



# THE YARD

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## The #D9Tailgate : Fun, Unity, and Pride

Jessica Archer, Historian

Starting just before noon on homecoming morning, black students and alumni alike filled the entire Nyumburu patio and parking lot for Maryland's first official NPHC Homecoming Tailgate! While Nyumburu served food on the patio for the Black Alumni Association, NPHC fraternities and sororities hosted current students, family, friends and of course their prophytes (NPHC alumni) to a feast along with lots of music and fun. Alumni commented on how it was great to see the whole "yard" work together, as each organization contributed something different to the cookout. Alumni and visitors also enjoyed seeing the current chapter members stroll, socialize, and enjoy their time together.



## Quote of the Month

"Most only dream. I wrote down my goals and how to achieve them. Its only a dream until you write it down. Then, it's a goal."

Emmitt Smith, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc.

Use  
#D9Thursdays  
On Twitter

## It is Election Time

Alexa Pierre, VP of Public Relations

With the presidential election quickly approaching us, much of the UMD community has become increasingly involved in America's political atmosphere. Various groups around campus, including the NPHC have been actively ensuring the campus community is registered to vote. It is also our goal to help students remain informed on candidates platforms on issues regarding the country, its policies, and its economy. As the election date draws closer, political conversations are heating up throughout the diverse campus community. College students and young voters are an important demographic in the 2012 election. Young people, ages 18-29 make up 21% of the voting eligible population in the U.S. In the past few election years, young voter turnout tripled and even quadrupled in many primary states. Overall, young voter turnout rose to 51 percent in 2008, an increase of two percentage points from the 2004 Presidential election. These statistics confirm the significance of becoming involved in the voting process because the youth demographic can possibly be the deciding factor. Although the Maryland voter registration deadline has passed, out of state students may still be able to request absentee ballots. For more information on early voting or polling sites visit [terpsvote.umd.edu](http://terpsvote.umd.edu).

## Monthly Showcase: Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated

The brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated were matched up with Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority and Phi Delta Theta Fraternity in the University of Maryland Homecoming Week Matchup competitions and took home the First Place Overall Trophy after coming in first place in Homecoming Skits as well as the Greek Flag Football Tournament. Congratulations Kappa Alpha Psi!

## What's Happening

### NOVEMBER 2012

5<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>: Kappa Phi Chapter, DST is hosting an ongoing Clothing Drive - Boxes will be located inside Nyumburu.

6<sup>th</sup>: "Who's That Girl? (Informational)  
7:22pm, Benjamin Banneker Room  
(Stamp) Sigma Gamma Rho

7<sup>th</sup>: "Miss Black and Gold Informational",  
6pm Terp room A, Alpha Phi Alpha

7<sup>th</sup>: "Eat This, Not That" 7pm Armory 0131,  
Delta Sigma Theta

8<sup>th</sup>: "Breast Cancer Awareness Event " 7pm  
Colony Ballroom, Kappa Alpha Psi

9<sup>th</sup>: "Project Alpha" 3 pm Riverdale Baptist  
School, Alpha Phi Alpha

15<sup>th</sup>: "I Wanna Be A..." Career Workshop  
7:22pm Margaret Brent B (Stamp)  
Sigma Gamma Rho

17<sup>th</sup>: Community Service, 1pm  
Alpha Phi Alpha

17<sup>th</sup>: St. Jude's Walk - 9:30am Washington,  
D.C. , Delta Sigma Theta

18<sup>th</sup>: "Praise w/ Sigmas "11-12:30pm West  
Chapel , Sigma Gamma Rho

18<sup>th</sup>: Dining Hall Clean up, South Diner,  
Phi Beta Sigma



Members of Kappa Alpha Psi, with the after the Dedication Ceremony (Taken Oct 22, 2012)