Sigma Lambda Beta memorializes brother, teaches CPR

By Dayron Leon

Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity Incorporated has been one of the most involved organizations on campus. Its involvement reaches every aspect of the university, living up to its pillars of Brotherhood, Scholarship, Cultural Awareness and Community Service.

As part of its rich community service tradition, Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity Inc. has brought to the UF campus the CPR Awareness Day, an annual philanthropic event.

This idea was originated when one of the brothers passed away in 1992. Brother Victor Correa Ortiz was born and raised in Puerto Rico, and he decided to come to the United States to get his degree in Engineering. After his freshman year at the University of Stony Brook, he went back to Puerto Rico to visit his parents.

While in Puerto Rico, he became the victim of one of the many freaks of nature. Victor, who was by no accounts a swimmer, was with a friend while wading in one of the many beaches on the island, when a strong undercurrent engulfed him under the water. His friend was able to notice the danger and managed to pull him out.

Victor was still alive on the beach, but due to the lack of knowledge of CPR by anyone present on the shore, he was pronounced dead when the ambulance arrived. Had anyone known CPR, Victor would still be with us today. He passed away on Dec. 23, 1992.

In remembrance of Brother Victor Correa Ortiz, the Fraternity created the “Annual Victor Correa Ortiz Life Awareness Day.” On Nov. 17, Sigma Lambda Beta along with the Student Health Care Center offered Adult CPR Certification Courses for the annual event.

There were two sessions, and each session was instructed by SHCC trained instructors. The price was $10, which is a fraction of its actual cost. All attendees were given a complementary t-shirt and provided with refreshments.

Sigma Lambda Beta was able to certify 72 new people this year, making the event a great success. The fraternity would like to continue to make this event a success and certify as many people as they can every year. All organizations and individuals should take advantage of being CPR certified, and if presented in a similar predicament, be able to save a life.

CPR tips

1. CALL
   Check the victim for unresponsiveness. If there is no response, Call 911 and return to the victim.

2. BLOW
   Tilt the head back and listen for breathing. If not breathing normally, pinch nose and cover the mouth with yours and blow until you see the chest rise. Give 2 breaths. Each breath should take 2 seconds.

3. PUMP
   If the victim is still not breathing normally, coughing or moving, begin chest compressions. Push down on the chest 1 1/2 to 2 inches 15 times right between the nipples. Pump at the rate of 100/minute, faster than once per second.

Information from the American Heart Association
The “ultimate” philanthropy

By Melissa Jacobs

Frisbees were flying at Flavet Field on Sunday, Nov. 20, as the ladies of Alpha Chi Omega held their sixth annual philanthropy, The Great Escape. The philanthropy is an ultimate Frisbee tournament that raises money to benefit Peaceful Paths, a shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence in the Alachua, Bradford, Putnam and Union counties.

“It’s wonderful that so many people came together to support such an important organization,” said Kimberly Freedman, Alpha Chi Omega’s co-Philanthropy Chair who coordinated the event with fellow Philanthropy Chair, Marissa Mofsen.

Twenty-seven teams participated, many of which represented different fraternities. However, anyone was invited to participate in the tournament. Teams of players from Southwest Recreational Center as well as Pi Beta Phi sorority took part in the competition, to name a few.

Food was provided for all participants, thanks to generous donations from Olive Garden restaurant and discounts from Domino’s Pizza. Other sponsors included The Trophy Shop, Rafferty’s Restaurant, Premier Productions, Hooters and radio station 106.9 KZY.

Each team paid a $25 entry fee, and money was also collected through donations, t-shirt sales and penny-voting. All proceeds from the event go directly to Peaceful Paths.

Sisters of Alpha Chi Omega all turned out to support the event, serving as coaches to each team of players. They met with their teams beforehand, spent time with them at the event and cheered them on from the sidelines.

“It was just a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon,” said Alpha Chi Omega sorority member Samantha Mofsen, who coached last year’s Great Escape champions, Sigma Phi Epsilon. “I got to hang out with my sisters and have fun with my teammates while making a difference for the women and children of Peaceful Paths.”

This year, a team of gentlemen who called themselves “The Bailing Refs” took first place in the Frisbee part of the competition, and Theta Chi fraternity won the banner part of the competition. Pi Lambda Phi fraternity won the philanthropy overall, however, raising the most money to benefit Peaceful Paths.

“Each year, the sisters of Alpha Chi Omega put a lot of hard work into making The Great Escape an amazing event that everyone looks forward to participating in,” said Freedman. “This year was no exception, and we are incredibly happy with the results.”

Phi Mu makes an offer CMN can’t refuse

By Christy Jones

You can’t say the mafia doesn’t make a positive contribution once in awhile.

Phi Mu held their third annual spaghetti dinner to raise money for Children’s Miracle Network Nov. 2. The theme this year was “From Our Family to Yours” and was inspired by the movie “The Godfather.”

Phi Mu raised almost $3,000 during the first of two philanthropies it holds each year. The money benefits CMN, which is a non-profit organization that helps hospitalized children.

The women hosted the spaghetti dinner at their house. They served 300 people from the community, and the sisters got the chance to invite their friends into their home for a good cause.

It was a great way to get everyone together for a good time while working toward a greater cause.

The spaghetti dinner was part of Phi Mu’s National Philanthropy Day, where Phi Mu women from different chapters around the country organize an event to raise money or help improve their community.
SERCAAL was held between Oct. 14 – Oct. 15, 2005 at the University of Florida Reitz Union. The conference was a two-day experience where students from all over the Southeast Region, including Georgia and even from Texas, had the opportunity to come together and network. The theme for the conference was “Turn it Up! Educate, Expand, Empower.”

The first day opened up with an “open mic” night and gave a chance for the students to express themselves through poetry, spoken word, or whatever other talent they possessed and wanted to share with the rest of the crowd. The second day was filled with various workshops and panels. One of these panels was a “Greek 101” panel.

The sisters of Delta Phi Omega and Kappa Phi Lambda along with the brothers of Sigma Beta Rho and Pi Delta Psi came together to lead this panel. The panel started off with a fun icebreaker where participants threw around the “question ball.” Then Betsy Dunn, the new MGC advisor, gave an introduction about Greek life. The panel then continued to delve into highlighting the history, philanthropy, academic success and cultural awareness brought about by the different Asian/South Asian interest fraternities and sororities in the nation. The panel ended with a question and answer session. It was an informative panel and it gave a chance to highlight the positive aspects of Greek life.

Overall, the conference was an amazing experience to learn about various aspects of the struggles of Asian cultures. It gave people a chance to express a voice.

Bette Riker is one of a kind. She was the second initiate of Kappa Delta’s Beta Pi chapter on Sept. 11, 1948 and has since devoted her life to Beta Pi as the house corporation president.

After 48 years of serving Beta Pi, Bette is retiring as house corporation president.

Her duties over the years have included decorating, updating and maintaining the KD house at the University of Florida.

One of the biggest projects she supervised was the installation of a portico, a porch with a roof supported by columns, on the KD house in the summer of 2003.

She also oversees annual maintenance of the house, including painting and keeping the sprinkler system up to code.

“Bette has always been a huge factor in keeping Kappa Delta updated and safe, while still preserving the traditional southern style of our home,” said Beth Madigan, Beta Pi president.

Bette has also received recognition for her dedication at national Kappa Delta conventions, Madigan said.

Her service and dedication to Kappa Delta and Beta Pi chapter was honored on Sunday, Nov. 27 at the Bon Voyage Bette banquet at the Paramount Plaza Hotel and Suites in Gainesville, Fla.

The new House Corp President, Cindy Klodell, emceed the event, and Beta Pi’s vice president of public relations put together a slideshow of pictures of Bette throughout her years at Beta Pi.

Bette received a plaque commemorating her dedication, as well as an emerald encrusted KD badge.

Various Kappa Delta alumnae and sisters attended and many shared their personal experiences with Bette.

However, Bette will still be involved with Beta Pi as the ritual chair.

She will help in the organization of ritual events, oversee chapter ritual reviews and communicate with national Kappa Delta for ritual verification and updates.
Sisterhood

Junior Panhellenic hosts Ghouls, Goblins and Greeks for local kids

By Kate Walter

Every year, Junior Panhellenic holds its annual Ghouls, Goblins and Greeks. The new member class from each sorority decorates their house with a different theme to host games and dole out prizes and candy to Alachua County children.

The festival provides a safe environment for children to trick or treat on Halloween night. Local children roamed sorority row, exploring themes like Alpha Delta Pi's "Pirates and Princesses," Alpha Chi Omega's Egyptian motif, Sigma Kappa's "Winter Wonderland" and Chi Omega's "Wonderful World of Dr. Seuss."

Sororities that are considered "off row" also participated. Kappa Kappa Gamma, Delta Phi Epsilon, Kappa Alpha Theta, Delta Delta Delta and Pi Beta Phi all set up booths to contribute to the activities.

Pi Beta Phi used the theme of Snow White and had an apple toss game. Natalie Love, who came up with Pi Phi's theme, stated, "All the kids looked like they were enjoying themselves and all the girls did, too."

Kappa Delta takes sisterhood on the road

By Erika Miller

Kappa Delta’s sisterhood was just taken to a whole new level.

The sisters of Beta Pi chapter of KD ventured to Savannah, Ga., to make memories with food, fun, ghost stories and sisterhood bonding.

KD’s sisterhood chairs planned this trip as a nice little escape before exams and the holiday break, said Rachel Millner, sisterhood chair and trip co-coordinator.

“We chose to do an overnight sisterhood trip because it was a great way to improve sisterhood bonds and do something different,” said Julia Weiss, trip co-coordinator.

Departing at 7 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 19, the sisters carpooled to meet at The Lady and Sons restaurant for lunch. Paula Deen, a cook featured on the Food Network, who is famous for her Southern, home cooking, owns the Lady and Sons.

Lunch was followed with free time to shop, sight see and rest for the night’s festivities.

Sisters ventured to the Savannah Riverfront, Johnson Square and Chippewa Square, where the movie Forrest Gump was filmed.

The sisters enjoyed fine dining and good conversation during dinner at Belford’s before going on a ghost tour around the city, taking in all of the historic sites and ghost stories.

The night concluded with dancing at a local nightclub before departing the next morning.

Sisters left with new memories, stronger bonds and lots of funny stories.

“Our trip to Savannah was by far one of the most memorable experiences of my college life thus far,” said Hannah Hillman, Kappa Delta sister. “We were in an amazing city and most importantly we were all with the people that we love the most.”
Greek Affairs

Greek leadership honor society
Order of Omega returned to UF’s campus

By Gabby Leon

Purpose of the ORDER OF OMEGA

- To recognize those fraternity men and women who have attained a high standard of leadership in inter-fraternity activities, to encourage them to continue along this line, and to inspire others to strive for similar conspicuous attainment;
- To bring together outstanding fraternity men and women to create an organization which will help to mold the sentiment of the institution on questions of local and intercollegiate fraternity affairs.
- To bring together members of the faculty, alumni, and student members of the institution's fraternities and sororities on a basis of mutual interest, understanding and helpfulness;
- To help create an atmosphere where ideas and issues can be discussed openly across Greek lines and to help work out solutions

Selection of Members

- Determined by academic success, character, and leadership within the Florida Greek, UF, and Gainesville communities.
- All applicants demonstrated their abilities in upholding a high standard of scholarship, leadership in inter-fraternal activities, and service to the University of Florida and Gainesville Communities.

Congratulations to the newly inducted members...

Allie Slavens- Alpha Delta Pi
Allison Briggs- Alpha Delta Pi
Allison Sirica – Pi Beta Phi
Alvaro Mendoza Jr- Sigma Pi
Angela Navarro- Kappa Alpha Theta
Anne Imanuel- Zeta Tau Alpha
Anne Prodigers- Pi Beta Phi
Annie Edmond- Sigma Gamma Rho
Anthony Carter- Iota Phi Theta
Ariel Ruiz- Tau Kappa Epsilon
Ashley Arthur- Pi Beta Phi
Ashley Gomberg- Alpha Omicron Pi
Betsy Dunn - Sigma Kappa
Camille Quiles- Lambda Theta Alpha
Catherine Riggs- Alpha Omicron Pi
Courtney Orynich- Delta Gamma
Cristina Costa- Alpha Delta Pi
Daniel Grunwald- Pi Kappa Phi
Daniel Maland- Alpha Epsilon Pi
Danielle Gaudet- Zeta Tau Alpha
Don Gaddo - Alpha Tau Omega
Elisa Negrin- Kappa Alpha Theta
Elisabeth Jacks- Gamma Eta
Erin McGuinn- Pi Beta Phi
Ernesto Paldron- Pi Kappa Phi
Francesca Chiappo- Alpha Delta Pi
Gabrielle Leon- Phi Mu
Heather Mahurin- Kappa Kappa Gamma
Jacob Young- Alpha Epsilon Pi
Jennifer Serafin- Pi Beta Phi
Jennifer Vanpuyembrouck- Alpha Delta Pi
Jessica Eve Berrin- Delta Phi Epsilon
Jessica Goodwin- Theta Nu Xi
John Dicks- Sigma Chi
Kate Creveling- Kappa Kappa Gamma
Katie Conrad- Alpha Delta Pi
Kelli Murray- Alpha Kappa Alpha
Kelly Van Buskirk- Chi Omega
Kerven Montfort- Iota Phi Theta
Kirsten Blum- Kappa Alpha Theta
Lauren Smith- Alpha Delta Pi
Laura Ruhl- Kappa Alpha Theta
Liana Gregory- Theta Nu Xi
Lindsay Carter- Kappa Delta
Lindsay Lanier- Delta Gamma
Lisa Kendall - Delta Sigma Pi
Matt Chamoff- Pi Lambda Phi
Michael Gehring- Phi Delta Theta
Michelle Lovell - Delta Delta Delta
Michelle Meyer- Alpha Omicron Pi
Monica Medlicott- Delta Zeta
Monique Dieuvil- Alpha Kappa Alpha
Morgan Sell- Pi Kappa Phi
Nicole Alexander- Kappa Alpha Theta
Noelle Casagrande – Kappa Alpha Theta
Rachel Connors- Kappa Delta
Rachel Mertz- Kappa Alpha Theta
Rachel Rollo- Kappa Kappa Gamma
Ryan Nelson- Phi Sigma Kappa
Ryan Sung-Eun Cho- Pi Delta Psi
Ryan Ulloa- Tau Kappa Epsilon
Sandy Chiou- Kappa Phi Lamda
Sarah Stratton- Kappa Kappa Gamma
Shae Ferguson- Phi Mu
Shari Robert- Theta Nu Xi
Shaune Heyser- Pi Beta Phi
Steven Blank- Alpha Epsilon Pi
Teresa M Jacks- Gamma Eta
Greek Awards 2005 winners

Excellence in Service Awards
NPHC: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
PC: Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority
MGC: Gamma Eta Sorority, Inc.
IFC: Sigma Pi and Kappa Sigma Fraternities

Excellence in Academics Awards
NPHC: Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. (3.25)
PC: Alpha Epsilon Phi Sorority (3.56)
MGC: Sigma Lambda Beta Fraternity (3.07)
IFC: Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity (3.41)

Most Improved Chapters
NPHC: Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
MGC: Lambda Theta Alpha Sorority, Inc.
IFC: Beta Theta Pi Fraternity

Chapter Advisors of the Year
NPHC: Florida Bridgewater- Alford, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
PC: Debbie Daugherty, Alpha Chi Omega
MGC: Kathy Rex, Gamma Eta Sorority, Inc.
IFC: Mark Blazer, Tau Kappa Epsilon

Chapter President of the Year
NPHC: Richard Belizaire, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
PC: Adrienne Moore, Sigma Kappa
MGC: Renita Simmons, Gamma Eta Sorority, Inc.
IFC: Ariel Ruiz, Tau Kappa Epsilon

NPHC Council Award
Chapter of the Year: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Panhellenic Council Awards
Panhellenic Leadership: Alpha Omicron Pi
Outstanding Director: Heather Graver, Greek Unity
President’s Cup Intramurals: Chi Omega
Dr. Ruth Alexander Sportsmanship: Alpha Delta Pi
Colonel Martha Vines Safety Awareness: Delta Zeta
Homecoming Parade: Alpha Chi Omega and Zeta Beta Tau
Special Recognition: Anthony Crenshaw, PC Advisor

MGC Awards
New Member of the Year: Kristen Castro, Gamma Eta Sorority, Inc.
Outstanding Director: Karina Marulanda, Philanthropy, Gamma Eta Sorority, Inc.
William Santiago Visionary: Huy Huynh, Pi Delta Psi

Interfraternity Council Awards
Best New Chapter Program: Sigma Pi, Altruistic Campus Experience (ACE)
Director of the Year: Chris Ferrante, Service
President’s Cup Intramural: Sigma Phi Epsilon and Beta Theta Pi
Buddy McKay Fraternal Excellence: Beta Theta Pi

Greek Man/ Woman of the Year
PC: Laura Ruhl, Kappa Alpha Theta and Ashley Gomberg, Alpha Omicron Pi
NPHC: Kerven Montfort, Iota Phi Theta
IFC: Chris Ferrante, Sigma Pi
MGC: Ivan Ceballos, Sigma Lambda Beta

The search is over
The office of fraternity and sorority affairs welcomes Lisa Kendall as the newest member of the office staff. Lisa will serve as an assistant director. She earned a Master of Science in College Student Personnel from Western Illinois University, she also holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from Georgia State University.

Dance Marathon calendar

Staff applications come out January 9
Regular Registration January 17-20
Dance Marathon 5K February 4
Family Day at the Zoo February 12
Dance Marathon April 1-2