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-Career Corner:
KDChi...Life in the
Trenches

- Learn about
upcoming events,
recent news, and
ways to get
involved

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Fact of the Month:

Some people consider the \$1 bill unlucky because there are so many 13's on it: 13 stars, 13 stripes, 13 steps, 13 arrows and even an olive branch with 13 leaves on it. Of course the \$1 bill is unlucky - if it was lucky it would be a \$100 bill.



The Southwestern Regional Alumni Association would like to wish you and your family a wonderful, safe and blessed Holiday Season! We all send you and your family lots of love, and good cheer, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Homecoming Weekend Recap

I would like to thank the Delta Chapter for organizing a very fun and enjoyable Homecoming Weekend. Banquet was beautiful and lots of fun. The homecoming tent was a blast. The food that was catered was great, and all of our families and friends chowed down. Monkey (Anissa Taylor's boyfriend) did a fabulous job on the turn-tables, considering we had girls from another tent come and shake their bottoms in the tent.... way to get the dance floor packed! Alumni Carne Asada was really fun, and well put together. Laiza, great job and thanks! It was lovely to see our engaged sisters participate in the "Ring Ceremony". Overall, it was wonderful seeing all the alumni who attended. Can't wait till next year!

Career Corner: What do you get when you mix Ms. Tony with



= Life in the Trenches



Life in the trenches didn't start out as easily as I thought it would. I graduated from the University of Arizona in 2001, with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. It was the first semester after September 11th, so the job market turned out to be a bit of a flop. I was lucky to interview with a few companies through Career Services, and even ended up getting a job offer. The company was a manufacturing company, located in El Centro, CA. I figured I could put in a few years as a human resource supervisor, take the experience and run. Well, apparently I figured wrong.

Towards the end of November they called me and told me that the job was still on the table, but they couldn't promise it would be longer than six months to a year. Well I thought, Why would I move to El Centro, CA, in the middle of no where, to get laid off in a year. No offense to you El Centro natives. So I turned the offer down and stayed in Tucson, AZ. I was lucky to have a few good interviews, but then the barrel started to run dry and I couldn't get an interview for the life of me. I debated looking for an old rich man to marry, but I think Anna Nicole took the last one. Ha ha. So I decided to get up off my couch and find a job.

I started working with Enterprise Rent a Car in February of 2001. I worked in car rental, which I just absolutely hated. Ok maybe that is a bit harsh. I started in their management trainee program, and spent about a year and a half in rental. I learned so much on the job, marketing, sales, and everything you could imagine it would take to run a business. There were times that I would look at myself and think. What am I doing? I have a college degree and I'm renting cars. I soon learned how foolish that statement was. I stayed with Enterprise and put in my time sucking up every valuable lesson they were willing to feed me like a sponge. And that was when opportunity came knocking at my door. I was hired as an Operations Coordinator, and things have been looking up ever since. My main job is to manage all of the Enterprise locations (facilities) in Arizona and a few in California, not including the Phoenix metro area. My daily tasks include opening new branches, relocating existing branches to better sites, and just keeping up all of the facilities we own/rent. Sometimes I am buying new furniture, new computers, remodeling buildings; working with contractors, installing new computer equipment, you name it I do it. pretty much whatever it takes. I also am learning to draw up new leases for properties. The great thing is everyday I have something new and different to work on, and I never have time to get bored. I am out of town quite a bit opening new branches, or working to upgrade old ones. I believe your job can become what you make it. I have learned so much in the last four years, because I am always willing to tackle whatever it is they put in front of me. I also believe that hard work brings great rewards, so don't be afraid to get dirty.

"Every alumna has the ability to make an impact on KDX, an undergraduate chapter, or just one sister."

*--Alumni Association
Mission Statement*

Next Month's Career Feature

Do you have a story to tell us? We want career updates from alumni sisters! Where are our doctors, teachers, managers, bankers, etc.? Every issue we will feature a career field and the sisters in that field. Want to be next month's highlight? Let us know!

Happy Birthday!!!!



CAPRICORN
(Dec 22 - Jan 20)

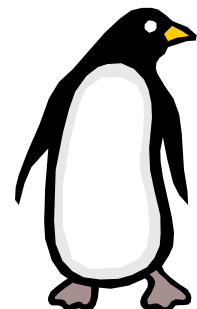
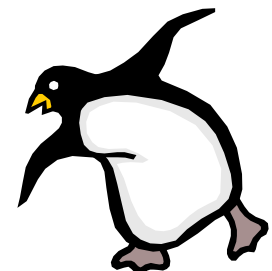
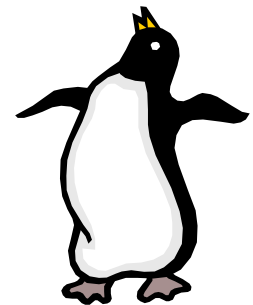
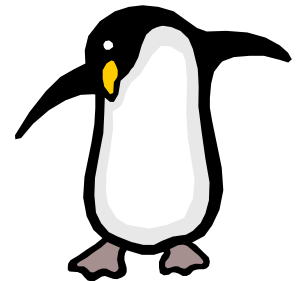
Vivian Castillo (Theta) 12/6
Jennifer Platt-Wallace (Theta) 12/11
Renee Rivera (Charter) 12/11
Luz Maria Herrera-Hernandez (Charter)
12/15
Rosie Stewart (Kappa) 12/19
Liz Rios (Beta) 12/24
Michelle Lopez-Cabanillas (Beta) 12/30

Experience is a great teacher, but we have to be careful about the lessons we learn from it. If we 'get away' with something dodgy, we can assume that we will always be immune to the consequences of our actions. Similarly, if we try and fail to reach a particular goal, we can conclude that it is going to be forever beyond our reach. You now think that you know what is or isn't possible. Don't be so sure. You are about to have a very enlightening and inspiring experience. It could alter your perspective dramatically.

Capricorn Career (December 22 - January 19) – Conscientious and attentive, Goats need work that requires lots of responsibility. Capricorns are rarely in subordinate positions for long. Whether they're store managers or hospital administrators, you can count on these folks to run a tight ship. Their earthy sensibilities are best suited to jobs that involve material goods. Banking, manufacturing and building are all good industries for these folks to pursue.

Capricorn Exercise – Nothing strenuous, dear Goat, as your sign makes your knees the weakest link. Instead of running, try gentle walking, swimming or horseback riding. You are a natural climber, and as long as you don't overdo it – especially in the sun – you will always reach the top.

Capricorn Rebel – This sign is the original workaholic. Many Capricorns fear that poverty will set in the moment they stop toiling. Keeping a gratitude journal can break this terrible habit. The more Capricorn becomes aware of their non-material blessings, the healthier their behavior will become. No more cutting vacations short for the sake of work!



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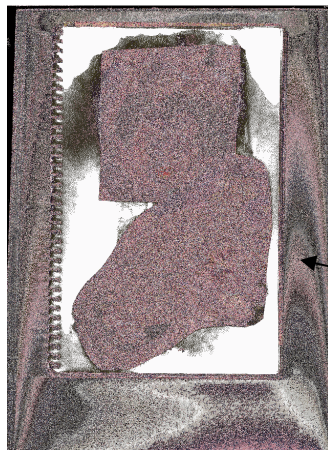
Obsession of the Month: *Project Runway Season 2*

"Never Run with Scissors"



"And this show is not on MTV...I broke the trend, watch it on Bravo!"

For those of you who might not know me, I have been obsessed with fashion since I was a little girl. My friend Katy (who was my neighbor growing up) and I used to empty out her dad's tuff shed and force our parents and her brothers to attend our fashion shows, where we featured designs from our mothers' closets. After I graduated from the U of A with a major in Retailing Consumer Science, I decided to take a chance on sleep deprivation and attend a new fashion program at Tucson Design College. So, as you can see Project Runway is right up my alley. This show is fast paced, and smart. The contestants are not amateurs and so their designs are thoughtful, exciting, and extremely beautiful. One can only hope to be as talented as some of the contestants competing. So, if you're interested in seeing a glimpse of what I do four nights a week, and see the chops needed to join the fashion industry then watch this amazing and addictive second season of Project Runway!



"Here is a glimpse of what makeup inspires me for my fashion show in October 2006"



"Some men see things and ask 'Why?' I dream things that never were and ask 'Why Not?'"
- Robert Kennedy

About Our Organization...

The Southern Arizona Region is here to serve you and build our network of alumni! Please email, call, or send us any ideas or concerns. We look forward to seeing you at our events and corresponding with you in the coming months. Thanks for your support!



Fun Christmas Facts



The abbreviation of Xmas for Christmas is not irreligious. The first letter of the word Christ in Greek is chi, which is identical to our X. Xmas was originally an ecclesiastical abbreviation that was used in tables and charts. In the early days of printing, when font sizes were limited and type was set by hand, abbreviations and ditto marks were used liberally. Xmas came into general use from the church!

There is a very widespread theory that Christmas began in Rome as a response to pagan festivities centering around the winter solstice, which was locally considered to be 25 December. The pagan celebration, which was first established by the Roman emperor Aurelian in AD 274, was called *The Birth of the Invincible Sun*. However, there is evidence that, some years earlier, Christians had made a sincere attempt to calculate the actual date of Jesus' birthday.

In ancient Judaism, there was a common belief, which ancient Christians inherited, that the prophets of Israel died on the on the same date as their birth or conception. This may be behind the long-standing Christian custom of referring to the date of a martyr's death as their "birthday in heaven." According to ancient western calculations, Jesus was crucified on 25 March, so they assumed that 25 March was the date of Jesus' conception. The Annunciation is still commemorated on that date to this day. Nine months after 25 March leads to 25 December, which would be the birthday of Jesus Christ if all those assumptions and calculations were correct. They aren't correct, but the fact remains that the date has a Christian origin.

In AD 354, Philocalus wrote a Christian martyrology that dates the nativity of Jesus Christ on December 25, and cites an earlier work as backup. From this we can deduce that Christmas was celebrated on the present date as early as AD 335 in Rome.

Christmas failed to gain prominent or even universal recognition among Christians until quite recently. In some protestant-dominated areas, such as the Massachusetts Bay Colony, the celebration of Christmas was even legally banned, probably as part of their rejection of those parts of the traditional liturgical calendar that have no apparent foundation in Scripture. As late as the last century, Christmas had gained no great importance; it was not even a legal holiday. This explains why nineteenth-century readers found it credible that Scrooge could require Cratchit to come to work on Christmas Day and why in the nineteenth century the US Congress could meet on Christmas Day.

Saint Nicholas Day (December 6) was the traditional day for giving gifts to children. It is still the day on which children receive gifts from St. Nicholas in the Netherlands. Epiphany (January 6) is, in the western Church, the commemoration of day on which the three kings presented the baby Jesus with gifts.

Saint Nicholas was the bishop of Myra in Lycia, which is in modern Turkey, sometime before AD 350. Nothing is known of his life except for the legends that have built up around him, but he was associated with kindness to children. He was a widely admired saint throughout the eastern and western churches. The Dutch custom of giving presents to children on St. Nicholas Day was brought to America by early Dutch settlers in New Amsterdam, which was renamed New York when the British took over the colony. Santa Claus is the American pronunciation of Sinter Klaas, which was colloquial Dutch for Saint Nicholas.

In the US, gifts are now exchanged on Christmas Day in a sort of compromise of Dutch, German, and British gift-giving customs. The Christmas tree is a Christianized pagan custom that originated in Germany. German settlers introduced it in America. It became popular during the nineteenth century, and then later spread to Britain and Japan from the US.

During World War II it was necessary for Americans to mail Christmas gifts early for the troops in Europe to receive them in time. Merchants joined in the effort to remind the public to shop and mail early and the protracted shopping season was born. Since those days, retail merchants have been hard at work to escalate our retail observances this time of year. Accordingly, we shop longer and buy more than ever before. Retailers have taken the gift motif from Saint Nicholas' Day and Epiphany and have used the combination to supplant the meaning of Christmas. They have instituted a secular sacrament of shopping, which pays no attention at all to the arrival of the Giver who gave His all. They call it a season for giving, and with that laudable slogan have lured us into a time of great expectations, huge let-downs, and lascivious acquisitiveness. They could not have done this without our full cooperation—for instead of celebrating the arrival of our salvation, we jump with glee and clap our hands at the arrival of the UPS truck! (information taken from www.KenCollins.com)

SPRINT + KΔX = Kappa Delta Chi's Wireless 411

Sprint, MTCI, and Kappa Delta Chi have teamed up again to bring you the new **Kappa Delta Chi Sprint Wireless Program**. This program is open to all < SPAN style="mso-no-proof: yes">Sisters, friends and family of Kappa Delta Chi - anyone can take advantage of the value!

The benefits of the plan are numerous. Here are some of the most pertinent details:

- **5% off monthly service plan costs.** This discount is applicable to all monthly recurring costs for anytime minutes, text messaging, email, etc.
- **Exclusive Kappa Delta Chi discounts on some phones and accessories.** Some phones are priced lower and none are priced higher than the Sprint retail store. There are 6 models of phones to choose from leading manufacturers such as LG, Sanyo, Samsung and Palm.
- **FREE, unlimited mobile-to-mobile calling.** Call your Kappa Delta Chi Sisters any time and as much as you want with free, unlimited mobile-to-mobile calling. This feature is extended to all Sprint AND Nextel customers nationwide!
- **FREE, unlimited Nights and Weekends.** Nights start at 9:00pm and end at 6:00am
- **FREE, unlimited nation-wide long distance.** Whether you're calling Texas or Connecticut, it's costless!
- **Adjustable service plans to fit your calling patterns.** Sprint's Fair and Flexible plan adjusts to your calling patterns to help you avoid overage costs. Topped off with the Kappa Delta Chi 5% discount and you'll be saving money in no time!

A website for the program has been set up at www.GreekWireless.org/KappaDeltaChi and provides answers to frequently asked questions, plan detail, and online ordering options. MTCI, our telecom partner for this program, is providing a dedicated customer service representative, Megan, to answer any additional questions you may have. To reach her, call 800-GO-GREEK.

Please forward this to your alumni, friends, family and chapter members.

If you have any questions please contact me.

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"Reach out and touch someone....talk about an amazing 411"



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Thanks to the following sisters who took the time to offer their stories, and informative articles to this month's newsletter.

- Career Corner: Life in the Trenches;
By: Toni Lucio-Lyons



We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.geocities.com/azalumni1991

Penguin Search:

Is there a particular sister you would like to find, or are you the sister who has fallen off of the iceberg. Please send your shot-outs and updates to Lizet15141@aol.com. Let's make the most of 2005!!!

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