

# THE CHAPTER

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## **DG Anchor Splash benefits TN School for the Blind** *by Lauren Penick*

Delta Gamma hosted its annual spring philanthropy event for Service for Sight this past week, February 2-7. The week-long competition consisted of events for both fraternities and sororities, including the Most Beautiful Eyes contest, a banner contest, the Anchor Splash pageant, and Anchor Splash games. Tickets to each event were \$5, and all of the proceeds went to support the Tennessee School for the Blind.

The Most Beautiful Eyes Contest was a penny war held on the Rand Wall every afternoon during the week. Each competing organization submitted a picture of their chapter's "most beautiful eyes." This ties in nicely to the project, which benefits agencies, like TSB, who focus on visual impairments.

The Banner Contest involved every

participating chapter taking the time and effort to craft an advertisement for Anchor Splash and for their particular team. This increased team morale through a competition judged by representatives of Delta Gamma in which specific criteria are evaluated and scored to determine a winner.

The Anchor Splash Pageant involved one representative from each competing team who participated in formalwear and talent rounds, which were judged by representatives of different Greek organizations.

The Anchor Splash Games concluded the week on Saturday

evening, and included competitive relays, races, and a synchronized swimming event. These are always a big hit for competition among organizations. They compete against each other from event to event, and the entire Games are actually a competition for which organization can have the highest attendance at these pool events.



Beta Upsilon Chi (BYX) was the overall winner, and they have been invited to share in "Desserts with DG" on February 11. Delta Gamma is proud of its considerable donation to Service for Sight! ♦

## **GAMMA educates on social responsibility and alcohol** *by Trey Wilson*

On February 3, Greek Advocating the Mature Management of Alcohol held "DUI: Your Rights & Responsibilities." The program, cosponsored by the Office of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Prevention, solicited volunteers, all of whom are over 21, to drink a reasonable amount of alcohol and then take a field sobriety test. With the assistance of the ATOD Director, Jeanine Atkinson, as well as the Vanderbilt Police Department, the participants were monitored and their behavior in certain situations was explained. The purpose of the event is to show the effects

of alcohol and how it affects one's senses in order to promote responsible drinking. The program uses this hands-on approach to learning, and reaches hundreds of students each year.

This is just one of many events GAMMA will be hosting this semester in order to get not only the Greeks, but the entire Vanderbilt community, to make safer decisions when it comes to drinking alcohol. Of the people who participated, they were of different genders, heights, and sizes to emphasize that alcohol affects

different people in different ways. "I really just did it to help get the point across that drinking can affect someone's reactions and balance more than they assume. Just trying to make sure the community is staying safe and responsible because you never know when an accident could happen." said Jordan Needham, a member of Sigma Chi.

The program was attended by more than 200 students, and though the examples were humorous, the serious message regarding social responsibility and alcohol were taken to heart. ♦

## CHAPTER NEWS

### *Congratulations to 2009-2010 Council Officers!*

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### Lambda Chi continues lecture series with Medical Center faculty

*by Will Vanderzant*

As part of the academic programming of the fraternity, the brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha hosted a campus lecture series with a focus on the future of health care in America. This academic year marks the beginning of the annual "Lambda Chi Lecture Series."



The chapter kicked off the series with Dr. Marc Shelton, Chairman of the American College of Cardiology, who was recently named by CNBC as one of the "Hand picked Rock Star Docs." He completed his M.D. & Residency at the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and has been recognized in "Best Doctors in America" (2001 to present) and "America's Top Physicians" (2001 to present).

Dr. Shelton joined Dr. Marian McBay, a Medicine Health and Society professor at Vanderbilt, on November 13th in a campus lecture hall. The lecture was attended by approximately sixty students including potential new members, friends, and fellow Greek members.

On January 15th, Dr. Ken Holbert, President of the Tennessee College of Emergency Physicians, joined our lecture series along with Economics Professor Malcolm Getz in front of an audience of 90 students.

Lambda Chi looks forward to hosting more speakers in upcoming school years addressing different topics in the health care professions. ♦

### Pike announces the inaugural 'Pike Spike' *by Spencer Summers*

The Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity is proud to announce their inaugural philanthropic event, Pike Spike, taking place on March 22. Pike Spike is a joint venture between the brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha and the Face Aids organization featuring a round-robin volleyball tournament on Alumni Lawn.

Face Aids is a national student campaign composed of 125 chapters throughout the US. They work in collaboration with Partners In Health, a global organization dedicated to providing quality medical care in Rwanda. Face Aids works with two HIV-positive associations in Eastern Rwanda, and donates all of its proceeds to providing HIV treatment and awareness for over 500,000 Rwandans.

Sororities, fraternities, on-campus organizations, and the general student body are eligible to register teams and compete. Participants of Pike Spike will enjoy refreshing beverages and tasty finger-foods provided by your favorite local eateries. In addition, the Pike house band, Men of Paws, will be performing a soulful halftime show. Interested chapters are encouraged to enter a team and attend the events. March 22 is sure to be an afternoon of fun and generosity for a noble cause. ♦



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### ZBT lends a hand to Feed the Children

by Brian Murphy

On January 10, the brothers of Zeta Beta Tau lent a helping hand to the Feed the Children organization in downtown Nashville. ZBT members put together packages that are distributed to families in need of basic food and items. The Nashville location is one of the regional distribution centers and all packages made there are given out to families around the United States.

More than 60 brothers volunteered on that Saturday, and spent the afternoon



assisting in whatever duties the agency needed. Two smaller groups of members were created to disperse the work. One group spent their time in the main warehouse packaging various food items, such as canned soup, water, and canned vegetables. They made 40 pallets worth of goods which is equivalent to 2200 boxes of supplies. The other group spent their time making health care packages in a similar fashion with items such as band-aids, medicine, and other necessary household items. They made 25 pallets or 1375 boxes of goods.

Feed The Children is a Christian, international, nonprofit relief organization with headquarters in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, that delivers food, medicine, clothing and other necessities to individuals, children and families who lack these essentials due to famine, war, poverty, or natural disaster. ♦

### Sigma Chi focuses on service

by Cliff Longley

Sigma Chi spent the fall semester strengthening the chapter's community service involvement. Previously, the brothers have been involved in local stewardship opportunities on their own, but the chapter leadership sought out activities to do as a group. As a part of these efforts, Sigma Chi forged a relationship with West Nashville United Methodist Church, where the brothers serve dinner once per month. In addition, the members found opportunities within their Tri-Council Circle by joining Kappa Alpha Theta in mentoring at the Fanny Battle day Home for Children. The chapter also participated in an over-the-counter drug drive for an outreach effort in Haiti. The men are also continuing the annual volunteer effort at Feed the Children, with the entire chapter in attendance. The Greek community at Vanderbilt has a strong tradition of supporting our community, and through Sigma Chi's renewed involvement, the members hope to advance Vanderbilt's positive influence on community stewardship. ♦

### Panhellenic recruitment shows increase interest

by Emily Kveselis

On Sunday, January 13th, the ten National Panhellenic Conference sorority chapters welcomed more than 430 new members. Despite popular belief that interest would decrease due to The Commons experience, sorority recruitment flourished. The sisterhood, philanthropy, academic, and social opportunities that each chapter offers encouraged hundreds of first-year students to learn more about sorority life at Vanderbilt. Overall, Panhellenic saw a 5% increase in the number of first-year women interested in joining the community (from 2008).

To accommodate potential members, and account for inclement weather, Panhellenic sponsored a recruitment lounge in the Student Life Center. The lounge provided a place for potential members to relax between rounds, with couches, movies, and magazines.

Greek Ambassadors remained a staple of sorority recruitment. GAs are upperclass sorority women who disaffiliate from their sorority from August until January, and play an integral role in the recruitment process. 33 GAs were responsible for communicating between Panhellenic and the potential new members, hand-delivering schedules to the residence halls and acting as counselors during the process. The Greek Ambassador Program offered more resources to potential members and convenient meeting space on The Commons. ♦



The brothers of ΣΑΕ  
and  
the sisters of ΑΧΩ  
congratulate

**Wyatt Smith**  
&  
**Lori Murphy**

for their election as  
VSG President and Vice President!

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Educational Programming

**Katie Koestner.** The Office of Greek Life, the Margaret Cunningham Women's center, Vanderbilt Athletics and the Vanderbilt Police Department will host Katie Koestner on February 24 at 7:00pm in the Student Life Center ballrooms. Katie's story is a powerful account of sexual assault, which subsequently coined the term 'date rape' in the 1990s.

**Brad Karsh.** Back by popular demand! The Order of Omega is bringing Brad Karsh back to Vanderbilt on February 18 at 7:00pm in the SLC. Brad is a renowned career coach, and will be educating participants on strategies for landing a job after graduation, even in today's economy.

## NPHC Organizations' Weeks

The fraternities and sororities of the NPHC each sponsor an annual week of events to highlight the mission and objectives of their respective organization. Below is the schedule of each week.

Alpha Phi Alpha - February 16-20

Alpha Kappa Alpha - April 5-11

Kappa Alpha Psi - February 8-14

Omega Psi Phi - March 15-21

Delta Sigma Theta - April 12-18

Phi Beta Sigma - March 29-April 4

Zeta Phi Beta - March 22-28

## NPHC Step Show

The NPHC will be hosting the annual Step Show on Saturday, March 14 in Langford Auditorium. Show will start at 7:00 pm and tickets will be on sale through the Sarratt Box office.

## Kappa Delta Shamrock

KD Shamrock, the annual spring philanthropy benefitting Prevent Child Abuse Tennessee, will be held on Sunday March 15th. The chapter will be hosting a dodgeball tournament, to raise money for the charity. For more information on how to enter a team, please e-mail the two Shamrock chairs: Olivia Kupfer: [olivia.kupfer@gmail.com](mailto:olivia.kupfer@gmail.com) or Fiorela Orezzaoli: [fiorela.orezzoli@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:fiorela.orezzoli@vanderbilt.edu)

## Tri-Delta Triple Play

The women of Delta Delta Delta will sponsor their annual triple Play on Saturday, March 21, 2009. The event will benefit their national philanthropy, St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

## ZBT Conway Kickoff

The men of Zeta Beta Tau will sponsor the annual Conway Kickoff on Saturday, March 21, 2009. Publicity for the event will be delivered to chapters. All proceeds benefit the John Conway scholarship fund; named for a ZBT brother who died of a heart arrhythmia in 2004.

## Sigma Chi Derby Days

Sigma Chi Fraternity will host the annual Derby Days events from March 23-28, 2009. All proceeds from the week-long philanthropic efforts benefit the Children's Miracle Network.

