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Kappa Sigma's Fourth Annual Sleep-Out for the Soldiers

Phi Mu Delta's Phil Morin wins NGLA Greek Leadership Awards



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Philanthropy Chair – Mike Mouchantat

Scholarship Chair – TJ Bowse

Pi Kappa Alpha Reflections on Scholarship and Philanthropy

Last semester Pi Kappa Alpha's (Pike) GPA took a plunge. I wanted to become the scholarship chair to help restore Lambda Delta chapter to the high academic standards international fraternity demands. The first thing I did as scholarship chair was to establish an online group for people to post academic related material. People post where they are sitting in the library, questions about classes, and various other things related to

schoolwork. We have a scholar of the week program, which acknowledges those who have logged the most hours in the library; the scholar is given a small reward (food, cash, gift, certificates). I am actively discussing with our president ways in which we could make this program more successful well also considering instituting a scholar of the year.

I want people to have an incentive to work hard academically but also to learn the discipline necessary to be competitive in the

professional world. We always have an “urban” dictionary word of the week and, following the advice of an alumnus, I have added an actual vocabulary word into meeting each week. I make sure to remind people of certain academic events. This week I reminded everyone classes for next semester were being released. More than anything I try to lead by example. I have been working on rescuing my own GPA, so I hope my success and the fraternities’ mirror one another. I am frequently in the library and try to get my brothers to join me at a table. I am also the first one to remind brothers that they are at this University for their education not just to have a good time.

TJ Bowse, Pi Kappa Alpha

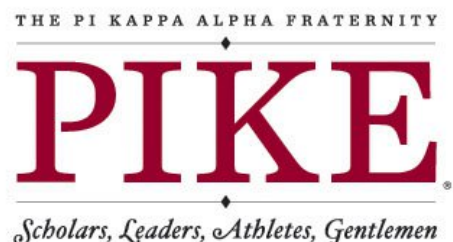
PIKE Philanthropy Reflections

This semester we began our philanthropic efforts during the first weeks of school, when we recognized the overwhelming need for assistance for those who had been affected by Hurricane Irene. We immediately assembled a crew of roughly 15 members to take a trip to Rutland VT for a 2 day clean up effort. We assisted brother’s families and other Rutland residence that were unable to get food and water, along with helping clean homes that had been by the flooding. Later on in the year we hosted a Penny Wars event for the Rape, Abuse,

and Incest National Network (RAINN). While tabling in the Davis Center we explained the goals of the organization and where this money would be going. We raised over \$400.00 for RAINN. Next month we will be holding our biannual Bikathon for the Mikey’s Way Foundation. The event is still in the planning stages, with details to come shortly. However, we did experience a great deal of success with this in the Fall and expect the event to go over well again in the Spring. Moving forward we would like to work more with the

Burlington community, whether it be at the local nursing homes or in the campus kitchen.

*Mike Mouchantat,
Pike Kappa Alpha*



Delta Tau Delta 2011-2012 Service and Scholarship Plans.

DTD has partnered with Feel Good to help in its fundraising project, also we are forming events with the Pi Phi and Delta Delta Delta sororities. Delta Tau Delta will also be hosting a grilled cheese fundraiser for the Make A Wish Foundation after break. More details for other projects will be posted soon.

As far as scholarship goes, the incentive program designed last semester to enrich academic focus and strive for achievement will go into effect and be applied for this semester for the fraternity. Academia, regardless, has been checked and observed to be improving since last semester on a greater scale.

Shae Rowlandson, Delta Tau Delta



Kappa+Sigma's Fourth Annual Sleepout for the Soldiers

Every day, more and more of our United States Armed Forces soldiers are returning from overseas. Some of these service men and women have been severely wounded in combat, and require an extended stay in a Veteran's hospital. This leaves their families in a harsh predicament, in some cases having to pay for lodging just to be with their loved ones. For years the Fisher House Foundation has supported these military families by providing housing in the vicinity of Veteran's hospitals throughout the country.

The Alpha Lambda Chapter of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity, an undergraduate business and social fraternity at the University of Vermont, has supported the Fisher House Foundation for four years now, raising over \$7,500 for the cause. We have done so through an event called "Sleep Out for the Soldiers", during which the brothers brave the elements and camp out overnight to collect donations at our chapter house on Main St. in Burlington. This year's event will be held February 24-25, 2012, and will include music, food, a raffle, and more.

As the Executive Committee of the chapter, we would like to invite you to attend our event, and show your support for both our Vermont National Guard soldiers and our nation's military. Your presence will certainly help to attract more patrons to our event, and help us to reach this year's fundraising goal of \$10,000. All proceeds will be donated to the Fisher House Foundation to help build homes throughout the country to service our veterans.

Alan Nguyen, Kappa Sigma



FIJI Philanthropy -

The Beta Upsilon Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta has been organizing weekly street cleanup's in downtown Burlington every Tuesday Afternoon from 4-5:30pm.

FIJI is also hosting a Blood Drive Monday, March 20, 2012 in the Memorial Gymnasium.

FIJI will be participating in a Post-St. Patty's Day neighborhood cleanup.

Phi Mu Delta Scholarship and Philanthropy



The brothers are split into academic teams and remain on the teams all semester. The teams are set to be fairly equal and then the most improved team wins a financial reward. Each team has a captain and they meet once every 2 weeks. Each brother also have study sheets to keep track of their studies.

We are working on partnership with the DREAM program, as well as a program with HOPE Works.

Xiecheng Yuan, Phi Mu Delta

St. Patricks Day Cleanup

Thank you to FIJI and Kappa Sigma for participating in the St. Patrick's Day on Sunday, March 18th.



2012 Executive Board, Alpha Chi Omega

Alpha Chi Omega

Alpha Chi Omega completed an informal recruitment in February welcoming seven new members to our family - we are very excited to share our sisterhood with them. On February 26th, Alpha Chi Omega teamed up with Villari's Martial Arts Studio to host a self defense class for women in the UVM community, all who attended learned a various tactics to use in the event of an attack and all proceeds were donated to the Lauren Dunne Astley Memorial Fund, a non-profit

organization founded in memory of a sister's friend who was a victim of teen dating violence. Upcoming events we are looking forward to this semester include a Parents & Family Weekend March 24th and 25th, Apple Pie with Alpha Chi - an evening of academic recognition with our professors on April 10th and Relay for Life April 21st.

Christina Bazzano, President, Alpha Chi Omega

Pi Beta Phi

This spring, Pi Phi has kept busy by hosting, attending, and raising money for various events both on and off campus. We began our semester by having three sisters participate in the Burlington Penguin Plunge. These three women raised over \$800 and jumped into Lake Champlain's icy waters for Special Olympics Vermont. For Valentine's Day, Pi Phi and the men of Pike made valentines for soldiers serving overseas. We also made vegan chili for the annual Chili Cook-off and played Dodgeball for Alternative Spring Break. Sisters also attended a UVM hockey game against Northeastern and wore pink for breast cancer awareness. Pi Phi is happy to announce the addition of three enthusiastic new members this spring through informal recruitment. Pi Phi also sold hot cocoa and cookies at

UVM Program Bored's ice skating event with all proceeds going towards Pi Phi foundation's effort to support literacy. Finally, this past weekend our Vice President of Member Development hosted our annual Scholarship Brunch, which recognized women with outstanding academic achievement.

Norah Carlos, VP of Communications, Pi Beta Phi



Pi Phi plays dodgeball for Alternative Spring Break

Inclusive Language Week

This year UVM Greek Life co-hosted the first annual Inclusive Language Week with Free2Be, UVM's student run LGBTQA group, the week of Feb 27th to March 2nd. All week posters were posted all around campus about the important use of inclusive language to create a positive, inviting environment. On Monday and Wednesday of that week we tabled in the Davis Center with an interactive poster asking people to reflect on words that harm and words that empower. Thursday, March 1st was the Inclusive Language Banquet where we showcased the posters that were made for that week and more interactive posters asking people to reflect around harmful and empowering words for their identities. There was a huge turnout from UVM Greek Life chapters, Free2Be students and the general UVM undergrad population. There was a panel lead discussion from staff members which was a huge success. We look forward to seeing this campaign grow in the future.



Kappa Alpha Theta

Growing larger than ever, Kappa Alpha Theta is pleased to welcome its spring new member class! Theta kicked off 2012 with a fun and successful informal recruitment, reinvigorated by a productive fall semester. The women have been working hard logging studying hours and giving back to the community. In February, Kappa Alpha Theta teamed up with Service Rendered and Burton to host a rail jam to raise money for United College Club. Everyone had fun coordinating the event and watching some awesome skiers and snowboarders compete for a good cause. This month also gave a few sisters a chance to showcase their own talents. Bree Alvarado, Cassie Jenis, Georgia Dennis DeVries, and Stephanie Burrows all impressed the crowd at "UVM's Got Talent" with their beautiful voices.

Kappa Alpha Theta is especially excited for their upcoming philanthropy events this spring. April 15th will be a big day, as Theta hosts both a silent auction and a 5K to benefit their philanthropy, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). CASA helps find safe, permanent homes for children who have been abused or neglected. Keep an eye out for registration so you too can contribute to this heartwarming cause while enjoying a beautiful April run.

Honor Gibson, Kappa Alpha Theta

Alpha Delta Pi



This semester has been a great one for us. We had a really popular COR event that was Mingling and Mocktails themed and everyone had a lot of fun. We have been focusing a lot on our national philanthropy, the Ronald McDonald House. We have had sisters go down and cook dinners

for the families at the house here in Burlington and we have also had two really successful bake sales, so far we've raised over \$350.00 for the RMH charities. Another really exciting thing for us was having a sister participate in the Miss America Pageant. We believe that it's going to be a great year.

Alex McVarish, Panhel Delegate, Alpha Delta Pi

National Ritual Week

The University of Vermont Fraternity and Sorority Community honored National Ritual Celebration Week March 13th –15th, 2012. During this week our fraternity and sorority chapters raised awareness and celebrated the importance of our individual and community values and ritual. Through activities and discussions, members will reflected on why their organizations were founded, why fraternities/sororities have rituals, what it means to live by one's ritual and celebrate the interfraternal community and what being a member of an organization with a ritual means to them personally. The events covered many of the similar values throughout chapters' rituals and they

strengthened our community as a whole. Phi Mu Fraternity created National Ritual Celebration Week in December 2010. It is a wonderful opportunity for chapter members to become involved in something that we have already have promised ourselves to. At the core of everyone's ritual is a foundation of values and beliefs that we all share. The week highlighted the similarities and also some of the unique pieces of the greater UVM Greek community and provided activities for all chapters to participate and learn.

Megan Long, Student Staff, Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life

Founders Ritual Award Nominees

*Kate Bailey, Delta Delta Delta
Olivia Peterson, Delta Delta Delta
Kristen Hamilton, Delta Delta Delta
Victoria Diamond, Kappa Alpha Theta
Gen Anthony, Alpha Delta Pi
Dani Peck, Alpha Delta Pi
Katie McIntyre, Alpha Chi Omega
Deidre Phalon, Pi Beta Phi*

Delta Delta Delta

A continuous effort to raise money for St. Jude

This past month has been chalk filled for the women of Delta Delta Delta. We focused this month on sisterhood, which was extremely rewarding and beneficial for the women of Tri Delta. During the week of February 12th we held a variety of recruitment events which involved making valentines and a Ben & Jerry's Vermonster challenge. On February 25th we had Delta Desserts, which raised money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Eta chapter raised upwards of \$2,000 for the children of St. Jude. We filled rooms with brownies, cookies and cakes and individuals could eat as much as they wanted after paying a

donation of five dollars. Years ago, women of Eta chapter brought Relay for Life to the university so we have been preparing for the exciting event on April 21st! We held a strong presence at the Relay for Life Kickoff to encourage more students and chapters to participate in Relay for Life. During the following week we held constructive events to integrate our seven

newest members with the upperclassmen of Tri Delta. To wrap up the busy month of February, we had the Sponsor Revelation, which was extremely exciting and we also celebrated the first annual Inclusive Language Week at the University of Vermont. The month of March is Philanthropy Month so we look forward to continue fundraising for our national philanthropy, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Livy Faro, VP of Public Relations, Delta Delta Delta



Tri Delta Spring Recruitment 2012

Sorority of the Year Alpha Chi Omega



Most Improved Chapter FIJI

Fraternity of the Year Kappa Sigma



UPCOMING GREEK EVENTS

- 4/1 – New Member Orientation (11am-4pm
4th Floor Davis Center)
- 4/4 – IFC Executive Committee Application
period
- 4/5 – Dismantling Rape Culture Conference.
(8am-4:30pm Davis Center)
- 4/11- IFC Executive Committee Elections
- 4/26 – Greek Awards Ball Silver Maple
Ballroom
- 4/28 – Greek Games



First Annual UVM'S Got Talent



Judges, Julien Golfarini (SGA President), Pat Brown (Student Life Director) and Katie Levasseur (Miss Vermont 2011) pose for a picture prior to a hard night of judging.

Greek Life hosted their first annual talent show, “UVM’S Got Talent.” With over 20 participants UVM Greek Life Association was able to raise over \$350 dollars for the charity of the winner’s choice.

Our first place winner, Suzanne Friedman entertained the crowd with her voice and creative self-written lyrics. She is a sophomore here at UVM and a very talented member of the women’s club ice hockey team. She picked American Cancer Society to support and donate the \$350 that was raised at the event.