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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>

### Calendar Planning

The Greek Calendar is live on the website. Please communicate your events to [Steven Newcomb](#) and he can place them on the calendar. You will need to inform him of the Event Title, Sponsoring Organization(s) Date, and a contact person.

Please refer to the calendar when scheduling your items. This prevents groups from programming over each other and supports community through allowing the most people to attend the most events.



### Update on Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life Search

The official job description has been posted on SMU's Human Resources website. It can be found by clicking [here](#). Please pass it along to any qualified persons you might know. SMU is committed to hiring the best employees possible and your assistance in the recruitment of those is earnestly solicited and appreciated!

### Kappa Alpha Order at Alabama stirs controversy over "Old South"

*Associated Press*

University of Alabama alumnae are upset after Kappa Alpha Order members wearing Confederate uniforms and carrying battle flags paraded past a historically black sorority as the women celebrated the group's 35th anniversary.

The fraternity has been forced to halt its "Old South" festivities on some campuses because of claims of racial insensitivity, and Alabama members have apologized for pausing in front of Alpha Kappa Alpha's sorority house during this year's parade.

"I don't believe these young folks were in any way trying to be racist," said Joyce Stallworth, an Alpha Kappa Alpha alumna who saw the April 29 parade in Tuscaloosa and is an associate education dean at Alabama. "But they were being insensitive. I don't think they understood the broader implications of what they were doing."

Read the entire article at:

<http://apnews.myway.com/article/20090513/D985H2P02.html>



### Summer Awards

Did your group win an award at National Convention this summer? Tell us about it so we can share the good news with the community!



### EDU 2101: The Greek Leadership Class

The Greek Leadership class is now enrolling for the fall semester. It is offered as a one-credit, elective class graded Pass/Fail. Limit 25 students. Open to all councils/chapters.

Visit [http://smu.edu/fsl/GreekLeadership/GLC\\_class.asp](http://smu.edu/fsl/GreekLeadership/GLC_class.asp) for more information.

### Strategic Plan Nears Completion

A working group of students, staff and alumni are working with the consultant to finalize a strategic plan for the newly created Department of Fraternity and Sorority Life! Stay tuned and check the website for more information throughout the summer.

### IFC's Campaign to Frat Responsibly

Stuart Campbell, IFC VP Programming and Public Relations is collecting pictures for this fall's Campaign to Frat Responsibly – a positive PR campaign which focuses on the values of our groups and the good work our IFC men do!

**frat responsibly.**

### FREE ADVICE FROM A 2<sup>nd</sup> YEAR LAW & BUSINESS STUDENT:

If you are applying for law school this year, you want to begin sending off your applications as soon as possible. Preferably, this should be done no later than Thanksgiving.

Chibundu Nnake, *JD/MBA Candidate 2012*



**New FSL Website**

The new website for Fraternity and Sorority Life is live! Visit the site at <http://smu.edu/fsl>.

There is a plethora of information and things on the site including information for parents, alumni and national headquarters, community standards and the strategic planning, as well as spotlights on each governing council.

There are also a host of forms and resources that are frequently requested by chapters, headquarters and volunteers. Check here first!



**RAFFLE 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 raffle to be eligible for one of four \$50 VISA gift cards in December (if you win). The only time limit for submission is the publication of the next edition.

**Provide one piece of feedback regarding the new Fraternity and Sorority Life website**

**Upcoming Fall University Dates**

Opening Convocation	August 25
Classes Begin	August 26
Deadline to File for Graduation in Dec.	September 1
Labor Day	September 7
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

**Campus Crime Reports**

Weekly, SMUPD Publishes crime logs and police activity accessible to the public. You can access this information at: <http://smu.edu/pd/dailyreports-Main.asp>



**Great Greek things solicitation**

Each week, your members are doing things that are newsworthy – so **TELL SOMEONE**. Take a few minutes to draw up a simple 100 word or less article for publication in *The Column*!

**This is also a great way to promote your chapter's positive activities**

**Quote of the Week**

"It's easier to go down a hill than up it, but the view is much better at the top."  
– Henry Ward Beecher



**Intramural Standings (final)**

Fraternity	Points
Pike	1183
Lambda Chi	869
FIJI	699
Sig Ep	544
Phi Delt	534
Sigma Chi	380
Beta	249
SAE	220
Kappa Sig	185

**Sorority Champion:**  
Chi Omega

**Spotlight: SORORITY**

**Alpha Chi Omega**



Founded Nationally: DePauw University, October 15, 1885  
 Founded at SMU: 1923, Texas Delta Chapter  
 Colors: Scarlet Red and Olive Green  
 Nickname: Alpha Chi, A-Chi-O  
 Symbol: Golden Lyre  
 Philanthropy: Alpha Chi Omega Foundation  
 Council Membership: Panhellenic  
 National Website: [www.alphachiomega.org](http://www.alphachiomega.org)  
 Local Website: [www.smualphachi.com](http://www.smualphachi.com)

President: Hannah Nelson

**Spotlight: FRATERNITY**

**Beta Theta Pi**



Founded Nationally: Miami University (Ohio), August 8, 1839  
 Founded at SMU: 1951, Gamma Omega Chapter  
 Colors: Delicate Shades of Pink and Blue  
 Nickname: Beta  
 Symbol: Dragon  
 Philanthropy: varies  
 Council Membership: IFC  
 National Website: [www.betathetapi.org](http://www.betathetapi.org)  
 Local Website: none

President: Justin Warren



**GRE Word of the Week**

**Moratorium** (n.)

*temporarily stopping or suspension of an activity, especially by official agreement.*