Greek Week 2008!

It’s our favorite time of the year. Those few days in winter quarter in which we come together to realize no matter the letter, UCSB GREEKS do it better! This year we have the opportunity to come together to help those in Africa affected by the HIV/AIDS pandemic. Former United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan stated, "We shall not finally defeat AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, or any of the other infectious diseases that plague the developing world until we have also won the battle for safe drinking water, sanitation, and basic health care.”

This year, Greek Week will focus on this philanthropy to raise money for the 1000 Wells Project of Blood: Water Mission, a non-profit that drills wells in sub-Saharan Africa. These wells provide a permanent, sustainable, and clean water source for those in Africa who are forced to walk up to 10 miles a day to collect dirty, contaminated water that causes detrimental diseases. It costs $1 to provide clean water for one person for a year, and we can help save lives.

By Paige Engebretson

For information on Blood: Water Mission please visit the web site at www.bloodwatermission.org

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
February 27-March 1

Wednesday February 27:
Greek Scholarship Banquet,
Faculty Club 6pm

Thursday February 28:
Fraternity Acapella
UCEN Hub 8pm

Friday February 29:
Blood Drive and I.V.
restaurant fundraisers

Saturday March 1:
Obstacle Course Relay and BBQ

Philanthropic Concert
Water Vending
Night Downtown

RISK MANAGEMENT MEETING
12 pm
Student Resource
Bldg Multi-Purpose

Attn Presidents!
For All Councils
Presidents/Advisors
Meeting
Tues Jan. 29, 2008
6pm
AXΩ House
6509 Segovia Rd.
Upcoming Events

Sigman Chi Omega’s Multi-Cultural Show

The brothers of Sigma Chi Omega Multi-Cultural Fraternity have hosted an annual multi-cultural show every year for the past nine years at UCSB.

Last year, Sigma Chi Omega hosted EPIC SHOW attracting one of the largest audiences in Campbell Hall. As a result, they received the Late Night Social Program Award from the Office of Student Life.

This year, Sigma Chi Omega will host their tenth annual show on Saturday February 23, 2008. Thanks to co-sponsorships of departments on campus admission to this program is free.

This year’s performances will include a broad array of performances ranging from the Polynesian dance group, Iaorana te Otea to contemporary hip hop dance group, Black Reign.

Two weeks after their show, Sigma Chi Omega will host their annual basketball tournament on March 9th to help raise funds for the Prostate Cancer Foundation.

Sigma Chi Omega would like to take this opportunity to invite the entire Greek community to their multi-culture show and to thank all the organizations in advance for their support of the basketball tournament. They would like to wish everyone luck on what looks to be a very busy quarter.

By Gary Shamoyan

AEΦ Bringing Back Dodgeball

Alpha Epsilon Phi hosted their 1st Annual Dodgeball Tournament Saturday, May 19, 2007. The event raised money for the chapter’s national philanthropies, The Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation and The Sheba Medical Center in Israel. Held at Robertson Gym, Greeks as well as other campus organizations participated in a day full of fun competition! Their 2nd Annual Tournament will be held in this upcoming winter quarter! Dodge. Duck. Dip. Dive. Dodge!

By Elyse Mazursky

AXΩ Hosts Upcoming Billiards Competition

Our Alpha Chi Omega chapter at the University of California, Santa Barbara is committed to the elimination of domestic violence as well as increasing the awareness of the issue. March 8, 2008 marks our eighth annual Billiards Tournament at Q’s in downtown Santa Barbara. It is a day long billiards competition amongst all the fraternities and sororities aimed at raising funds to donate to Domestic Violence Solutions, the local women and children’s shelter.

Over the past year, our chapter has been working with DVS in many different ways to show our continuous support. We send gifts for the holidays, donations and other supplies such as clothing and canned food. Come out and support at Q’s downtown on March 8, 2008! We hope to see you there!

By Kaitlin Keohane

Greeks Make the Grade

Congratulations to the chapters with the top grades!

Sorority
1) ΑΔΠ: 3.273
2) ΚΑΘ: 3.254
3) ΚΚΓ: 3.210

Fraternity
1) ΑΕΦ: 3.231
2) ΑΓΩ: 3.192
3) ΖΦΡ: 3.093

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Alexa’s Senior: Lauren Wolman
House: Alpha Epsilon Phi

Why so Amazing?: Alpha Epsilon Phi senior, Lauren Wolman, is a role model and inspiration to not only her sorority sisters, but also to her colleagues and family. Lauren has recently earned an internship with Hilary Clinton for her California campaign. She has brought her love of politics to UCSB and has even started her own organization on campus to promote the 2008 Election. She has shown her own leadership abilities within the sorority as she held a position on the Executive Board as Vice President of Social Standards. Lauren has such dedication and passion for everything she does and there is no question as to why we are so grateful and proud to have her as our sister and friend!

If you have someone that you would like to nominate, please send their name, a short blurb explaining their amazing contributions, and a picture to UCSBGreekTimes@gmail.com.
Greeks Do Great Things!!

Be A Leader, Be An R.A.

Being a Resident Assistant is very time consuming, but at the same time it is a great job to have. When you work where you live, life is a little less stressful. When you have residents coming from all different backgrounds, you have this wider view on different issues in life. You realize that some things that you find important are important to other people; giving you a chance to learn to mold to different types of people. Being a RA in my last year has made me appreciate the time that I have spent on this campus. I am so thankful to have had this time to educate myself, give back to others, and try to be mentor to all the students that came in after me. My word of advice would be to not take every interaction with people you run into lightly, you never know what that person might be to you in the future.

By Charity Seaborn*

Sigma Nu Relays Raise $10,000 for M.A.D.D.

Sigma Nu hosted the 6th annual Sigma Nu Relays. Bringing in ten thousand dollars worth of proceeds for Mothers Against Drunk Driving, this year’s event was a stunning success. The week long sorority competition featured events such as an 80’s party at local restaurant Deja Vu and “Bowl-O-Rama” at Zodos. This week long event was held in memory of former Sigma Nu President and Relays founder, Chris McCallister who lost his life last summer to a drunk driver. Participants remembered McCallister with his name printed on the back of each jersey.

By Adam Shea

ΔΓ Holds Holiday Food Drive

Delta Gamma recently held a risk management workshop with speakers from Domestic Violence Solutions. After being inspired by this organization, which helps those in need of refuge from domestic violence, DG held a food drive to help families in need during the holiday season. Delta Gamma donated approximately 1,500 cans and boxes of food to Domestic Violence Solutions as well as the Isla Vista Youth Project.

By Chelsea Manzer

Collegiate Panhellenic Council’s Fall 2007 Recruitment was a success! With an overwhelming turn out of 674 women, we had the largest recruitment in UCSB history. Various changes came about this year including the new “Be You Be Greek” theme, SB logo, Unity Day split, and a stylish tote bag filled with fun goodies and important information for every participant. Not only will this year’s historical formal recruitment go down in a year of many firsts, but so will the memorable bonds formed between active members and the life long friendships to come with all of our new sisters. Thank you to all who participated.

By Hoa Le

Congratulations 2007 CPC New Members!

* Charity Seaborn is a 4th year Global Studies major. She serves as both President of Zeta Phi Beta, Inc. and R.A. in Santa Rosa Residence Halls.
Kappa Kappa Gamma Raises Funds for Women’s Health

The Epsilon Psi chapter at the University of California, Santa Barbara hosted their 7th annual “Kappa Dash: Key for the Cure” this past October 2007. The Kappa Dash is a 5K run/walk around the community, campus lagoon, and along the coastline of Santa Barbara. The one day event began with the run/walk and included raffle prizes, music, food, and community. This year’s event successfully raised over $16,000 and brought together over 300 participants from both UCSB and the community of Santa Barbara. Kappa Kappa Gamma members put forth months of preparation for the event and are overwhelmingly satisfied with the turn out of the event. All proceeds went to the Susan G. Komen breast cancer foundation (an early detection program in Santa Barbara) and to Ovarian Cancer research in honor of friend and sister, Robin Babbini.

Greek Leadership Conference Grows in its Second Year

This year Greek leaders successfully hosted our 2nd Annual Cal Poly and UCSB Greek Leadership Conference on Saturday, November 17th, 2007. Over 200 Greek students from UCSB and Cal Poly participated in and led over 20 different leadership workshops.

Workshops ranged from “Making Your Meetings Meaningful” to “Communicating Effectively with Your Crew”. T.J. Bella-fiore was our keynote and spoke to “Truths about Leadership” and emphasized the importance of leaders taking care of themselves while handling tremendous responsibility essential to the success of their chapters. Greeks exchanged ideas and experiences from their own campuses to enhance specific programs and organizational efficiency.

The event proved to be an extremely successful and valuable experience for students and professionals alike. Great job to those who helped in the organizing, planning and facilitating this fantastic event! Next year will be our 3rd Annual Greek Leadership Conference and Cal Poly will be hosting. We look forward to seeing you there!