On October 23 the chapter hosted its annual philanthropy Chi Phactor at the University Auditorium. A total of fourteen sororities participated in the song and dance competition with performances that wowed the audience. After two rounds of competition, Alpha Omicron Pi’s Brianda Villegas took home first place. Pi Beta Phi took second and Sigma Kappa with third.

Collectively we were able to raise over $4,000 for the Boys & Girls Club of Alachua County! The event turned out to be a huge success due to the efforts of our Service Chair Austin Vera and all of the coaches. We thank everybody for their support and donations because at the end of the day we do it all for the kids.
Do You Even Bench, Bro?

If you have a vision, you pursue it, and that’s exactly what Brother John-Paul Hernandez did. Ever since joining Chi Phi, Hernandez has had ideas on ways to improve our chapter. Something he was longing for was to create something unique to Chi Phi and that people would love and appreciate.

Over the summer Hernandez made a bar to be used for tailgates, and this semester he teamed up with some brothers to create the frat bench. “It was something all the guys always spoke about doing. A few of us had some time and just decided to start building it. Then, with a lot of sweat and a hand from most of the brothers, we were able to finish it off,” said Hernandez. “I couldn’t be happier with the outcome and I’m sure it will stay for others to enjoy in the years to come.”

We thank Brother Hernandez for his efforts and all that he has given to our chapter in his time here!

Not Four Years, But For a Lifetime

These guys are over fifty years out of going to class, taking tests and going to Chapter meetings. Brothers from the early 1960’s gathered on November 14 in Lido Beach, FL. Together with their wives and girlfriends, a total of nearly thirty made it to the reunion!

A huge thank you to Banks Prevatt for being the chief instigator and making this reunion possible for all to enjoy. Jack Thomas has agreed to take the lead and put another reunion together in Sanibel Island sometime in 2017.

This goes to show that at Chi Phi, our brotherhood does not simply extend to our college career, but for the rest of our lives.

Middle Row: Tom Collins, John Shaeffer, George Kanistras, Doug DeWolfe, Lee Bettis.
Front Row: Banks Prevatt, Steve Toothaker, Don Bode.
Photo Credit to Lee Bettis
Dance Marathon: For The Kids

Dance Marathon is an annual event that the University of Florida holds to benefit The Children’s Miracle Network. This year, our chapter is paired with Kappa Kappa Gamma in raising money towards a great cause. Each pair is assigned a miracle child and ours is Owen, who is pictured at right.

Together, we host events in which proceeds go towards our Dance Marathon total. We recently had a mini golf event with Kappa and in the Spring plan to have a movie night with Owen to get to know him even more. We sent him pen pal letters to show much we care about him and as you can see he was thrilled!

If you would like to donate you can do so by visiting our team’s website at https://events.dancemarathon.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donate.team&teamID=10931

Congratulations Upsilon Class

Theta Delta’s largest pledge class since being refounded in 2005. Upsilon Class had a total of 30 initiates, an excellent addition to our brotherhood! The New Member Educators were Harrison Schwartz (far left) and Zack Jaret (far right).
Changes in Chapter Excellence Fund, Donor Recognition Thresholds Announced

Some changes are in store for the recognition levels in our scholarship funds, announced Brother David F. Davis, Th D ’73, President of the Theta Delta Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

“We have maintained the same recognition levels for the twenty plus years since the founding of efforts to establish scholarship funds for our Chapter. With the cost of college going up a lot over that time, we probably should have addressed this several years ago. Simply stated, if one used a 3% rate of inflation over that period of time, one would need over $1,800 to do what a $1,000 did back when we started,” said Davis. The new thresholds for donor recognition will be as follows:

Scholarship Founder - $15,000 (formerly $10,000)
Scholarship Benefactor - $7,500 (formerly $5,000)
Scholarship Partner - $1,500 (formerly $1,000)

These new levels will start in effect on January 1, 2016, however, for those that have made contributions toward a threshold they shall be credited on a percentage basis to the new levels. As an example, if someone had given $800 before the end of this year toward the Scholarship Partner level, he will be credited with having attained 80% of the new threshold.

The scholarship program has been a huge success with over $100,000 in scholarships having been provided to Theta Delta actives! In recent years it has been able to provide $10,000 annually. This is the most, by far, given out on the University of Florida campus, the most given out in Chi Phi, and among the most given out by any chapter alumni group of any fraternity in the country. The corpus of the funds is about $200,000, but still needs to grow.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Brother Davis at dgatord@embarqmail.com.
Dominating the Competition in Philanthropies

1st Place
Sigma Kappa Shootout
benefitting Alzheimer’s Association

1st Place
Junior Panhellenic’s New Member Lip Sync with Pi Beta Phi
benefitting The Dreams Come True Foundation

2nd Place
Alpha Chi Omega’s G.I. Alpha Chi
benefitting Peaceful Paths
Homecoming with Sigma Kappa

Brotherhood Paintballing

Halloween 2015
2015 Football Season

IFC Service Event
Congratulations

Ryan Walsh was among one of the 50 freshmen selected to Freshman Leadership Council.

Austin Champoux was tapped into Florida Blue Key and elected District A representative in Student Government.

Jose Lavergne was appointed Vice Chair of Community and Political Affairs for Student Government.

Tres Moore and Will Thomas are Intramural Champions in Cornhole!

Nick Scianna is one of three freshmen Dance Marathon captains.

Kadarius Gipson and Lance Walen were appointed as Florida Greek Ambassadors.

Pictured above are Dave Davis, David McDonald, Jacob Lennertz, and Chuck Wilson.

At right are Jacob Lennertz and Chuck Wilson at the presentation of the Charles Wilson Award.