the Photo Gallery!

**NPHC Serves Youth With a Mission in East Dallas**

The National Pan-Hellenic Council had their monthly community service day on September 26, 2009, serving the Youth with a Mission in the East Dallas area. Youth with a Mission is a worldwide non-profit organization created to foster the growth of inner-city children. For about 3 hours, members of the Council replanted flowers & evened out the shrubs surrounding the YWAM Building, repaired a fence, placed a coat of tar to resurface the driveway, and made other improvements to the general property.

**Upcoming Fall University Dates**

Fall Break	October 12-13
Homecoming against Rice University	November 7
Last Day to Drop	November 10
Family Weekend	November 14
"No Class" Day	November 25
Thanksgiving Holiday	November 26-27
Last day to withdraw	December 1
Classes End	December 9
Reading Day	December 10
Final Exams	December 11-17
Residence Halls Close	December 18
Commencement	December 19

**Student Reports Rape but Refuses to have it Investigated at UGA**

*Red and Black Online - October 7, 2009*

A University student reported she was raped by a known individual at the Pi Kappa Alpha house Tuesday night, but has refused to have the incident investigated or prosecuted, according to the University Police Department.

The woman told UGA Police that between 9 p.m. Tuesday and 3:46 a.m. Wednesday, a known individual had sexual intercourse with her against her will and that alcohol was involved.

This is the second incident this fall semester where a student reported a rape but chose not to pursue the matter. In late August, a University student reported a known individual had sex with her without her consent at East Campus Village during an encounter involving alcohol.

**Kickin' It with Kappa a Success**

The sisters of Kappa Kappa Gamma held our first annual fall Philanthropy event: "Kickin' It with Kappa-Workin' out for a Cause". The event was held in Umphrey Lee Ballroom on October 1<sup>st</sup> and was a fun-filled evening full of dancing and aerobic lessons. Over 200 tickets were sold allowing us to raise over \$1600. The proceeds from the event will be donated to our International Philanthropy Cause: The Ugandan American Partnership Organization (UAPO). As a chapter we are very excited about the success of this event because all of the money will benefit this non-profit organization which was founded by SMU Kappa alumna: Brittany Merrill. We are proud to support our sisters along with the widows and orphans of Uganda. Thanks to all who attended and made the event a wonderful success!!

**IFC Reminds Fraternities to "frat responsibly"**

The Interfraternity Council has released a set of values-based posters to the SMU community. The effort is one of many to increase the awareness of responsibility and promote the positive values of fraternity life. A video and electronic viewbook are in the works and should be released shortly.

**Intramural Referee Training**

Training held October 20, 2009 @ 5 pm. All officials earn points for their chapter and are paid \$8.50/hour (paid for training time also).

**GRE Word of the Week**

**fungible** (adj.) - pronounced FUN-jah-bul

being of such a nature that one part may be substituted for another of equal quantity; interchangeable



**SMU Intramural Update**

Soccer playoffs are starting on October 15, 2009 with the championship game scheduled for the 20th. Women's action will be 10/18 and 10/20. Sand volleyball playoffs for all teams is October 18.

Flag Football signups, along with Climbing, Golf, Tennis and Plucker's IM Trivia are October 15-22.

*Introducing: Plucker's Intramural Trivia.* Four (4) weeks of Trivia at Pluckers with T-shirts awarded for weekly winners and overall champion.

**SAE: Indoor Volleyball Champion**  
**Lambda Chi: 3-on-3 Basketball Champion**  
**Pike & Chi Omega: Co-Rec Indoor Volleyball Champion**

**JSU Band Members Suspended for Alleged Hazing**

*Clarion Ledger - October 1, 2009*

At least 27 Jackson State University students have been suspended through fall 2011 for hazing freshman members of the school's famed marching band.

The suspended students - mostly upperclassmen percussion players in the Sonic Boom of the South - have until today to appeal the Student Life Disciplinary Committee's ruling.

The suspensions on Wednesday follow a campus police investigation into allegations the band members were beaten at an off-campus event Sept. 18. One student suffered a fractured shoulder, but authorities said he is not filing charges.

Students, whom officials would not identify because they had been threatened, told authorities the percussion section met somewhere near High and State streets around midnight after formal band practice. Chanay said freshmen were told to wear jeans with shorts underneath. When they got there, they were instructed to line up from shortest to tallest and interlock arms, Chanay said.

Upperclassmen then allegedly beat the freshmen with objects including 2-by-4s, pipes, bats, paddles, beer bottles and a chair.

**Sig Ep Gladiators Battle on Campus**

Sigma Phi Epsilon and the Department of Recreational Sports teamed up last Thursday to host SMU Gladiators. This marks the first time that the Department of Recreational Sports has partnered up with a fraternity to cosponsor the event.

Over two hundred fifteen students participated in an alcohol free evening that consisted of jousting, boxing, a bungee run and many more. At the end

**PRIZE DRAWING QUESTION!**

If you read *The Column* this week, you should be able to answer the question below.

Reply with the answer to the bolded statement or question below to Josh at [jschutts@smu.edu](mailto:jschutts@smu.edu) and your name goes in the drawing to be eligible for one of four \$50 VISA or AMEX gift cards in December (if you win). The only time limit for submission is the publication of the next edition. **ENTRYS LIMITED TO ONCE PER ISSUE.**

**Which office on campus did Sigma Phi Epsilon co-host *Gladiators* with?**

**Spotlight: SORORITY**

**Delta Gamma**



Founded Nationally: Lewis School, December 25, 1873  
 Founded at SMU: 1926, Alpha Upsilon Chapter  
 Colors: Bronze, Pink and Blue  
 Nickname: Dee Gee, D-G  
 Symbol: Anchor  
 Philanthropy: Service for Sight  
 Council Membership: Panhellenic  
 National Website: [www.deltagamma.org](http://www.deltagamma.org)  
 Local Website: [people.smu.edu/deltagamma](http://people.smu.edu/deltagamma)

President: Stephanie Reiter

**Spotlight: FRATERNITY**

**Omega Delta Phi**



Founded Nationally: Texas Tech University, November 25, 1987  
 Founded at SMU: 1997, Sigma Chapter  
 Colors: Scarlet, Black and Silver  
 Nickname: O-D-Phi  
 Symbol: Knight, Chevron  
 Philanthropy: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)  
 National Website: [www.omegadeltaphi.com](http://www.omegadeltaphi.com)  
 Local Website: [people.smu.edu/odphi](http://people.smu.edu/odphi)

President: Cleve Moten

**Quote of the Week**

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*A smooth sea never made a skilled mariner.*

English Proverb

