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*"Change is good...
Redefining the Greek
experience."*

Zeta Phi Rho, Fraternity

We had a successful rush [during the Fall] and we are in the process of pledging our Associate Lambda Class. Although this rush was not as successful as other semesters we are certain the Associate Lambda class will successfully complete the pledging process and continue the traditions of Zeta Phi Rho.

Since rush our main focus has been internal developments. On the 17th of October to the 19th Zeta Phi Rho held its fall retreat in Newport Beach. We invited our alumni and our zeta sisters to the retreat to build the relationships between brothers within the organization and with our alumni. In the day time we played football, watched SC beat Notre Dame, and baked in the sun. At night we held a lengthy and productive meeting to discuss ways to improve the organization. With a new cabinet we are still in the process of organizing events for the future. These projects include our annual visit to Skid Row.

Sigma Lambda Gamma, Sorority

On December 1st, Sigma Lambda Gamma, Nu Alpha chapter elected our new Spring 2004 Board. We are all very excited to have this group of girls, who we know will bring the sorority to new heights...

President-Erika Lopez
VP of Program Development-Misty Cota
VP of Chapter Operations-Isis Sanchez
VP of Finance-Mary Estrada
VP of Marketing-Cynthia Grande
VP of Recruitment- Yesica Miranda

They have already started with their extensive planning for next year and are looking forward to next semester.

On December 5, 2003 we held our annual AMETHYST BALL at the Marina Del Rey Marriott. It was a great night, filled with dancing, music, good food, and many memories. It was a chance to recap the last year and the success of our events. We had over 50 people in attendance and there was a great sense of unity in the room. It was definitely a night to remember!

Tau Theta Pi, Sorority

The sisters of Tau Theta Pi celebrated their fifth anniversary on November 24. In honor of the occasion an all chapter formal was held on Nov.15 at the L.A. Athletic Club. Sisters from both UC Irvine and the USC chapter were present at the festivities. The Master of Ceremony and guest speakers included founding mothers and alumni of Tau Theta Pi.

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Sigma Theta Psi, Sorority

Sigma Theta Psi held two socials during the Fall semester, both with Sigma Delta Alpha. The first, a party at the Grand Avenue, was held Oct. 9, was attended by SDA brothers and pledges, STP sisters and a few hundred people. The party exemplified the fun-loving Greek life, but organizing and promoting the party showed the cooperation and hard work that Greek life also requires. Our second social was a Thanksgiving dinner hosted (and cooked) by the ladies of Sigma Theta Psi, held on Nov. 24 at 7 p.m. SDA brothers, pledges and STP sisters got to know each other, demonstrating Greek community and good relations.

Six Sigma Theta Psi sisters & pledges attended the American Cancer Society's day-long breast cancer event at Universal Citywalk on Oct. 25. We participated in scavenger hunt, wrote postcards to the mayors of our hometowns and then to state legislators for increased funding for breast cancer research. Due to a mix-up, we weren't able to volunteer. It was our first time there and we got more information on different events and fundraising opportunities to support the ACS, like Daffodil Days and the Relay for Life they are planning at USC this spring.

STP introduced "Monday Night Dinners" this semester. Every Monday, one sister hosts dinner for the sorority in her apartment or house. It's a great way for us to get together to have fun and talk about what everyone is up to outside of the sorority.

STP welcomes our newest sisters, Drusilla Luna and Sandra Gomez!

This semester, STP held its first Family Banquet, where sisters brought parents, siblings, extended family and friends to dinner hosted by Sigma Theta Psi. In the spirit of multiculturalism, the dinner was catered by a Greek restaurant. It was meant to introduce our families to our sisterhood and meet sisters, alumni, and sisters' families. For many families, having their daughter in Sigma Theta Psi is their first exposure to Greek life and so we felt it was important to represent it properly. Each sister was formally introduced and her contributions to the sorority and USC were named. We also took the chance to present our then-pledges to all the families present. The banquet was successful enough that we are planning one for next semester.

Zeta Sigma Phi, Sorority

ZETA SIGMA PHI WELCOMES ITS NU CLASS TO THE SISTERHOOD!!

Jamila Bleadsoe
Poonam Jeswani
Valerie Kong
Charlane Lacza
Linda Siu
Deanna Walti

Throughout this semester, Zeta Sigma Phi has participated in many events and activities and has achieved many goals. Continuing with the Greek tradition of service, we have added new Skid Row lunch sack philanthropies to our traditional Project Angel Food philanthropy of preparing and delivering meals to

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persons with AIDS. Casey Spruill, our philanthropy chair, is also in the works of planning our first annual "Angel Ball" Classic Basketball Tournament this spring, with all proceeds going to Project Angel Food. Zeta Sigma Phi has continued its tradition of fundraising and walking in AIDS Walk LA and also assisted with the American Cancer Society's Breast Cancer Awareness Day.

The Zeta Sigma Phi sisterhood has had sister potlucks and visits to our UCSB brothers of Sigma Chi Omega in success of bringing our sisterhood and family closer together. Events with other fraternities and sororities this semester, like tailgates, parties, auctions, and more, have added to the fun and joy of being a Zeta.

LOOK OUT FOR OUR SPRING CULTURE NIGHT @ BOVARD APRIL 2004!!!

Lambda Theta Nu, Sorority

Lambda Theta Nu Sorority, Inc., Tau Chapter has spent this past semester focusing our attention on two things: our Annual National Youth Leadership Conference and our scholarship that we plan to give away in May.

In September, we had a social with the gentlemen of Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity, Inc. This social was held in Downey. We had the majority of our active members attend, and this was in conjunction with Sigma Lambda Beta's CSULA chapter, Occidental College chapter, CSUDH, and CSULB chapter. Our activity was bowling, after which we attended a birthday party of one of the members. This event was an opportunity for our chapter to network with an organization not at USC. Overall, the event was successful, as we got to know many new people and continue to stay in touch with them.

As a national community service event, every one of our chapters holds a Youth Conference for Latinas in the area. On November 15, we hosted our National Youth Leadership Conference to high school and junior high school students from the Los Angeles area. The goal of this conference is to empower the young ladies into taking leadership roles, and encouraging them to take the road to college.

Another national community service is the donation of a scholarship to a Latina high school senior that will be attending college in the fall. All of our chapters raise money throughout the Fall and Spring semester in order to give away at least one scholarship. We have held multiple fundraisers to raise money for a scholarship that we plan on giving away in May to a Latina high school senior that will be attending an accredited college in the fall. These events include a Shakey's Night, TV Tapings, and car washes.

In order to obtain interests, we tabled on Trousdale, held informationals and interest events (along with inviting our interests to our events). Some of our events included ice cream socials, a beach clean up, and inviting interests out for lunch.

Being a small chapter, it is important that our actives continue to stay in touch with our alumnae, and broaden ourselves to get to know our sisters from other chapters. This semester we have done just that. The participation of our alumnae in our events proves to us that when we say "Once a Lambda, Always a Lambda," we truly mean it. We have also visited and supported our sisters from UCLA, CSULA, UCSB, UCI, UCSD, and Stanford—just to name a few. Our plans are to continue branching out to our sisters, and to continue the communication among our alumnae.

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Lambda Theta Phi, Fraternity

We began the Lambda Theta Phi "Feed the Less Fortunate" Philanthropy in the Fall of 2002. The event consists of two main days. First we gather up a lot of donated food and money and get together on a Friday night at someone's apartment. We have volunteers come help us to make breakfast for the homeless. The first time we did it we started small. That night we made about 400 egg and ham burritos. Day two of the event is the following morning. We meet up at 8am in downtown LA and distribute the food to the people living on the streets of skid row. This is a very hands on project and is very satisfying. We never knew there were kids living in the streets!

The last time we put on this event was the end of last Spring and we made over 800 sandwiches thanks to the help of the ladies of Lambda Theta Nu and friends.

This time we decided to give it a little twist. We are going to try "Dress the Less Fortunate" which is basically going to be a large-scale clothes drive. We are not only going to collect used clothes we are also going to buy additional clothes like socks, underwear, towels, and other items which usually aren't donated by people. We were going to have this event in December but due to scheduling conflicts we decided to postpone it until February. This gives us ample time to prepare for it over break and make it a successful event.

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