

WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings, ladies!
I'm Stephanie, the current President of Phi Chi, and I am very excited about this position. Currently, we are working on our recruitment and our philanthropy

event on March 15, 2007.

I am looking forward to all

things coming up this year with Phi Chi.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Jenkins
Tau Class
Sister #119

CURRENT EVENTS

Within the next two weeks, we will be working on recruitment along with our philanthropy event. We will also be making postcards to send to soldiers currently stationed in Iraq as part of a care package project being conducted by Zeta Tau Alpha, our PanHellenic sisters. Last weekend we held the alumae/sister mixer. We would like to thank all the alumae who participated and supported us in this activity. During the mixer, the current sisters were able to get to know the past sisters. We also honored two of the most recent alumnae, Melissa Shields and Alice (Quan) Parks. Overall, the sisters feel it was a very successful event, and we enjoyed this time together with all the sisters who attended.

ALUMNAE CORNER

I have many fond memories of my time in Phi Chi, since I joined with Mu Class in the Spring 2002 semester. When I accepted my bid, I knew the result would be a lasting experience incomparable to any other. As a freshman at MTSU, I lacked the familiar group of friends I'd had in high school: friends I could share special times with; friends who loved me for who I was; friends I could laugh with and cry with; friends who challenged me to be my best self. I sensed that Phi Chi could be that group of friends for me, that safety net that was always there when the going got tough. When I look back on my time in Phi Chi, I always smile when I remember the time I spent getting to know the sisters and Mu Class. During my Phi Bee semester, I knew sisterhood, a founding purpose, was key to such a small, yet strong, organization. Building and strengthening the ties between sisters was always an enjoyable, and rewarding, way to pass the time. As such a small group, I was amazed at how close the sisters were, and I couldn't wait to be part of something so great. Building authentic relationships with sisters, those based



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not only on commonalities but also on respect and compassion for one another or a shared cause, was a value shared by all sisters. As a Phi Bee, I saw the investment the sisters made in my Phi Bee class. They got to know us as people and not just a few more votes in the next election. They looked for common interests and embraced the differences. Bonds like these cannot be forced if both parties aren't willing participants. Over the years, as our organization (and its members) grew, those sisterhood bonds became more important than ever, and the pressure to come up with new and fun ways to get to know each other grew equally. After what I've done and what I've seen, I have a few ideas that may help create that lasting bond.

Imagine when you were just initiated. You felt special, proud, excited, and you couldn't have been more ready to show your Phi Chi pride. A simple craft project like decorating pillow cases would have had a lasting impression, something that would remind you of those first 24 hours as a sister. Mixers are always fun, but many times to grow as a person and organization, stepping out of your comfort zone is key. Why not reach out to someone new? When was the last time we really got to know any NPHC sororities? These are strong women with values similar to ours. A game night or a pot luck/movie night could bring out friendships we didn't even know we had.

Phi Chi has seen many changes over the years, but our founding purposes remain. As you grow as women and

as sisters, I challenge you to get back to those basics. Are you supporting our founding purposes? Are you embracing them? If so, you will be successful.

Phi Chi Love,
Wendy Caldwell
Mu Class
Sister # 88 (Keys on a piano!)

MEET THE SISTERS



Stephanie Jenkins
Tau Class
Sister #119

Past Chairs: , Community Service, Assistant Phi Bee Keeper, Vice President.

Current Chair(s): President

Current Work: Stephanie is currently working on moving Phi Chi forward to build a bigger, stronger sorority.

About Stephanie: Stephanie is a Senior in Early Childhood Education. She works at First United Methodist Church Preschool. She aspires to teach pre-kindergarten level children. Stephanie is a member of Raiders for the Young Child and is a huge UT football fan.

