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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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Panhellenic hosts "Stand Up, Stand Out"

On Sunday, September 20th, David Stollman from CampusSpeak came to SMU for Stand Up Stand Out. This program has been sponsored by Panhellenic for quite a few years. His speech, entitled "Buy in or Get out" served to motivate the new members of the Panhellenic chapters to uphold all the values inherent within their organizations. Dave challenged them to make our Greek community stronger by breaking the stereotypes and raising the bar of excellence.

"Frat Responsibly" Pens Hit Campus

The Interfraternity Council has launched it's "frat responsibly" campaign which includes a number of positive marketing efforts as well as policy changes and procedure revisions.

A cache of white pens with the "frat responsibly" logo are available as a reminder to anyone. These pens can be found in the Fraternity and Sorority Life office or with an IFC officer.

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

Fraternity Banned from SDSU for Four Years

Union-Tribune – September 14, 2009

A San Diego State University fraternity has been expelled from the campus for repeated violations of university policy, which included drug sales, a spokesman said Monday.

Sigma Alpha Mu was informed Sept. 2 of the decision to ban it from campus for the next four years, said spokesman Greg Block.

The fraternity, along with two others, was suspended last year after at least one member was arrested in a major drug sting, called Operation Sudden Fall, that targeted drug trafficking on the campus. It was later reinstated.

Two Sigma Alpha Mu members have been arrested in recent months on drug trafficking charges, including one who was accused of selling from the fraternity's apartment on Fraternity Row, Block said.

IFC Chapters Raise GPA to Pledge

On September 17, 2009 the member chapters of the Interfraternity Council voted UNANIMOUSLY to raise the minimum GPA for a person to pledge from a 2.250 to a 2.500.

All councils of our Greek community now require at least a 2.500 to become a new member. Many chapters also have higher standards than that.

Send us your Good News!

Each week, your members are doing things that are newsworthy – so **TELL SOMEONE.**

Positive Public Relations starts with YOU!

GRE Word of the Week

Tacit (adj.) - pronounced tas-it

understood without being openly expressed; implied



Nu Kappa Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Goes "Back to School" to help Dallas Youth

The Nu Kappa Omegas participated in a community service event on August 22, 2009 called "Back to School Pep Rally" that supported our fraternity brother, Ken Hamlin, of the Dallas Cowboys.

The service event was held at the Park South YMCA in South Dallas and over 400 kids received school supplies, haircuts, and free uniforms.

The Omegas also performed a step routine for the participants.

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 or AMEX gift cards in December (if you win). The only time limit for submission is the publication of the next edition.

What was the location for the MGC service event?

Carolina Fraternity Sanctioned by Greek Judicial Board

A UNC fraternity is in danger of being kicked off the campus after it received several disciplinary actions. The Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity was sanctioned by the Greek Judicial Board at UNC Monday. This all comes after Archdale police shot and killed 21-year-old chapter president Courtland Smith in August.

Smith called 911 and said he was drunk and armed. The shooting happened a few hours after he left a frat party. An investigation by the campus Greek Judicial Board found the party violated several university rules, including the Greek alcohol policy.

Now, the Deke house is under sanctions from the judicial board. The punishments include a one-year ban on social events, a mandatory substance abuse awareness program and a review of its status as a recognized fraternity.

Parents of Dead Cal Poly Student Carson Starkey Sue Fraternity Over Alleged Hazing

San Luis Obispo Tribune - September 22, 2009

The parents of the Cal Poly student who died last year after allegedly being hazed have filed a lawsuit against the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. Carson Starkey's parents — Scott and Julia Starkey of Austin, Texas — filed the lawsuit Monday in the county courthouse against the Illinois-based fraternity and its local chapter.

Nine members of the former fraternity at Cal Poly are also named in the suit. The Starkeys allege four counts of negligence and a violation of Matt's Law, a California law that allows for felony prosecutions when serious injuries or deaths result from hazing.

No specific amount of money is being sought against the defendants. The lawsuit claims that the fraternity should have taken "reasonable measures" to prevent excessive alcohol consumption. The lawsuit also says that fellow fraternity members failed to provide medical care for Starkey at a time when he was helpless.

Quote of the Week

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If everyone is thinking alike, then somebody isn't thinking.

Gen. George S. Patton

Spotlight: SORORITY

Delta Delta Delta



Founded Nationally: Boston University, Thanksgiving Eve, 1888
 Founded at SMU: 1919, Theta Kappa Chapter
 Colors: Silver, Gold and Cerulean Blue
 Nickname: Tri Delta
 Symbol: Pearl, Pine, and Pansy
 Philanthropy: Children's Cancer Research, St. Jude Children's Research
 Council Membership: Panhellenic
 National Website: www.deltadeltadelta.org
 Local Website: www.smutridelta.com

President: Loren Sharp

Spotlight: FRATERNITY

Lambda Chi Alpha



Founded Nationally: Boston University, December 9, 1909
 Founded at SMU: 1921, Gamma Sigma Chapter
 Colors: Purple, Green and Gold
 Nickname: Lambda Chi, Chops
 Symbol: Cross & Crescent
 Philanthropy: North American Food Drive, Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children
 Council Membership: IFC
 National Website: www.lambdachi.org
 Local Website: www.smulambdachi.org

President: Harrison Kaufman

MGC Day of Service a Success

On Saturday, September 19, the chapters of the Multicultural Greek Council participated in a service event from 10-1 at White Rock Lake. Members picked up trash along the shoreline and contributed to the overall beautification efforts of the lake. After the cleanup, members enjoyed a nice picnic in the park and fellowship together.

