

**VALDOSTA STATE  
UNIVERSITY**

# The Parthenon

**Greek Week Winners:**

**Sororities:**

-1st Place: Alpha Sigma  
Alpha

-2nd Place: Phi Mu

-3rd Place: Zeta Tau  
Alpha

**Fraternities:**

-1st Place: Kappa Sigma

-2nd Place: Sigma Nu

-3rd Place: Phi Sigma  
Kappa

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## Greek Week 2011

Greek Week 2011 was a great success for the Greek Life community. This year's Greek Week was different than in years past. Six women's teams and 9 men's teams participated in a variety of events which included: relay races, bowling, trivia, "hot shot" competition, softball home-run derby, and activities on VSU's CORE challenge course. This year for the women's teams, first place went to Alpha Sigma Alpha, while Phi Mu came in second and Zeta Tau Alpha in third. For the men's teams, Kappa Sigma won first place, Sigma Nu came in second and Phi Sigma Kappa in third. Greek Ambassadors also created a new award this year called the "MVP" Award, which rewards chapters for their enthusiasm and participation in the week. This award went to Phi Mu for the women's teams and Phi Sigma Kappa for the men's teams. Along with the events of Greek Week, Greek also held a "No Beef" Cookout in Drexel Park to promote good sportsmanship and Greek unity. At this cookout, "Mo Jo Poets" performed, while chapter members grilled out and joined in fellowship. Greek Life's hope was to create fun, unified events for the week that would promote our community in a positive light. Thanks to everyone who participated and helped make the week a success!



# Council News

## College Panhellenic Council



The College Panhellenic Council has had a very busy semester. We, as a council, have hosted and participated in events such as the Greek Life Leadership Conference, CPC Meet and Greet, Visitation Days, Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner, New Member Forum, International Badge Day, Southeastern Panhellenic Conference, Greek Week, Step Show, and the Panhellenic Carnival. At the 2011 CPC Step Show, we raised over \$4,000 to be divided among four charities. The CPC Meet and Greet and the Panhellenic Carnival are events to encourage non-Greek women to get involved with Panhellenic. These events were very successful in their first year and we look forward to keeping this tradition alive. Our goal this semester has been to increase PR for CPC; we now have a Twitter and Facebook page. Twitter: VSU\_Panhellenic Facebook: College Panhellenic Council- Valdosta State University. We absolutely cannot wait for Fall 2011 Formal Recruitment! Registration will start May 1<sup>st</sup>, and Recruitment is August 9-14.

## National Panhellenic Council



The Valdosta State University chapter of the National Panhellenic Council, Inc. (NPHC), chartered October 3, 2001 is composed of nine historically African-American Greek-lettered fraternities and sororities. NPHC's national body includes over one million men and women of various ages who serve as leaders in their communities, places of employment, and other aspects of American's society. These organizations share a common bond, which is total commitment and dedication to the improvement of conditions within communities. NPHC promotes interaction, encourages cooperation, and provides support for each member organization. Please feel free to follow the NPHC at VSU on Facebook at NPHC called NPHC at VSU.

## *Interfraternity Council*

Throughout 2011's Spring Semester the Interfraternity Council has made a prominent impact on the Valdosta Campus as well as in the community. The IFC Chapters have contributed and participated in a significant amount of altruistic activities in which benefit many respective national and local organizations. The members of these chapters have strived to not only better themselves and their chapters, but the entire Greek Community as a whole. Recently the Interfraternity Executive Council put on their first annual IFC Tug Tournament to benefit The American Cancer Society. The event was a great success and portrayed a great example of the unity in which the Greeks here at VSU share amongst each other. Other charitable events have taken place this semester such as an annual softball tournament benefiting the family of a brother who recently passed, an entire week of events devoted to benefiting The American Cancer Society, a bowling tournament benefiting the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Fund, a buddy game day benefiting PUSH America, etc. There is also an annual car bash approaching that benefits the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. The list of events continues to grow each year as the Chapters of the Interfraternity Council continue to make valiant efforts to support the causes in which they believe in. The future for the Interfraternity Council is endless. The chapters continue to grow mentally, morally, and socially as each day passes. The charitable events and activities are just a mere example of the involvement in which these chapters take part in. This year's Student Government Association election featured many members of IFC running for senator positions not to mention the two members who ran for President and Comptroller. The members of these chapters are depicted as being positive role models for fellow students as well as the rising youth of the community.



# *Greek Honors Societies*

## **Order of Omega**

The Order of Omega was founded at the University of Miami in the fall of 1959 by a group of outstanding fraternity men who felt that individuals in the Greek community should be recognized for their service to the fraternity system and the university. The Miami chapter had long desired to expand to other colleges and universities. The chapter gave its sanction to Dean Patrick W. Halloran to make initial inquiries and to further grant charters to universities that were a credited and interested in the purpose of The Order of Omega. The organization became coed in 1977 and now has over four hundred chapters in the United States.

The Zeta Omega chapter of The National Order of Omega was chartered at Valdosta State University in spring 1986. Membership is open to qualified top 30% of junior and senior undergraduate Greek-affiliated students by application each year. This past fall, Order of Omega was proud to announce that 15 new members were initiated into the chapter.





## Greek Ambassadors

As always, the Greek Ambassadors worked very hard this year. This very special Greek organization is composed of the undergraduate members of the 24 Greek organizations at Valdosta State University (VSU). The ambassadors produce a newsletter each semester containing national information as well as highlights from the local chapters. In addition, Greek Week Committee was extremely busy planning events enjoyed by the entire Greek community. This year Greek week took place April 10<sup>th</sup> through April 16<sup>th</sup>. For our new members the ambassadors planned an educational seminar, which provided information about the impact of alcohol abuse and hazing. New members also learned about having officer responsibilities and council responsibilities. Lastly, the Greek Promotions committee assists each year with a Staff Appreciation Day. This committee delivers breakfast to 800 staff members at Valdosta State University, thanking them for their support of VSU. Along with these great programs the Ambassadors work to promote Greek Life, change negative stereotypes, connect the Greek organizations, and show overall benefits of Greek Life. Each year the ambassadors thank the Greek community during a night of Awards. Greek Assembly is an exciting time we all look forward to each year!

# TUG

This year the Interfraternity Council hosted TUG. Every sorority and fraternity were able to participate. They all had so much fun tugging against each other and they cannot wait until TUG rolls back around next year!

**Tug  
Winners:**



**Fraternities:**

**Sigma Nu**



**Sororities:**

**Kappa Delta**



# CPC Step Show

This year's step show had a great turn out, all the teams really upped their game and brought everything to the floor. The competition was very close with Phi Mu winning 1st place, ADPi winning 2nd and Chi Omega winning 3rd. All together we raised \$4,465 for the Partnership Cancer Fund and the top three teams received a check for the charities of their choice, the James Eunice Foundation, Ronald McDonald House and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

## Winners:

1st: Phi Mu    2nd: Alpha Delta Pi    3rd: Chi Omega



# College Panhellenic Council

In this Issue:

Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Sigma Alpha, Chi Omega,  
Kappa Delta, Phi Mu, and Zeta Tau Alpha

## Alpha Delta Pi



The lovely ladies of Alpha Delta Pi are already having an amazing spring semester. We have welcomed 10 outstanding young ladies to join our chapter. We have also decided to change our philanthropy event to a homerun derby and softball tournament called "Diamonds in the Dugout." This has been a great way for us to reach out to all of Greek life as well as the rest of the Valdosta Community. We partnered up with Chili's and Chick-Fil-A to help support this wonderful cause. The money raised from this event will go to the Ronald McDonald House Charities. ADPi is already planning their annual trip to Macon, GA to visit the Ronald McDonald House. This trip not only brings the chapter closer together, it is an eye opener to the girls of how much this foundation really impacts families. We have also been supporting our Valdosta community through various school festivals and activities. Recently, we tailgated in front of the P.E. complex to support the Blazer Basketball teams against arch rival the University of West Georgia. We are so thankful to be able to be a part of such a wonderful community. With the highest overall GPA, ADPi keeps thriving for the best and setting high standards. ADPi would love to wish everyone a successful semester and looks forward to recruiting a wonderful group of girls in the fall! Go Blazers!

## Kappa Delta



Kappa Delta is excited to be having yet another successful semester! This semester, Kappa Delta has participated in many events in the community as well as in Greek Life. We have worked closely with the Girl Scouts of Valdosta and have planned other community service events such as, Bingo at the Heritage Nursing Home. We are very proud to continue our role as VSU Bat Girls for the Baseball Team! Kappa Delta hosted it's 17<sup>th</sup> annual Shamrock flag football event on the weekend of March 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. The teams who entered participated in a weekend full of excitement and all the money raised was donated towards Preventing Child Abuse America. We are so thankful for the support of the VSU campus, community, and Greeks. The ladies of KD look forward to finishing the semester striving for that which is honorable, beautiful, and highest!



Chi Omega is very excited to start off this semester with 31 new sisters and 14 beautiful new girls after having a nice winter break. As the semester gets going, so does Chi Omega's involvement on campus and in the Valdosta Community. We had multiple events this semester. Between walking dogs at the shelter, playing indoor wheelchair soccer at the Y, and having a can food drive with Second Harvest. Chi Omega is staying very busy. Not only will Chi Omega be participating in Relay for Life with Sigma Chi, but we have also raised over \$3,000. Making a difference in the community makes Chi Omega closer not only with the community, but with each other. Along with Relay for life Chi Omega has also been raising money for our philanthropy, Make-a-Wish Foundation. Chi Omega had a traveling boutique where 10% of the proceeds went to Make-a-Wish. We are looking forward to a beautiful summer even though it means our seniors will be leaving us, we know they will be successful in their future endeavors. As for the rest of our chapter we will be getting ready for recruitment, studying abroad, and some will be leaving us to be Gamma Chis to help the future girls find their place in our Greek Community.

## Alpha Sigma Alpha



The Theta Mu Chapter of Alpha Sigma Alpha had the greatest year on Valdosta State's campus! The ladies of Alpha Sigma Alpha accomplished so much within and outside of the sisterhood. The sisters are proud to hold the title, along with the gentlemen of Phi Sigma Kappa, of Homecoming Champions for Fall 2010, taking gold in float decorating, lip-sync (a karaoke style performance), and a sidewalk chalk design contest. The Theta Mu Chapter threw their first campus-wide philanthropy event this past Spring, "Balls Out," a dodge-ball tournament, raising money for their two philanthropies, the Special Olympics and the S. June Smith Center, which is a learning development center for children with special needs created by an Alpha Sigma Alpha alumna. In the Spring Semester, ASA also: had the most participants in a campus wide blood drive, had the most members signed up for Relay for Life with the brothers of Sigma Nu, hosted their first Parent's Weekend and Formal in St. Simons, had a wonderful member retreat in St. Augustine, FL, and celebrated their one year anniversary as a part of the Greek Community on Valdosta State's Campus. No matter what they are doing, these girls always try to "aspire, seek, and attain" to do their best in all aspects of their lives. Alpha Sigma Alpha has doubled in membership in the past year and can't wait to see what and who is in store for the next one! Go Blazers.!

## Zeta Tau Alpha



The Eta Iota chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha is excited to be having a great spring semester! We are pleased to announce that we have welcomed seven new girls into our chapter this semester. Zeta Tau Alpha has reached out to the community and volunteered at the animal shelter, the haven, bike races and many more. Zeta also participated in Valdosta State University Relay for Life in April. At the end of fall semester, Zeta is very proud to say that we have become one of the top three sororities in overall GPA! We plan on continuing with our academic efforts and still strive for academic excellence. Zeta Tau Alpha has also participated in intramurals, such as basketball and softball. Our basketball team won all four of their games and are now preparing to continue winning during the play-offs! The sisters of the Eta Iota chapter were also excited to host our Parents' Weekend in April and show our parents what Valdosta State is all about! Zeta participated in Greek week, the College Pan-Hellenic step show, and Tug in April! Along with being involved on campus, Zeta also will be hosting restaurant donation days with local restaurants to raise money for our philanthropy, Breast Cancer Education and Awareness! The ladies of Zeta Tau Alpha wish everyone a fantastic rest of the year!



## Phi Mu

The ladies of Phi Mu, Kappa Beta Chapter, are excited for the current spring semester. We have been working diligently within the Valdosta community helping numerous companies and non-profit organizations. Our sisters have donated their time at the Lowndes County Animal Shelter, local Elementary Schools, Hudson Docket and continued our efforts to assist our community. In February, Kappa Beta hosted a Chili's "give back night," in which 10 percent of all proceeds went to Children's Miracle Network. In April, we were eager to support Children's Miracle Network by sponsoring our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual "Matches for Miracles" Tennis Tournament. This semester Phi Mu is enjoying participating in the new Greek intramurals and cheering on our undefeated flag football team. Phi Mu would like to wish everyone a wonderful rest of the year. GO BLAZERS!

In this Issue:  
 Delta Chi, Sigma Chi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon  
 Kappa Alpha Order, Kappa Sigma, and Sigma Nu

## Delta Chi

We are going through a reformation with our chapter and forming it to become the most elite chapter among the fraternities of Valdosta State University. We have had outstanding progress in the reformation thus far and plan to only succeed higher expectations within the fraternity, school, and in the community. Our brothers are continuing to branch out on campus and gain interest from people within campus organizations. We are hosting our 8th annual charity softball tournament this year honoring the fallen brother of Joshua Dykes. We expect to have a great turn out as we have the following years.



## Sigma Chi



This year we have been very involved with our philanthropy, community service, and recruitment. On January 29<sup>th</sup> we hosted our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual skeet shoot for the Huntsmen Cancer Foundation. We had a great turnout with eight teams of four people that provided to be a huge success. Everyone had a great time and we raised \$1300 in the process, which was all donated to Huntsmen's Cancer Institution. We have great expectations for the rest of the summer. We will be going to the Sheriff's Boys Ranch twice a month to spend time with kids playing football and basketball as we continue to build relationships with them. September 16<sup>th</sup> was the first annual Merlin Olsen Day of Service, in which we hosted a can drive and raised \$350. It felt great to carry on Merlin Olsen's legacy of giving back to the community. We have stayed very busy logging in 180 hours of combined community service, for which we were featured in the winter issue of The Magazine of Sigma Chi. This semester we are working tirelessly on raising money and preparing for the upcoming Relay for Life and other philanthropic events that will prove we are one of the best organizations on campus.

## Sigma Nu



Founded in 1869, Sigma Nu represents three core values in which the foundation was laid upon; Love, Truth, and Honor. In coordination with these fundamental values, Sigma Nu believes in the life-long development and improvement of brothers to become ethical leaders of society. Here at Valdosta State University, the Mu Nu chapter of Sigma Nu is always looking for new candidates that will bring their own unique talents and ideas to the chapter. The Brothers of Sigma Nu Fraternity are continuing to strive to be the best here at Valdosta State University. This past year has been full of hard work with academics and the community. This has been a tradition in our fraternity since our founding in 1996. We continue to have the most community service hours and the most philanthropy money raised on campus. We donate money to St. Jude's Hospital every Fall with our "Male Review" that raised \$900. Our annual "Bowling for Breast Cancer" that is donated to the Susan G. Komen Fund raised over \$1,100 last spring. The brothers of Sigma Nu are encouraged to be involved on campus by joining other organizations on campus like Ducks Unlimited, Habitat for Humanity, College Republicans, SIFE, IFC, Order of Omega, National Honor Society, Club Soccer and the Student Government Association. The brothers are always working hard to attend other community service and philanthropy events to support other organizations on campus and to promote Greek unity on campus. Our chapter here is also known for excelling in athletic events like Greek Week which we have won seven out of the last nine years. We are very socially involved on campus as well with having events like our annual Christmas Cocktail, White Star Formal, and social events with other organizations. With the continuous hard work from the brothers of Sigma Nu, we will continue to strive to be the best here at VSU.

## Kappa Alpha Order



Kappa Alpha Order has had a great spring semester! We have been participating in several fundraisers for our philanthropy Muscular Dystrophy Association. We have also been in the process of helping out the Eunice Family. One of their sons, John Eunice was a KA. This year also marks the Delta Rho chapter's 40th anniversary. We are planning for the big anniversary for the fall and we cannot wait to celebrate! We hope everyone has a great summer and Go Blazers!



The Kappa Sigma Fraternity is very excited for the spring semester. As the warmer weather arrives, we begin planning for our out of town formals, intramural sports, our annual Hayden Jacque's Memorial Golf Tournament, My Brother's Keeper, and Philanthropy Week. Our golf tournament is dedicated to one of our brothers who passed away from cancer; it is an awesome opportunity for brothers old and new to come celebrate Hayden's Life! In March we had our annual philanthropy week where each day, along with the sororities help, we will donate proceeds to the American Cancer Society. These proceeds come from events like our famous sandcastle competition, campus scavenger hunt, and our Miss Kappa Sigma Pageant. Lastly, Kappa Sigma has partnered with SubMarina to host an all day promotion for proceeds to go towards our philanthropy week. Kappa Sigma continues to be the pride of Valdosta State University, and remains number one, second to none!

## Sigma Alpha Epsilon

The brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon have had another great year at Valdosta State full of good times and great memories. This past year, the men of the Georgia Sigma chapter of SAE have volunteered all across the Valdosta area. They continue their over 30 year tradition of volunteering to preserve Valdosta's historical landmark, The Crescent. SAE also teamed up with Wolfson Children's Hospital and the AJ Donohue Foundation in Jacksonville, Florida raising over \$3,000 for hospital development and cancer research. Sigma Alpha Epsilon also strives to make their members leaders, both in and out of the classroom. SAE boasts representatives and leaders in several on-campus organizations including: Order of Omega, Ducks Unlimited, IFC, SIFE, SGA, and VSU's Student Life committee. They work hard to improve Valdosta State's campus life but take pride in their athletics and social events. SAE participates in almost every intramural sport offered and hosted the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Paul Burnette Memorial Soccer Tournament which raises money for the VSU Foundation. The annual social events including Alumni Ball and their spring Valdosta State's Greek awarded Chapter of Merit and Excellence in Community working hard or relaxing with brothers of SAE live by their "Gentleman" and continue to be organization at VSU.



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# National Pan-Hellenic Council

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## Delta Sigma Theta



The thunderous and triumphant Theta Tau chapter of Delta Sigma Theta is constantly active in participating in uplifting their campus and community. To educate and create awareness for the women in the campus community the deltas host bi-weekly forum on topics themed around their five point thrust: educational development, political awareness and involvement, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, and economic development. All of these programs are designated and designed to steer our young educated girls to become the total woman. Not only does Delta Sigma Theta (DST) help build their campus community, they also strive to uplift their living community. Together the members of DST are in over 19 community service organizations. They commit to several community service projects weekly, such as smart girls a program designed to mentor young school girls through helping to assist with their advancement through their academics and personal life, as well as habitat for humanity, which has received DST's consistent dedication for decades. The Theta Tau Chapter produces outstanding women that go on to accomplish exceptional goals! As the members surpass in their academic endeavors, they also make an outstanding achievement in their personal lives as well. Soror Avaraye Henry, secretary for the Student Government Association, was crowned VSU Homecoming Queen 2010-2011. Soror Mahja Zeon has won the title of Miss Liberia Georgia and Miss Liberia USA, Soror Talmeshia Parker is currently teaching students in Korea. Sorors Monique Byrd, Alondra Anderson, Ellesia Thurmond, and Dominique Hardman are currently pursuing Master Degree's in their particular field.

## Phi Beta Sigma

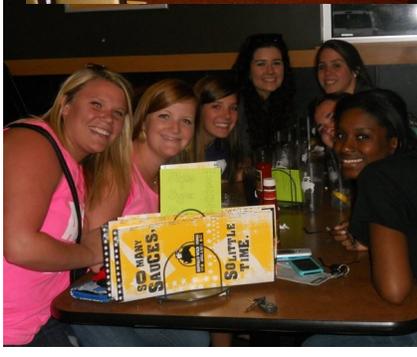


Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. was founded January 9<sup>th</sup>, 1914 on the campus of Howard University, but did not grace Valdosta State University with their presence until 1979. The Kool Kappa Delta Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. diligently works to be a culture of service for the Lowndes County Community, as well as the Valdosta State Campus. National programs such as Bigger & Better Business, Education, and Social Action ensure that the men reach out into the community and lend a helping hand around campus. Over the past 6 years the Kappa Delta Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma has received awards such as 1<sup>st</sup> place in VSU Homecoming Step Show, P.B.S. Georgia Chapter of the year, VSU President's Cup for Best All-Around NPHC Fraternity, and City of Valdosta Best Small Business Award. Keeping in mind the principles Brotherhood, Scholarship, and Service, the brothers of Phi Beta Sigma strive to better themselves and those around them.



The Alpha Theta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. has been off to a busy year! With 6 new members in tow and 2 President's Cups under their belt, these ladies have presented both new and old programs to the campus both in the Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 semesters. During the weekend before classes, students were welcomed by the chapter with their annual Back to School Bash, which offered free music and carnival treats! The following week, the Alpha Theta Chapter *also* hosted a Mini Zeta Week, where they held service and social events, including their first Monthly Movie Night of the year! The Zetas also presented their annual Sweet TreatZ social that included both CPC and NPHC sororities, and the annual "How Crowded is your Bed," event giving the campus awareness on abstinence, safe sex, and STDs. But it didn't stop there; these ladies launched a NEW program called the Sweet Booth in which they offer free candy, baked goods, and themed information cards based on that month's awareness, on the first Wednesday of each month! With more events to come, this sorority is bound for greatness this semester!

## Greek Life at OSU



# Closing Remarks From Jennifer Stroble

Family and Students of Valdosta State University,

For over 50 years, Greek Life at Valdosta State University has been setting new standards of excellence in campus leadership, academics, VSU pride and University involvement. As the current Greek Advisor, I'm very proud of each of our 24 social Greek Organizations at VSU. Our chapters have done so much for our community and continue to pour out their hearts and devote time to Valdosta. Spring was full of philanthropic efforts and community service. In addition, once again Greek Life can boast a Student Grade Point Average higher than non-affiliated students. We have a great deal of wonderful events coming up this summer and for fall recruitment. I hope you were able to get a glimpse of the fantastic things our chapters do through this newsletter published by the Greek Ambassadors. Please contact the Student Life Office for more ways to get involved with our Greek Community at VSU.

**Go Blazers and Go Greek!**

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