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THE BARD CARD

Shakespeare Festival ready for another go

By Jessica Coy

The world is stage and so is Lexington until July 25th. The annual Shakespeare Festival, held at the UK Arboretum, kicked off last night with a performance of Julius Caesar. This year's event promises to be the most popular in it's 17 season history.

More than 400 people flocked to the UK Arboretum last night to watch the opening night performance of "Julius Caesar", which kicked off this year's Shakespeare festival.

Warm weather and a cool breeze greeted the audience, which lounged around on blankets and in lawn chairs. But several costumed characters mingled with the theatre-goers before the show, stirring up anticipation.

The crowd varied, including families, couples and students, all of whom had one thing in common, a desire to relax and enjoy the timeless tale of Julius Caesar.

"I've been before, and I love it," said Shauna Horn, an undecided sophomore. "It is a very relaxing, cheap way to spend a summer night."

Steve Allen, who attended the play with his wife, Pam, and his



Johnny Ferris Kernel staff

ET TU, BRUTÉ? More than 400 people blanketed the arboretum lawn last night to watch the performance of Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar."

two daughters, Megan and Kirsten, agrees.

"It's a nice way to spend time with the family and expose them to a little culture," he said.

Putting the festival together has been a full time job for it's cast and crew, many of which are UK students and graduates.

"I think that the people involved who go to UK or who have graduated from UK are especially excited about the festival because they are proud to give something back to this community," Clark said. "I know that they will make UK very proud."

In an effort to secure the future of the Shakespeare festival in Lexington extra focus has been placed on the apprentice program which is run by

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1998 Shakespeare Festival at the UK Arboretum

Gates open at 7pm, and all pre-show events begin at 7:30. The main performances begin at 8:45 nightly.

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Students pick Papa John's

Students will be able to use PLUS accounts for pizza by mid-August.

By Manish Bhatia
Staff Writer

The secret ingredient has got to be the water. One triumphant pizza chain has a trump card. This card has opened the doors to a new and profitable market in the form of hungry students looking for a late night snack. The Plus Account card, that is.

By winning the support of the students, Papa John's Pizza forged a new partnership with UK Food Services that will allow students to use their Plus Account to pay for their pizza.

"It (the new scheme) is going to be very beneficial to us and UK", said David Strickland, Area Supervisor for Papa John's.

The merger would further enhance Papa John's relationship with UK, Strickland said. The company was already involved with UK's athletic program. With the new preferential status, the chain could market the products to UK a lot easier through flyers, dorm room magnets and even a food fair to be held in August, he added.

Three other pizza chains, Domino's, Pizza Hut and Mad Mushroom, jockeyed for the top position, presenting proposals before the Department of Purchasing at UK.

The proposals were weighed by several factors such as student preference commission offered to UK and menu selection.

"We were an overwhelming choice based on preference," Strickland said.

Papa John's offered the lowest commission, about 15%, to the university as opposed to the 25% offered by the others.

Strickland felt that the higher number of sales that Papa John's would generate would be more profitable for UK in the long run.

"We would be selling more of our product than the others," he said.

"25% of nothing is still nothing."

Thomas Bullock, the attorney for Domino's felt the new system would be too restrictive.

"The student should be free to choose whatever pizza they want and not be forced into choosing a specific chain," he said.

Bullock felt UK would profit a lot more if all the major chains were allowed to use the Plus Account.

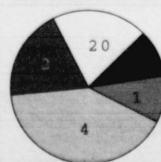
"This has been the position of Domino's even before the bids were presented," he said.

Students, however, are licking their lips in anticipation of applying the Plus Account to get their pizza.

"This arrangement would be greatly welcomed by the students, especially those who live in UK's residence halls," said Daniel Flowers, a hospitality management senior.

Use of a Plus Card for pizza will be in place by fall.

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ULTRA BABY SPICE Ultra Baby Fat's Michelle DuBois, Britta Phillips, Shonali Bhowmik and Rodney Ueberroth will keep you jammin all the way through their latest CD *Silver Tones Smile*.

PHATBABYFAT

Get ready to take a trip through a woman's mind

By Jessica Coy
Editor-in-Chief

After listening to "Twist," the first song on Ultra Baby Fat's second album, *Silver Tones Smile*, no one will have to twist your arm to continue the journey through a CD that ventures into the land of garage band rock, '70s funk and pop crunch.

Silver Tones Smile is the follow up album to *Dragons Go Away*, which was released while the band was still called Baby Fat. Since then, lead singers Shonali Bhowmik and Michelle DuBois have been joined by Britta Phillips on bass and Rodney Ueberroth on drums to create a sound that defies genres and explores the deepest corners of a woman's mind.

Bhowmik and DuBois have been creating music together since the age of eight, when they met while taking violin lessons. This camaraderie and in-synchness is evident in the strength of the group's lyrics.

In "Twist" and "Bent On" it

seems as though the lyrics rise above and lead the music, going in any chosen direction. They actually power the song and the accompaniment can only try to keep up with the emotional tidal wave they create.

Song to song, the group changes the mood, the atmosphere and even the genre of their music. In "Twist" we hear low-fi garage aesthetics, yet "Vonsin" sounds like something straight out of the '70s funk era and "Peacock Throne" throws in a little Middle-Eastern flair.

And the ride doesn't stop there. Even though this group explores typical girl rock subjects like heartbreak, ("Plenty") and trying to break free from typical female roles, ("Twist") they go a step further.

"Our creative process has no formula," said DuBois in a recent press release, "We are constantly amazed when we write together about how in sync we are."

This lack of formula is what lead to the creation of songs like "What he said," based on the late cult leader David Koresh, and "Salem," which builds on images from the infamous Salem witch trials.

When the last notes of the CD play, you are left with the feeling that you have just heard a bizarre mixture of the Replacements, Bangles, No Doubt and Pavement, but because the music is a kaleidoscope of changing textures, you can never quite put your finger on it.

So if you are up for an adventure, or just want to check out what promises to be a fast up-and-coming rockoutgetyour-grooveon band, check out Ultra Babyfat's new CD *Silver Tones smile*, or better yet see them live at Sudy Malone's in Cincinnati tomorrow night.



LOOKING ahead

Ultra Babyfat plays at Sudy Malone's in Cincinnati tomorrow night. For more info, call 513-751-2300



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A SCORCHER OUT THERE Mammoth recording artists Jason & The Scorchers plan to kick some butt of their own with the Bottle Rockets Friday night at Lynagh's.

Rock, Rent and Wrestling

The bottom line on three hot tickets to area events

Jason & The Scorchers

Although this summer's Lexington concert scene is nothing to write home about, Friday night turns up a diamond in the rough. The pioneering cult rock band Jason & the Scorchers brings its ferocious live set to Lynagh's at 9:30 p.m. With performers such as R.E.M., the BR5-49's, Billy Ray Cyrus and The Mavericks citing them as influences, Jason & the Scorchers have developed a reputation as one of the best live acts in the business.

Primarily known for their live performances, the band of 17 years were among the first to blur the lines between rock and country. Now with the '90s alt-country movement in full swing, the trio of musicians can claim a significant role in rock history. Much to the delight of their faithful following, the group recently released a double-disc live album entitled *Midnight Roads & Stages*. Although the 23-song collection captures their trademark raw energy, it doesn't compare to the real thing.

To make the show even more appetizing, another of Lynagh's alt-country favorites, the Bottle Rockets, will open. Cover is \$7. For more information call 255-6614.

WWF Wrestling

With professional wrestling

reaching new heights in popularity, the World Wrestling Federation brings its show into Rupp Arena Saturday, July 18.

Home to squared circles, steel cages and tombstone piledrivers, the WWF and JVC Kaboom Box presents its national Highway to Hell tour featuring professional wrestling's finest athletes.

The main event features World Heavyweight Champion "Stone Cold" Steve Austin defending his title against the Mankind. Other big draws include a No Holds Barred tag-team match pitting Ken Shamrock and Faarooq against Owen Hart and the Rock, a European Title match with HHH battling D'Lo Brown and Vader versus Kane.

Finally, Fan favorites Degeneration X will make an appearance the New Age Outlaws & XPac face L.O.D. 2000 & Droz a six-man tag match.

Tickets for the 8 p.m. show are still available and range from \$13.25 to \$22.25. To charge by phone call 281-6644.

Broadway's Rent

Rent, Jonathan Larson's rough

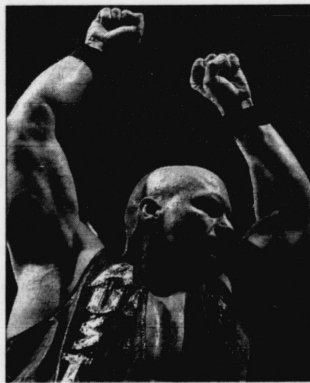


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STONE COLD SAID SO 'Stone Cold' Steve Austin and cohorts bit Lexington July 18.

and rugged, hip and heartfelt spin on Puccini's *La Boheme*, makes its way to Louisville's Kentucky Center for the Arts next week. The high voltage rock 'n' roll musical, which garnered four '96 Tony Awards, will run until the July 26 with one show a day during the week and two a day on Saturday and Sunday.

After his unexpected death in 1996, Larson won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama and *Rent* has since crept into the company of *Tommy* as the high lords of rock opera.

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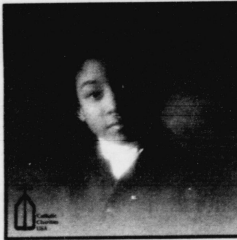


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Track star heads to France

UK's Shittu to compete in World Junior Championships

By Steven Scrivner
Staff Writer

UK track star Lutisha Shittu's favorite movie is Eddie Murphy's remake of *The Nutty Professor*, which could lead one to believe she'd be first in line to see Murphy's current remake of *Dr. Dolittle*.

"Nope," she replied. When she detailed her travels over the past month and a half, it was easy to see why she hadn't had time to catch a movie.

Since May 25, Shittu has competed in events in Jacksonville, Fla., Buffalo, N.Y., Edwardsville, Ill. and Flagstaff, Ariz. However, it was her performance in Edwardsville that will really add to her frequent flyer miles.

By finishing first in the qualifying round with a time of 13.62, Shittu qualified to represent the United States in the World Junior Track and Field Championships July 28 through Aug. 2 in Annecy, France.

Her reaction to going to France? "I didn't have a reac-

tion," she said Monday from her home in Gary, Ind., just hours before she was to depart for Flagstaff. "I was shocked, but it still hasn't sunk in yet."

Shittu was to be accompanied to France by UK teammate Ola Sesay, an All-American who had qualified in the triple jump, only to find out later that her jump had been wind-aided and therefore unusable.

The news that Sesay would not make the trip was particularly disappointing to Shittu.

"I don't talk a lot, so I was looking forward to going over there with someone I knew," Shittu said.

But not knowing someone was what led her to UK in the first place. Shittu has older sisters at Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Ind., but she wanted to go some place different — so she visited UK.

"Everyone thought I was going to ISU," she said. "But I liked UK as soon as I stepped on campus. I made up my mind right away that that's where I was

going to school. There were so many things I liked about the campus."

And there were so many things Coach Don Webber liked about her. Shittu was the 300- and 100-meter hurdles state champion her sophomore and senior years and finished second her junior year.

She also anchored the 4x100-meter state champion team her senior year.

However, going into the Edwardsville meet, few could predict the showing she would give to qualify for France — especially after her poor showing at the NCAAs in Buffalo.

After finishing fifth in the hurdles, Shittu was dejected but determined.

"I didn't do too good at the NCAAs," she said. "But when I came home, I trained to go to France."

Shittu began a steady regimen of weight lifting and running to improve her strength and stamina. That, combined with a lot of television, sums up what her summer has been like.

SPORTSbytes

Boone tennis complex hosts prestigious event

The 1998 NCAA doubles champions, twins Bob and Mike Bryan of Stanford University, have accepted a wild card to compete in the fourth annual \$75,000 Fifth-Third Bank Tennis Championships Aug. 3-9 at the Hilary J. Boone Tennis Complex.

Bob Bryan, a sophomore from Camarillo, Calif., became only the second player since 1977 to sweep the team, singles and doubles titles. He won the singles title by defeating teammate Paul Goldstein in May.

Earlier this week, both brothers announced that they are now joining the professional ranks.

Also on the pro circuit is the 1997 Fifth-Third Bank finalist Gianluca Pozzi of Italy. Pozzi defeated Carlos Rios in the first round of the Nottingham Open in Nottingham, England on Wednesday.

The Fifth-Third Bank Tennis Championships is a USTA Circuit Challenger Series event that will feature a number of men's and women's tennis professionals

from around the world.

UK volleyball announces two signees

The UK volleyball team has signed two freshmen — Meghan Stout and Whitney Sample — for the upcoming season, Coach Jona Braden announced Tuesday.

Stout, a 5-9 outside hitter from Seymour, Ind., lettered for four years at Seymour High School while being named All-State her junior and senior years and All-Conference during her sophomore, junior and senior years. She completed her senior campaign with a 100 percent hitting percentage, going 28 for 28.

"Meghan is just such a solid all-around player," Braden said. "She is going to bring a very solid, refined student-athlete that plays the game well."

Sample, a 5-8 setter from Arlington, Texas, helped lead her Martin High School team to a 42-1 record during her career. A letter winner during her junior and senior years, Sample earned honors as a 1997 All-District Outstanding Setter.

In 1996, she guided Martin to

a Texas State 5A Championship.

"Whitney will bring a lot of experience and enthusiasm to our team," Braden said. "She is going to be a player that is going to be able to step on the floor and compliment what we're already doing."

Video showcases UK passing drills

Mike Leach, UK football offensive coordinator, announced that his new video, entitled "The UK Wildeat Passing Game Training Video," is now on sale.

The video, which highlights drills, techniques of the UK passing game, focuses on the play of quarterbacks, wide receivers, running backs, tight ends and offensive linemen.

Coach Leach said three things make the video unique. "This video lasts 63 minutes, which is longer than most training videos. It also features Kentucky players completing the drills and techniques," he said. "And after each drill there is actual game footage illustrating the techniques in use."

Compiled from staff reports.

CAMPUS

Journalists urge appellate court to strike decision

Coalition of students and educators fighting for continued free speech

By Matthew T. Patton
News Editor

There are many distinctions between high school and college, but it seems some judges may not be able to see those distinctions very clearly in a case that involves press censorship.

The case, *Kincaid v. Gibson*, Civ. No. 95-98 (E.D. Ky. Nov. 14, 1997), began more than three years ago when officials at Kentucky State University removed the student's newspaper adviser after she refused to force students to focus on "positive" news about the school, rather than focus on all aspects of campus life. Administrators then confiscated—and continue to keep locked up—all copies of the 1992-94 student yearbook. The administrators were dissatisfied with its content and presentation, including the color of the yearbook's cover. Two KSU students, including the yearbook's editor who was also a reporter for the school newspaper, sued the school for infringement of First Amendment rights.

Last November a federal judge threw out the students' claim and found that 1988 U.S. Supreme Court decision that upheld the censorship of a high school student newspaper was applicable to college student media as well. The vagueness of the case, *Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier*, has been sharply criticized by journalism educators and civil rights groups and has ultimately led to a sharp increase in high school censorship.

A coalition that includes every major national organization of college journalism educators has filed a friend-of-the-court brief before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth District.

The brief urges the court to reverse a lower court's decision supporting censorship of the stu-

dent press.

Mark Goodman, executive director of the Student Press Law Center, said university presses could be affected even if they are independent because "they probably use school property and resources" and added that if the courts uphold the decision, "it could be devastating."

According to the Student Press Law Association, the Supreme Court decision in the Hazelwood case refused to apply to the ruling of college student expression. "The censorship of curricula and the impingement of academic freedom that Hazelwood arguably could permit would cause irreversible damage to the venerable place occupied by academic institutions as the marketplace of ideas," the coalition's brief cautions.

Roy Moore, a communications professor, teaches a media law and ethics course at UK. If universities are allowed to cite Hazelwood as a precedent, then it would be "a sad day, to say the least," said Moore. "There is, however, a lot to be gained by the school by keeping media under control by avoiding controversy and avoiding the issues."

Avoiding controversy and issues would result in "sugar-coated stories," said Heather Stanfield, a journalism junior. "I don't think it's fair because Hazelwood does not directly cover colleges."

Journalism senior Jessica Stewart agrees. "College is not required education," she said. "We choose to be here, so we should be able to choose what to write."

"We have been presented with unified support from journalism educators and professional journalists. Almost every national organization has signed on. The court needs to realize that this is a very big deal and needs to be very careful in its decision."

Festival

Crowd flocks to see "Julius Caesar"

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festival organizers.

This year over 40 young people ages 10-18 have been enlisted to participate in the plays. They practice weekly and serve as extras, understudies and in some cases are even cast in main roles.

"The apprentices are an integral part of the festival," Clark said. "I think that it is very important that we draw young people in and teach them because they are our future audience, our future actors and the key to keeping the festival alive."

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Sprinkles of opinion on a hot summer day

Nine Lives: They say cats always land on their feet and so it is with former Wildcat football coach Bill Curry who was recently named chief executive officer for the National Consortium for Academics and Sports.

The group represents more than 160 colleges that allow former student-athletes from revenue-producing sports to return and finish their college educations at no cost in exchange for volun-

lessly and proclaim, *again*, that they will try harder to take student opinion into account, yet they always slip back into the old ways.

So it is with the recently announced committee that will select a new dean for the law school.

The committee has 12 members that include several faculty and alumni, but only one lowly student. We know politics plays a role in selection, but this is outrageous and a slap in the face of students.

SGA President Nate Brown has appealed this decision and asked for additional student representation, unfortunately his appeal was denied.

So much for r-e-s-p-e-c-t.

▼Come to Papa: For years students and businesses have been asking for the right to purchase food off-campus with a student ID and that day is creeping closer as Food Services just inked a deal with Papa John's that will give students a greater variety of options and make a little money for Food Services.

However, we are concerned about the process used to select the vender and the timing of the selection (after students left campus for the summer).

Still it's a step in the right direction and hopefully students paying with an ID will still get the advantage of discounts and coupons that are available to the general public that pays with cash or check.

▼Where's the beef?: It's been more than nine months since the sudden closure of Hardee's and nary a peep has been said about the future of this prime real estate. A sign on the door says "closed for renovation" but the only renovation we've seen is the erection of barriers to prevent students from parking there during the day.

We can't help but wonder if UK has its eyes set on this property or if another vender such as Wendy's or Burger King couldn't make a killing at the location. Heaven knows such competition might be the kick in the butt needed for Food Services to dump its Fourth Quarter concept.

▼Headbanging: Since the dawn of time students have felt they weren't taken seriously by administrators, a feeling reflected in UK's Undergraduate Student Satisfaction Report. Naturally, administrators shake their head clue-

IN OUR OPINION



The case of the vanishing check

Mystery, intrigue, and cluelessness are barriers to search for student's lost loot

Believe it or not ... some people are just opposed to good, clean money. Or should I say, some institutions are opposed to good clean money?

Forget everything you know! The University of Kentucky is opposed to good clean money — scholarship money for lowly students like myself, that is!

This is a true story about a peon student, a \$250 check, and the financial wizards of UK — Student Billing Services and the Financial Aid Office.

Let's step back, for a moment, to the end of the Spring '98 semester, when all of this took place EXACTLY as follows:

I received a \$250 scholarship check for the Columbia/HCA Scholarship Program. The check is made out to me and UK. I took the check to Student Billings, where for the past three semesters I have signed the check and given it to them, whereupon they credited my account after cashing the check.

Simple, eh? Not this time. The Student Billings' person sent me to another office saying they can no longer take the check I have just signed — it now has to be APPROVED by somebody else.

Approved? The check was made out to me and UK. I sign it, they take it, they cash it, they give me the money, and — BOOM — everyone's happy. Fat chance!

The office they sent me to had no idea what I was talking about, so I went back to Student Billing and spoke to somebody else. Certainly, a different Student Billing genius would be willing to TAKE MONEY! Alas, they sent me to another office, this one in the Financial Aid.

Why? They can't give me a straight answer, just something about a new rule. But the check was just a check, I insisted, telling them all they had to do was take it and put it in the bank! Emphatically, they told me it was not that simple, so I ambled off to the Financial Aid office, grumbling the entire way.

The Financial Aid office said I came to the wrong place and graciously directed me to another woman's office. I go there, but she is not available to assist me because she was hiding out in Funkhouser.

Why? She was hiding for someone's surprise party! Come back some other time, this kind lady told me, but I nearly fell on my knees and pleaded for her assistance. I told her the situation, and she says that maybe she can approve the check and put it into my account. So she took my check, gave me a receipt saying it will be credited to my 8-week session tuition, and I left Funkhouser victorious — someone had finally taken my money!

Now I curse the desperate moment I let go of that check!

For when I arrived back in Student Billing on Wednesday, June 10 to pay the remainder of my 8-week tuition, I found out the check had not been credited to my account. The Student Billings' cashier searched the computer, but my check was nowhere to be found.

I showed her the receipt, but she told me she didn't have anything to do with it!

So two months ago I found someone to take the stupid \$250 check, and now it is lost! On top of that, Student Billings said the receipt meant nothing to them, made me pay my entire tuition, and said I would have to find whoever signed the receipt if I wanted to find the check!

"Good luck, Clark," I said to myself, once again grumbling as I walked through the EXIT at Student Billings. How will I ever find that lady again, especially if she's staked out for a surprise party in the bowels of Funkhouser?

In all the time I spent running around trying to find someone to take the check — and now all the time I'll spend finding someone who's going to confess to losing the check — I could've made 250 bucks recycling cans from the dumpsters!

If it weren't for all of this "have to get it approved" jazz, maybe they wouldn't need so many employees — of course that would cut into the number of surprise parties.

We couldn't have that, could we? Without surprise parties UK might be able to handle students' money efficiently.

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Sorority awaits decision

Decision of national chapter will seal fate

By Jessica Coy
Editor-in-Chief

Delta Sigma Theta's attempt to appeal UK's decision regarding the future of their organization came to a screeching halt June 23rd, when a letter was received by Dean of Students David Stockham informing him that the national headquarters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. suspended the charter of UK's Mu Epsilon Chapter until Fall 2001.

Suspension of the charter by the national chapter means that the chapter cannot meet as a group, take in new members, or use the sorority's name, said Dean of Sororities Susan West.

"When the national chapter suspended Delta Sigma Theta it gave us a different perspective on their appeal to the university," said Victor Hazard, Associate Dean of Students. "If the sorority is no longer recognized by its national chapter, then it is no

longer an organization and an appeal is a moot point."

The sorority must file and be granted an appeal by its national chapter before the university appeals process will continue, Hazard said.

Chyrita Banks, president of the UK chapter of Delta Sigma Theta declined to comment on whether or not the sorority would be filing an appeal with its national chapter, but if they do, it will not be decided on until the Delta Sigma Theta national convention the first week of August.

The sorority's suspension by their national chapter follows UK's May 22nd decision to refuse to recognize the chapter as an official student organization until Fall 2001.

Delta Sigma Theta is the second Greek organization to be charged with hazing at UK this

academic year, the fifth since 1990. In October, the university suspended Sigma Alpha Epsilon social fraternity for hazing pledges in May 1997.

From the beginning Mu Epsilon has denied the charges.

Last month chapter president Chyrita Banks, defended the chapter. "They didn't listen to us. All they listened to was a bunch of lies," said Banks, a political science major.

Chapter officers allegedly met with pledges in the first week of March to initiate them, weeks before they were supposed to, West said.

At that time they also had not received approval from their national headquarters to begin initiating new members, West said.

"We felt like some of the activities that were going on were hazing," West said.

West would not say what type of physical and mental abuse allegedly occurred.



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Chyrita Banks
Delta Sigma Theta
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