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The New Δ Class April 26, 2007



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Tennessee



Kyle Garrett Twaites '05
(Honorary)
Second president of the
Fisk Sinfonics (2003–2004),
pursuing the ideals of Phi
Mu Alpha Sinfonia.

Brothers gather in front of the Harris
Music Building late at night.



Spring Fling 2007 University of Tennessee at Martin



The annual Spring Fling was hosted by ΣΨ at the UTM on April 28. Activities included the Mills Music Mission, a farewell for Province Governor Adam Burnick, and the introduction of Terry McRoberts as the new Province Governor. The barbeque featured hamburgers made with corn-fed local beef.



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Valentines Day Serenade Heats Up Cafeteria

On February 14, the men of Zeta Rho set up a special chair in the “caf.” The chair was draped in red. Women were invited to sit in the chair to experience special moments from the men of Phi Mu Alpha. Songs included *Serenade to a Girl* and *Let Me Call You Sweetheart*. Instrumental music was provided as well.

A second objective for the activity is to increase visibility on campus.



Faith Manning sits in the “hot seat” and receives a serenade from Joshua Jeter. Photo courtesy of Cassandra Sawyers. Bottom, Faith is serenaded by Rashaan Forbes, saxophone. Photo courtesy of Danielle Harris.

Man Power: Supporting the Negro Spiritual Scholarship Foundation and a GEM

The Zeta Rho Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha continues to provide service to the Fisk Music Department and to the musical community at large. On February 24, when the Music Department hosted the preliminary auditions for the Negro Spiritual Scholarship Foundation, Zeta Rho was responsible for setting up the Music Building and the Appleton Room. High school seniors competed for the opportunity to sing in the finals at the Memphis Opera in April.

Phi Mu Alpha and Sigma Alpha Iota chapters at Austin Peay State University, Tennessee State University and Fisk University are assisting in the first-ever collaborative effort among music departments from the three universities. The project, Gallery of Exemplary Musicians (GEMs) will preserve, promote and celebrate significant composers who have a Tennessee connection. The first composer to be recognized will be Clarence Cameron White (1880–1960). The representative from Zeta Rho is Terez Bennett (new Γ class).

Money Power: Music for Mississippi



The Fisk Jazz Ensemble provided the finale performance at the Music for Mississippi concert at Steinway Piano Gallery. The event raised money for music teachers who lost their livelihood in the 2005 hurricanes. Performers included Bob Marler, Dan Landes, Gabe Dixon, Marilyn Shields, Steve Hyman, Rivers Rutherford, Kent Blazy, and Jesse Lee Jones. The Jazz Ensemble, the only collegiate group at the event, is 66% Sinfonians.

Music Power: Donna McElroy '72, serenaded after recital at Fisk

Fisk Alumna Donna McElroy, Professor from the Berklee School of Music, Boston, Massachusetts, performed a recital at Fisk on February 27 as part of the Nashville Jazz Workshops. After several improvisations that included scats of



the names of audience members Matthew Kennedy, Valija Bumbulis, and L. M. Collins, and performances of a variety of jazz and pop styles, she was serenaded by Sinfonians from Fisk, MTSU, and Howard. McElroy has arranged and sung back-up on gold and platinum releases by Reba McEntire, Garth Brooks, Amy Grant, BeBe and CeCe Winans, and many others. She received a Grammy nomination for her own pop-gospel album, *Bigger World*, and won a Dove award for her contribution to the inspirational compilation album, *Songs from the Loft*. She has appeared on *The Tonight Show* and the Grammy Awards, received a best actress award in 1993 for the Circle Players' performance of *Nunsense*, and traveled throughout the world pursuing her musical and missionary work. She is the author of the DVD *Vocal Practice for Performance* (Berklee Press).



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