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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.



Summer Awards, Conventions or Conferences

Did your group win an award at National Convention this summer? Maybe your members attended a national leadership conference? Tell us about it so we can share the good news with the community!



Tort Claim Filed Against UNL in Hazing Case

Lincoln Journal Star – Friday, June 26, 2009

The attorney representing an alleged hazing victim at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln said Friday he also has filed a tort claim against the university regarding UNL's failure to enforce anti-hazing rules.

Attorney Thomas White made the comment during a 10-minute hearing for a civil lawsuit filed by the alleged victim's father.

The tort claim says UNL knew or should have known about hazing activities at Sigma Chi fraternity.

Court documents say Sigma Chi pledges were subjected to a series of hazing events last fall, including paddling, forced alcohol consumption, and one incident in which a pledge was sodomized by a stripper holding a sex toy.

Read the entire article at: <http://journalstar.com/...>



Kristal Statler Named Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life

SMU is happy to announce Kristal Statler as the new Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life. Previously, Kristal served as the Assistant Director of Campus Activities for Greek Life at Houston Baptist, and before that at UT-San Antonio.

Kristal will begin officially on August 3, 2009. Please join me in welcoming her to Dallas and Southern Methodist!

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 and your name goes in the drawing 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.

Approximately how much money was raised for Make-a-Wish by Chi Omega and Sigma Phi Epsilon?

Visit the FSL Website

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

The is a plethora of information 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. Additionally, a host of forms and resources that are frequently requested by chapters can also be downloaded!



Chi Omega Silent Auction: Granting Wishes One Bid at a Time

By Kellyn Curtis

The women of Chi Omega are making wishes come true one bid at a time. No, not the kind you get on the last day of recruitment – the kind used to buy items during a silent auction.

On April 4, Chi Omega teamed up with Sigma Phi Epsilon to host their annual Silent Auction at City Place. The proceeds from the event benefited Chi Omega’s national philanthropy the Make-A-Wish Foundation, an organization that grants wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with strength, hope and joy.

Approximately 400 people showed up to support the cause by bidding on 91 items donated by members and their families. Some items on the list: vacation homes, spa packages and themed baskets. At the end of the night, about \$15,000 was raised – that’s enough to make quite a few wishes come true.

Quote of the Week

“There is no present. There’s only the immediate future and the recent past”
– George Carlin

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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 for more information.

Spotlight: SORORITY

Alpha Kappa Alpha



Founded Nationally: Howard University, January 15, 1908
 Founded at SMU: 1976, Kappa Mu Chapter
 Colors: Salmon Pink and Apple Green
 Nickname: A-K-A
 Symbol: Ivy Leaf
 Philanthropy: AKA Educational Advancement Foundation
 Council Membership: NPHC
 National Website: www.aka1908.org
 Local Website: none

President: Demetrice Walker

Spotlight: FRATERNITY

Kappa Alpha Psi



Founded Nationally: Indiana University, January 5, 1911
 Founded at SMU: 1976, Nu Beta Chapter
 Colors: Crimson and Crème
 Nickname: Kappa
 Symbol: Diamond
 Philanthropy: Kappa Alpha Psi Foundation, St. Jude’s
 Council Membership: NPHC
 National Website: www.kappaalphapsi1911.com
 Local Website: none

President: Tim Clark

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

AARO Dates & Mustang Corral

Summer AARO

July 1-2	July 24
July 6-7	July 27-29
July 9-10	July 29
July 13-14	July 31-August 1
July 17-18	August 3
July 20-21	August 5-6
July 22-23	August 17-18

Mustang Corral

August 21-23

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

EPIC Funds Return for ’09-’10

I do not have much information on this at this moment but was informed at my most recent staff meeting that EPIC funds (for late night, non-alcoholic programs in the HTSC) will be available in the coming academic year. More details to come.

GRE Word of the Week

Trenchant (adj.)

Sharp, biting, incisive

