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Greeks & Athletes provide fun and safe Trick-or-Treat for Vanderbilt families *by Caitlin Brannigan*

On the evening of October 31st, Greek Row was flooded with parents and children dressed in their Halloween finest. Trick-or-treaters received candy from each Greek chapter and stopped to play Halloween-themed games at several chapter houses. Members of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) partnered with children from the Boys and Girls Club of Middle Tennessee, and brought a group of them to trick-or-treat and participate in the games. The event was a huge success and is the first of, what hopes to be, a long tradition.

“We wanted to provide members of the Vanderbilt community with a safe and fun place to bring their children on Halloween” said Lauren DesCombes, President of Alpha Chi Omega and a member of the planning committee. In order to provide this safe environment, Kensington Avenue and 24th Avenue South were blocked off and Vanderbilt Place was allowed one-way traffic. This allowed children to trick-or-treat without having to cross busy roads or

worry about on-coming traffic. While some Greek chapters have houses that are outside of the blocked-off perimeter or do not have houses, those chapter partnered with members from their Tri-Council Circles to hand out candy and participate in games. We are proud to say that thirty-five Greek chapters and over 75 members of the Athletic community participated in the event.

In order to publicize the event to the community and gain as many attendees as possible, several channels of distribution were utilized. Staff and faculty were contacted

about the event through e-mail, flyers and invitations. The Vanderbilt University Medical Center received notice of the event through their morning e-bulletin several days before the event. Additionally, Greek chapters contacted local alumni associations and local charities, inviting them to attend.

SAAC invited the local Boys and Girls Club to attend the event. Before making their way over to the trick-

or-treat area, the children spent time at McGugin Center, eating pizza and playing games. They were then escorted over to Greek Row and led around by the participating athletes. Grayson Garvin, a freshman member of the men’s Baseball Team and a participant in the event, stated that “this event was a fun way to give back to children of the Nashville community while spending time with my teammates and getting to know members of the Greek community better”.

Trick-or-Treat with Greeks and Athletes had an incredible turnout and provided a safe and fun atmosphere for students, faculty, staff, and their families. The activities provided a great opportunity for the Vanderbilt community to come together, and to see the Greek and Athletic students unite for a common cause. ♦



Members of Chi Omega, Alpha Kappa Alpha, and Lambda Theta Alpha sororities get ready to receive the trick-or-treaters.



Senior, Ashley McCarl makes lollipop ghosts with one of the many trick-or-treaters.

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Lambda Chi hosts lecture series with Medical Center faculty *by Will Vanderzant*

The brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha announced their first campus lecture series, focused on the field of medicine. Three speakers will focus on the future of health care in America. The aim of the series is to educate Vanderbilt students about the challenges and issues facing health care, as well as to promote dialogue on campus.

The first speaker was Dr. Marc Shelton, Chairman, 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 by "Best Doctors in America" and "America's Top Physicians." Dr. Shelton spoke on Thursday, November 13th in Furman Hall to an audience of 60 students.

In January, Dr. Ken Holbert, President of the Tennessee College of Emergency Physicians, will join us to discuss financing America's health care. Finally, Dr. Marian McBay, a Medicine Health and Society professor from Vanderbilt, will participate in the final lecture of the medicine series. ♦

37th Annual Delta Underground raises \$10,000 *by Amanda O'Neill*

On Sunday, October 26th, the Tri Delta sisters of Vanderbilt University put on the 37th annual performance of Delta Underground. The fun-filled musical show was the chapter's

major fundraising event for the Tri Delta Pediatric Hematology Oncology Clinic at the Monroe Carell, Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt. Throughout the academic year, the Tri Delta sisters support the hospital through both volunteer and fundraising efforts. At the conclusion of this year's performance, the event raised \$10,500 for the clinic. ♦

Alpha Chi benefits YWCA *by Amelia Schneider*

On October 13, 2008, the women of Alpha Chi Omega hosted their annual fall benefit supporting the local women's shelter. The chapter intentionally held the event on National Domestic Violence Awareness Day in support of their national sorority efforts. The benefit included a delicious dessert buffet, an exciting dance performed and choreographed by the members, and performances from various a cappella groups. With generous donations, Alpha Chi was able to raise \$1,255 for the Nashville YWCA. ♦



DG Safari Soiree offered fun for a cause *by Lauren Penick*

On Tuesday, October 14 Delta Gamma held their fall benefit, Safari Soirée, on library lawn. The event raised over \$1300 for the Delta Gamma Foundation and Tennessee School for The Blind. Guests were treated to Ethiopian food and an evening under the stars. Entertainment included performances by Phi Mu Alpha, the Dodecs, the Swingin' Doers, and the Sankofa African Drumming and Dance Circle. ♦

Kappa Sigma and Kappa Alpha team up to fight breast cancer *by Wes Jamison*



On the afternoon of November 6th, fraternity members from both Kappa Sigma and Kappa Alpha Order joined forces to raise money for breast cancer research. Featuring live music, food, and incredible weather, the philanthropy event hosted over 500 guests, and raised over \$1300 to benefit the Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center. This was the first charity event for the brothers of Kappa Sigma since their re-colonization last semester. Additionally, this was the first event co-sponsored by both fraternities. ♦

Sigma Scream builds community through service and fun *by Morgan Turner*

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc organized a fun and relaxing series of events on October 31, 2008. Sigma Scream, as it was called, kicked off at Edgemoor Elementary School, where nine members and guests volunteered their time painting pumpkins with elementary school children. The Sigmas also volunteer weekly as after school tutors for the kids, and this activity was a welcome break from the usual interactions. Both the children and their teacher responded overwhelmingly well to the activity, as they all were able to decorate and take home their own, personalized pumpkins.

After the community service opportunity, the men of Phi Beta Sigma, with the generous assistance from the women of Delta Sigma Theta, provided rides for students to

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the Sanitarium of Slaughter, a haunted house attraction in East Nashville. The Sigmas sponsored half of the ticket price for the first ten students attending the event. Over twenty Vanderbilt students emerged from the haunted house gleefully terrified!

Sigma Scream Weekend culminated that Friday night with a costume party where Vanderbilt, Belmont, TSU, Fisk, and American Baptist students celebrated Halloween. ♦

10th annual Kappa Kappa Gala benefits two local charities

by Laura Calabrese

This year the sisters of Kappa Kappa Gamma were proud to present their tenth annual Kappa Kappa Gala on October 29, 2008. Over five-hundred campus and community members attended the event held in the Student Life Center. Kappa Kappa Gala features a fraternity performance competition. The winning fraternity, determined by a panel of campus celebrity judges, was Beta Upsilon Chi with Lambda Chi Alpha and Beta Theta Pi receiving second and third place, respectively.

The Gala raised \$10,000 for the Jessica Herron Memorial Scholarship Fund and the Sports for All Foundation. The Jessica Herron Memorial Scholarship was created in memory of a Kappa sister who passed away in the fall of 2005. It is awarded annually, based on need and merit, to a Kappa member that most embodies Jessica's fun-loving spirit. The scholarship has already helped to send three Kappa members to graduate school! The Sports for All Foundation is Kappa's local philanthropy. This foundation provides funding, programming, and

equipment to disabled individuals the opportunity to fully participate in recreational activities. The proceeds of Kappa Kappa Gala will be split between these two worthy causes. ♦

Ronald McDonald House supported by ADPi's County Fair

by Diana Culp


On October 11th the sisters of Alpha Delta Pi held their annual fall benefit, ADPi County Fair, to support their national philanthropy, The Ronald McDonald House. The RMH is an international organization whose mission is to aid the healing process by keeping families together while their child receives treatment at a local hospital. ADPi County Fair featured music by Johnny Napp, carnival games, a fraternity cornhole tournament, line dancing choreographed by sisters, and tasty carnival treats including cotton candy, snow cones, and popcorn! Families from the Ronald McDonald House were able to attend and the benefit was hugely successful raising a total of \$5,000 for the RMH! ♦



ChiO & Make A Wish team up for Fashion Show

by Jenny Mehl

Chi Omega Fashion Show was held on November 2 to raise money for the sorority's national philanthropy, the Make-A-Wish Foundation. At the benefit, senior Chi Omega members modeled clothing from the local Nashville boutiques - Boutique Bella, The Cotton Mill, and Two Elle. The chapter was pleased to have Inajia, a previous Make-A-Wish recipient, who modeled clothing from Macy's.

Also during the event, Julia Doolittle, a current wish granter and Chi Omega alumna, and Kelly Madigan, a senior Vanderbilt Chi Omega, shared their own personal experiences about the Make-A-Wish Foundation. 

Through the fundraiser, the chapter demonstrated to Vanderbilt and the Nashville community its dedication to the Make-A-Wish Foundation by raising over \$9,000 for the cause. With this money, the chapter will grant a wish for a specific child and hold a wish granting party this spring semester. ♦

Night on Broadway highlighted annual Zeta Night of Soul

by Morgan Turner

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. hosted their annual philanthropy, Zeta Night of Soul on November 5, 2008. The event benefits Project ZEAL, which contributes to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Middle Tennessee. The chapter had a great turn out for the Broadway themed extravaganza. There were appearances from Elle Woods and her Bend and Snap crew (Pi Beta Phi), Sharpay and the High School Musical gang (Alpha Delta Pi), and of course the Dream Girls (Zeta Phi Beta). This year's proceeds will build bookshelves at a local Boys and Girls club. ♦



Members of Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc pose with contestants from the chapter's annual 'Mighty Man' Service Auction.

Sorority women lend a hand at the Lower Murrell Elementary annual Monster Mash *by Caroline Dickens*

On Friday, October 31st, the Panhellenic Council chapters banded together to help their Adopt-A-School, Lower Murrell Elementary, with the annual Monster Mash festival. The fall-themed carnival occurs each year near Halloween. Students wore masks and carried trick-or-treat bags to collect candy at each decorated station. Approximately 30 women from Vanderbilt attended the event, to staff the eight activities: ghost pin bowling, pumpkin bean bag tossing, card decorating, pin the wart on the witch, cookie decorating, spooky story telling, snacks and coloring, and pumpkin relay races! With the help of the Panhellenic Council the event surpassed previous years in size and success, as the school's annual budget

usually only allows for four activities and no decorations.

This marked the first time that Panhellenic became involved in activities at the school outside of tutoring and grounds maintenance. Judging from the smiles on the children's and administrators' faces at the end of the day, there will be many more opportunities for members of the Greek community to get involved with Lower Murrell throughout the year. ♦



Sorority members pose after volunteering with Monster Mash (left). Lower Murrell student colors fall-themed art during the day's activities (above).

Dean McIntire joins Panhellenic & NPHC for fall Food for Thought *by Alyse Andalman*

On November 11, Associate Dean and Professor of Philosophy, Russell McIntire, joined 18 members of the Greek community to discuss ethics and how they apply to Greek organizations. Dean McIntire approached the subject from the perspective of values and the impact of personal experiences on those values. He spoke about the need for college students to discover who they are and what they stand for—goals which students aim to achieve during these formative years and beyond.

Prior to the evening, Dean McIntire received fraternity and sorority

creeds and mottos upon which he based his presentation. Reflecting on these different statements, he found that some explicitly appeal to ethical principles while others loosely reflect high moral standards. During the discussion, he urged participants to draw parallels between their own individual moral codes and that of their Greek organization. Dean McIntire also challenged discussion participants to consider these individual and organizational values when faced with dilemmas and decisions.

After a short discussion in which chapter members talked about

the issues they have faced within the Greek System, Dean McIntire concluded Food for Thought with a few interesting remarks. Most importantly, he encouraged everyone to view our college experience, including academics and extracurricular participation, as part of a process of maturing and personal growth. He reiterated to the participants that anything worth doing is worth doing right—and that includes membership in Greek chapters. ♦