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Upcoming dates of Interest:

- **Winter Break**
Dec. 12 to Jan. 15
- **IFC Spring Recruitment**
Jan. 20-22
- **SAE True Gentlemen Week**
Feb. 9-12
- **TKE Week**
Feb. 16-19

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TTU Greeks Shatter Philanthropy Fundraising Records

For the second year in a row, TTU Greeks have surpassed philanthropy fundraising records donating \$58, 913 to a number of charitable organizations and foundations in 2008. Last year's philanthropy total was just under \$43,000. Among the largest beneficiaries are the:

- American Cancer Society
- Muscular Dystrophy Association
- Military Heroes Campaign
- Multiple Sclerosis Foundation
- St. Jude's Children's Hospital
- Children's Miracle Network
- H2O Africa
- Alzheimer's Association
- Ronald McDonald House
- Service for Sight
- Prevent Child Abuse America

"Giving back to the community is a core value all of our Greek organizations share" said Katie Williams, Greek Advisor. "I'm very proud of their efforts because know this money will help organizations and foundations further their good causes during these tough times."

TTU Greeks also volunteer many hours of community service. Since some community service projects are ongoing throughout the holiday season, community service totals will be published in the first spring edition of the newsletter.



Sigma Phi Epsilon's Thanksgiving on the Mayflower

For the past 10 years, an organization at Tennessee Tech has been working to make sure the Cookeville Rescue Mission has a hot holiday meal to look forward to. The brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon spent last week preparing a holiday feast, complete with turkey and all the trimmings, to deliver to the Mission where they served around 50 people Friday. On Saturday, they traveled to Chattanooga to serve a meal there and were in Nashville on Sunday for another meal.

"It's something we look forward to," said Justin Smith, president of the organization. "Beginning on Wednesday, members were busy cooking food that had been donated from Cash and Carry and Sam's, with donations coming in as well from Kroger, Golden Corral and Shoney's, as well as some private donations. Friday evening they delivered the meal and set up the serving line at the Cookeville Mission. Community Service Chair Justin Williams said the organization served 300 to 350 people during the weekend.

Larry Self, director of the Cookeville Rescue Mission, said, "Any time a group from Tennessee Tech gives up a Friday night to help others, it warms my heart."

The long-standing activity is just a part of the fraternity's community service projects, which is a requirement of membership. "We try to do as much as we can," Smith said. He said members were required to complete a 10-hour community service project before moving up to a 20-hour community service project and a 30-hour community service project. Many of the members are involved with the Cookeville Police Department's Teens Need Tutoring program.

Williams, who organized this year's meals said, "I'm extremely happy to help organize all this. I'm an Eagle Scout, so, all my life, I've been organizing events and finding donations. It fell together for me. "And I loved doing all this. It's second nature to me."

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Kappa Sigma hosts South Seas

TTU's Kappa Sigma chapter recently introduced their new philanthropy, South Seas, to campus. The philanthropy raises money for the Kappa Sigma Fraternity Military Heroes Campaign. This campaign supports the Fisher House program, a unique private-public partnership that supports America's military in their time of need. A long-term stay in a military hospital, sometimes thousands of miles from home, could mean expensive lodging and long separations from loved ones. But in recognition of the special sacrifices of severely wounded or ill service members and their families, the Fisher House Foundation donates "comfort homes" so that America's military families can be together during extended treatment for serious illness or lengthy physical and/or occupational therapy.

The philanthropy week featured several sea or pirate themed events such as a pirate ship building contest and relay races at the Fitness Center.

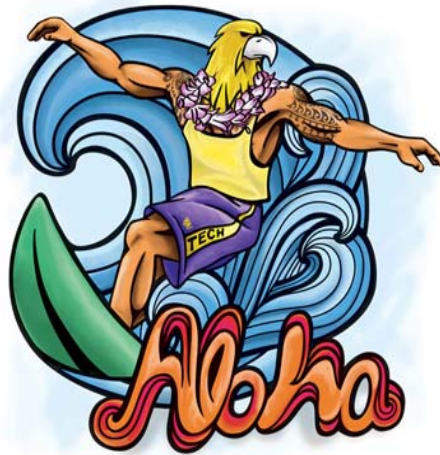
South Seas had a very successful first year donating \$1,136 to the foundation. Four organizations participated: Alpha Delta Pi, Kappa Delta, Phi Mu, and Phi Gamma Delta.

For more information on the Kappa Sigma Military Heroes Campaign, log on to <http://www.militaryheroescampaign.org/>



Homecoming 2008 Aloha TTU Events

Tennessee Tech University recently held their annual Homecoming celebration November 3 through 8. Homecoming events for students are planned and carried out by the Tech Activities Board, a student organization sponsored by the Office of Student Activities. This year's theme was "Aloha TTU" so most events had a tropical or Hawaiian theme. Events throughout the week consisted of the Banner competition, Hula contest, Skit Night, Canned Food drive, Hawaiian



Olympics, Tropical Treasure Hunt, Spirit Day, Pep Rally, and Parade. In addition, the TTU National Pan-Hellenic Council sponsored a step show during the week. "This year's Homecoming was so much fun," said Ashley Barth, Tech Activities Board chairman. "Every organization brought something unique and exciting to the competition." Winners were announced throughout the Homecoming football game, TTU vs. Jacksonville State on Saturday, November 8.

Homecoming 2008 Winners

Banner competition

- First Place: University Christian Student Center
- Second Place: Wesley Foundation
- Third Place: Baptist Collegiate Ministries

Skit Night

- First Place: Phi Gamma Delta & Kappa Delta
- Second Place: Alpha Delta Pi & Kappa Sigma
- Third Place: Phi Mu & Sigma Chi



UCSC's 1st Place Banner hanging in the UC

Hawaiian Olympics

- First Place: Tau Kappa Epsilon & Omega Phi Alpha
- Second Place: Phi Mu & Sigma Chi
- Third Place: Phi Gamma Delta & Kappa Delta

Hula Dance Contest

- First Place: Phi Gamma Delta & Kappa Delta
- Second Place: Delta Gamma & Sigma Alpha Epsilon
- Third Place: Baptist Collegiate Ministries



Hawaiian Olympics competition in the Main Quad. Pictured 1) Limbo and 2) Boogie Board Relay

Homecoming 2008 Winners

Canned Food Drive

First Place: Sigma Phi Epsilon

Second Place: Alpha Delta Pi & Kappa Sigma

Third Place: Phi Gamma Delta & Kappa Delta

Tropical Treasure Hunt

First Place: Kappa Alpha Order & Phi Delta Theta

Second Place: Alpha Delta Pi & Kappa Sigma

Third Place: Institute of Industrial Engineers

Spirit Day

First Place: Kappa Alpha Order & Phi Delta Theta

Second Place: Phi Mu & Sigma Chi

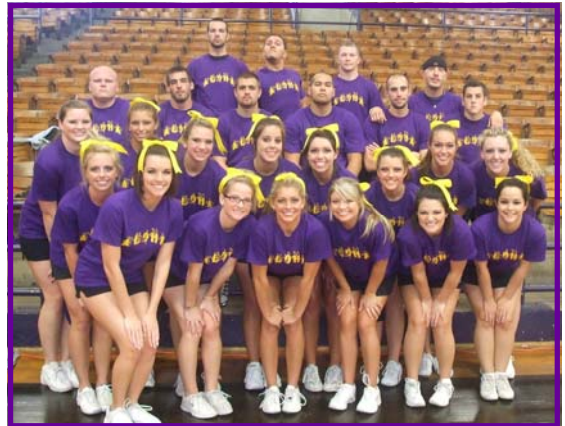
Third Place: Sigma Phi Epsilon

Pep Rally

First Place: Alpha Delta Pi & Kappa Sigma

Second Place: Kappa Alpha Order & Phi Delta Theta

Third Place: Kappa Delta & Phi Gamma Delta



**Pictured Above: Pep Rally winners
Alpha Delta Pi & Kappa Sigma**

Homecoming 2008 NPHC Step Show



TTU's Alpha Kappa Alpha chapter



TTU's Alpha Phi Alpha chapter

On Friday, November 7, the TTU National Pan-Hellenic Council held their 3rd Annual Step Show competition in Derryberry Hall Auditorium. This year's theme, which mirrored the overall Homecoming theme, was "Divine Steps to Paradise."

The purpose of the Step Show is to bring Greeks, TTU students, and the community together in unity as well as provide education and diversity to the Tennessee Tech University and Cookeville community through the unique art form of stepping.

Five Greek organizations took part in the competition:
Phi Beta Sigma - Tennessee State University
Zeta Phi Beta - Murray State University
Omega Psi Phi - Tennessee State University
Alpha Phi Alpha - Tennessee Tech University
Alpha Kappa Alpha - Tennessee Tech University

Homecoming 2008 Parade

Parade Float Winners

First Place: Phi Gamma Delta & Kappa Delta

Second Place: Sigma Phi Epsilon

Third Place: Kappa Alpha Order & Phi Delta Theta



2nd Place Winner— Sigma Phi Epsilon



1st Place Winner— FIJI & Kappa Delta



3rd Place Winner—Kappa Alpha & Phi Delta Theta



Phi Mu & Sigma Chi



Delta Gamma & Sigma Alpha Epsilon



Tau Kappa Epsilon & Omega Phi Alpha



Alpha Delta Pi & Kappa Sigma



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Overall Homecoming Winners

First Place: Phi Gamma Delta & Kappa Delta

Second Place: Phi Delta Theta & Kappa Alpha

Third Place: Sigma Phi Epsilon



Homecoming King and Queen Winners

Homecoming Queen Lacy Loftis
 Homecoming King Dee Gregory

First Runners Up
 Kristy Mondelli & Ryan Manning

Second Runners Up
 Kristen Perrone & Tyler Ingram

Third Runners Up
 Jennifer Evans & Kyle Briggs

Fourth Runners Up
 Ashley Thayer & Bryan Lewis