



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Greenfeather 2007 is quickly approaching
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- Zeta Tau Alpha's Breast Cancer Awareness Philanthropy Week
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Peace, Love, and Service

By Alexander Capozza

Greenfeather 2007 is almost here! On Sunday, November 4 Greenfeather will kick off with its annual Yard Sale event from 7:00 am – 1:00 pm in the parking lot next to the athletic center at Stetson University. Greenfeather is a campus wide fundraising and community service campaign that raises money to benefit Volusia County non-profit organizations. This year is Stetson's 53rd year of Greenfeather, making it one of the longest traditions of the University. The goal is to raise over \$25,000.00, and we believe that with help from Stetson's community, it is an attainable goal. The theme this year is The 1960s Groovin' and Movin' for

Peace, Love and Service.

Throughout the week of Greenfeather, there will be events taking place on the Stetson campus and in down-



town Deland in order to help raise money. Organizations at Stetson will be competing in the various events for points within their division. Accumulating points are based on participation and attendance at each of the events, as well

as how much money the organization is able to raise. Popular events throughout the week include Olympics, the Nights Out, and Airwaves. Airwaves is when organizations put together a five minute song and dance routine related to the year's theme. This year's Airwaves will be on Thursday night, November 8 at 7:00 pm in the Rinker Field House.

A new event this year is the Greenstock Concert. In true spirit of the 1960s and Woodstock, Stetson will be putting on a themed concert Friday afternoon during Greenfeather. This year's Greenfeather has potential to be the most successful one yet, but we need the support of the entire Stetson community for it to be a triumph!

Benefits of Service Learning

By Amanda Reece

On September 18, as part of the Howard Thurman Lecture Series, Joyce A. Hanson shared with students about the life and legacy of Mary McLeod Bethune. Mrs. Bethune, the fifteenth child of former slaves, was afforded the unusual opportunity to

receive an education. With such a rare privilege provided her, she decided to dedicate her life to the education of others. Her legacy can be seen in the establishment of what has now become Bethune-Cookman University. Rather than educating stu-

dents for their own sake, it was Mrs. Bethune's goal to send her pupils home to impact their individual communities. Here at Stetson University, such is our call. Education is not something we should, or even can, selfishly hoard for ourselves. Rather, it



Zeta Tau Alpha's Philanthropy Week

By Elizabeth Guenther

Zeta Tau Alpha is an organization that is very involved with community service. In 1992 Zeta adopted breast cancer research, awareness, and education as its philanthropy. Zeta became the first national sponsor of the Breast Cancer Survivor Recognition Program which is part of the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. ZTA also organized the "Think

Pink" campaign in which we distribute self breast exam shower cards and pink ribbons as well as have partnered with Yoplait in the "Save Lids to Save Lives" campaign. For every Yoplait lid mailed back to the manufacturer five cents go to the Zeta Tau Alpha Foundation and ten cents goes to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

On a local level Zeta Tau

Alpha also holds its annual six on six Kick Out Cancer soccer tournament as well as Taco Bar. All proceeds go to Breast Cancer Research and Awareness. Zeta Tau Alpha Sisters also hand out Pink Ribbons through out Campus.



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is our responsibility to pass it along as a gift to the larger community for the betterment of others. Service-learning is one way to participate in this worthwhile endeavor.

Service-learning, simply put, is the integration of community engagement into a course's curriculum. After learning about a particular topic from a professor or textbook, students are able to put their skills into practice in a useful, community setting. Those in Stetson's education

program, for example, find themselves in area schools mentoring children with learning disabilities or

language deficiencies. Students of Spanish put into practice their language skills in the Pierson community with a population of migrant workers.

Rather than simply reading about grammatical rules, such students are able to make a difference by hosting English and computer literacy classes. Business students impact historically poor neighborhoods by teaching seminars on financial planning and tax preparation. In each of these ways, Stetson students are using their skills and talents to break generational cycles of poverty and oppression! What better way could there be to pass along the gift of education?

Many confuse "volunteering" with service-learning. Service-learning courses are unique, in that they provide an academic setting for volunteer work. Students earn academic credit by reading books, writing papers, and making presentations about subjects that directly relate to those social issues they are working to correct. More importantly, service-learning classes allow students the opportunity to formally and informally reflect on their experiences. This component of reflection allows students to internalize those life-

lessons learned during the course of the semester.

Dr. Greg Sapp, the Hal S. Marchman Professor of Civic and Social Responsibility, works tirelessly to promote the growth of Stetson's service-learning program. Each month, he gathers those faculty involved in service-learning to discuss ideas and plans for future classes. As students and faculty get more involved in this worthwhile, academic pursuit, the program will be sure to grow larger. Already, there are students working in communities world-wide on environmental initiatives, micro-credit programs, and youth empowerment.

The benefits of service-learning courses are endless. As advising approaches, be sure to explore the many classes made available by faculty. Service-learning courses are offered in almost every discipline, allowing students to easily integrate them into a variety of degree-programs. The experience will surely be a life-changing one.



The Opesites and the Noopes

By Sean Tamm

In the beginning, there were the Opesites and the ‘have-nots.’ A grand canyon tore the two environments apart since their inception. The Opesites lived comfortable lives within solid walls and water-proof roofs. Over on the Opesites side of the canyon, the ice cream was good for you and the broccoli delicious. The Opesites were proud of the lives which they had constructed and the products they produced and consumed. Wealth was not a rare commodity. Wealth circulated like pennies. Wealth instilled in every smile, inculcated into every happy thought. Decadence.

The Opesites looked across this divide and saw the ‘have-nots.’ Pity penetrated the heart of every ‘have.’ The Noopes lived with so little. They were without structures. They were without gourmet foods. Sometimes they went without food. The Opesites stared across the canyon to the Noopes and whispered of their unfortunate state.

“Oh what little they have!”

“Oh what little they own!”

“What a shame.”

“We are so blessed.”

Echoes of paternalism wandered through the canyon as the Opesites spoke of everything the Noopes did not possess. The Opesites felt that something must be done. They felt they must remedy this situation and cure this disease of not having.

They must take responsibility for the ‘have-nots.’ The Opesites mustered their fellow citizens and decided that providing for the Noopes would be their duty and their task. This goal, like all others the Opesites surmised, would be carried out until completion. And then, Celebration! Once the evil foe of poverty has been vanquished into the depths of the canyon, and once the idea of not having has been squelched from everyone’s memories, and once the Opesites generously, oh so generously, spreads their belongings to the ‘have-nots,’ they have won their battle and shall jubilate their successes.

“Community Service!” They shouted as they built bridge to bring gift to the ‘have-nots.’ The bridge was crafted adroitly out of beautiful ribbon and streamers, a celebration of the help to come. The Noopes rejoiced at the coming of the ‘haves,’ they brought things for them. Useful gadgets! Toys! Food!

“Oh you wonderful people!

“We are so grateful!”

But the Opesites soon had to leave to attend their wealth. The shiny brass needed polishing. The pets needed feeding. Furniture needed dusting. And so the Opesites crossed back to their land on the ribbon and streamer bridge. The Noopes waved goodbye and cried when the Opesites left.

The Opesites felt such joy for all they had done. They had won

over the Noopes hearts. They made friends. The Opesites were convinced their efforts were of great sacrifice and merit.

“Look what we accomplished!”

“Look how happy we made them!”

“We provided them with a smile!”

And the bridge of streamers and ribbon collapsed soon after the Opesites had left.

A year later, the previous events were relived--vividly. The Opesites came. They gave. They left. The Opesites marveled at their own generosity. The infinite love and care they showed these people who are without concretized the moral behavior with which the Opesites claimed to carry themselves.

And a year later, the same.

And a year later.

And the Noopes remained ‘have-nots.’

**“True community service
is wrought with
social change.”
- Sean Tamm**

The Outlet is a new community service newsletter available to the Stetson community each month. If you have any questions or concerns, please direct them to either Savannah-Jane Atkins (satkins@stetson.edu) or Abbie Heisner (alheisne@stetson.edu).

UPCOMING COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS

October 2007

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
21	22	23	24	25	26 ITS Volunteering Day	27 Dick Bach Run Buddy Walk Habitat for Humanity
28 Mariner's Mardi Gras	29 Boys and Girls Club Halloween Event	30	31 Pi Beta Phi Links to Literacy Week begins			

October 26

- Into the Streets Volunteering Day 3:00-6:00 pm in front of the CUB

October 27

- Dick Bach Run Chi Sigma Iota
- Habitat for Humanity Build 8:00 am in front of the CUB
- 2007 Buddy Walk to raise money for the National Down Syndrome Society 9:30 am—12:00 pm at Earl Brown Park. Meet in front of the CUB at 9:15 am.

October 28

- Delta Sigma Phi's Mariner's Mardi Gras to benefit the Red Cross 11:00 am—3:00 pm at the Hollis Center Pool

October 29

- Boys and Girls Club Halloween Event 6:00 pm—8:30 pm at the Spring Hill Boys and Girls Club

October 31—November 2

- Links to Literacy Week

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				1 Pi Beta Phi Links to Literacy Week →	2	3
4 Greenfeather 2007 →	5	6	7	8	9	10 ITS Volunteering Day Habitat for Humanity →
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 ITS Volunteering Day DeLand Arts Festival Habitat for Humanity

November 4-10

- Greenfeather 2007

November 10

- Into the Streets Volunteering Day 10:00 am in front of the CUB
- Habitat for Humanity Build 8:00 am in front of the CUB

November 17

- Into the Streets Volunteering Day 10:00 am in front of the CUB
- Service Station volunteering at the DeLand Arts Festival
- Habitat for Humanity Build 8:00 am in front of the CUB

If your organization has any upcoming service events and would like them featured in *The Outlet*, please e-mail them to Abbie Heisner at alheisne@stetson.edu.