

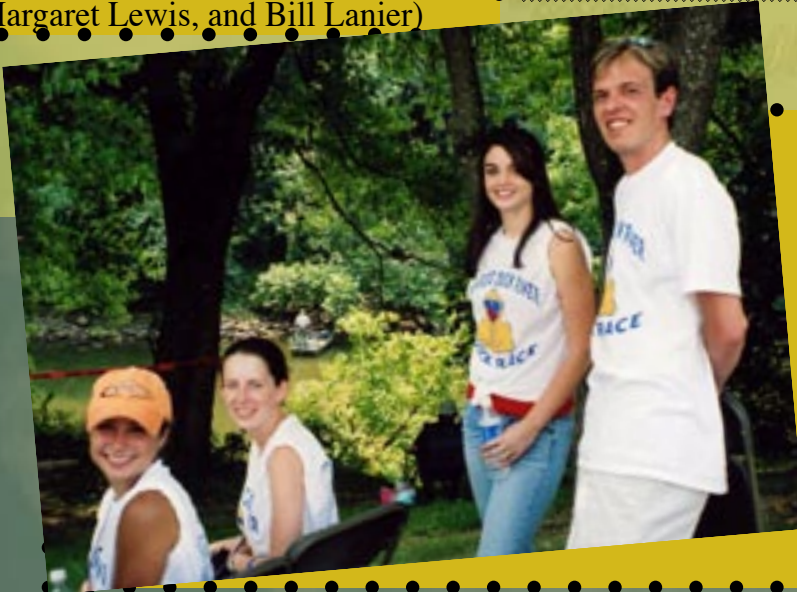
**BETA KAPPA THETA NEWSLETTER**



l to r: Dale Hobbs, Denny Rogers, Dave Rogers, and advisor Tammy Borren

**Great Duck Race on the Duck**

Our chapter volunteered and helped out with the Maury County Boys & Girls Club's annual Great Duck Race on the Duck fundraiser. The event was held on August 6. There were 9 of us there from PTK. We were assigned to "crowd control" which mainly meant we were stationed along the bank of the river to prevent kids from getting too close and falling in. (Pictured below are Brandi Mason, Bethany Woodard, Margaret Lewis, and Bill Lanier)



**International Honors Institute in Las Vegas**



What better place to study popular culture than Las Vegas? Over the summer, three of our own Phi Theta Kappans were able to attend the International Honors Institute in Las Vegas, Nevada. Williamson County President Bill Lanier, Columbia Campus President Helaina Persinger and Co-Advisor Lacey Bennis attended the event in June. The Institute consisted of eight general sessions examining the Honors Study Topic, Popular Culture: Shaping and Reflecting Who We Are. Presenters covered topics ranging from a sociological study of America's gambling behaviors to a debate over political bias in the news media. Each general session was followed by seminar

discussion groups to further analyze the topic.

Along with the general sessions, attendees were treated to a private show of Rick Thomas' magic act, complete with smoke and tigers. After the show, there was a question and answer session with Mr. Thomas, but no magic secrets were revealed. On R&R day, there was lots of sight-seeing and touring to be done. Over the six days, everyone in attendance learned more about popular culture and made friendships to last a lifetime.



Helaina Persinger, Columbia Campus President, Advisor Lacey Bennis and Bill Lanier, Williamson County Campus President. at International Honors Institute

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**Beta Kappa Theta chapter of PTK raises \$877 dollars for the Maury County Heart Association**



The Heart Walk was held on the Columbia State campus on September 24. PTK had a team that included advisor Lacey Benns and Vice President for Leadership Jeff Blocker (in front in this photo) and starting just over Ms. Benns' right shoulder, Katelyn Theel, a guest of Jeff Blocker, Barbara Woodard, Bethany Woodard's mom, President Helaina Persinger, Vice President for Scholarship Bethany Woodard, and new Vice President of Service Brandi Mason. Partially concealed behind Bethany and Brandi are advisors Tammy Borren and Jan Whitley

**Upcoming Events**

PTK Meeting – Columbia Campus  
**October 5** at 3:30pm in C212

PTK Orientation for Prospective Members  
 Columbia Campus – **October 12** at 3:30pm in C212

Williamson County Campus – **October 12** at 4:30pm

Honors Seminar #1 Sexualization of Culture  
**October 13** at 3:30pm in Hickman 123

Fall Induction Ceremony  
**October 23** at 3:00pm in Ledbetter Auditorium

Honors Seminar #2 Fashion Culture  
**October 27** at 3:30 in Hickman 123

Regional Honors Conference  
 Henry Horton State Park  
**October 28 – 29**

PTK Meeting – Columbia Campus  
**November 2** at 3:30pm in Clement 212

Honors Seminar #3 Shattering Stereotypes  
**November 7** at 3:30pm in Hickman 123

PTK Founders' Day  
**November 19**

Honors Seminar #4 Born to Buy  
**November 30** at 3:30pm in Hickman 123

PTK Meeting – Columbia Campus  
**December 7** at 3:30pm in Clement 212

**NEW CHAPTER OFFICER**

Regrettably Denny Rogers and Tamelia Lindsay were unable to return to Columbia State this Fall. Brandi Mason who was active with PTK this past summer has agreed to be the new Vice President of Scholarship, replacing Denny.

**Readership Returns**

Thanks to a generous grant from the Columbia State Foundation the Beta Kappa Theta chapter of PTK has been able to bring the USA Today / Phi Theta Kappa Community College Readership Program back to the Columbia State campuses for a second year.

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**Phi Theta Kappa Tennessee Region Leadership Conference**

The annual Phi Theta Kappa Tennessee Region Leadership Conference was held on the campus of Martin Methodist College on July 22-23. Thirteen PTK chapters were represented. Our own chapter, Beta Kappa Theta, served as the host for the event. We helped make food and lodging arrangements with Martin Methodist, handled registration for each chapter in advance, registered each participant on arrival at the conference, and assigned dorm rooms. We also provided Columbia State folders with programs and note pads, Columbia State pens, and Columbia State Charger plastic cups with candy for each participant. And, we were responsible for snacks for Friday night and Saturday morning. It was a tremendous undertaking, but one that was very much appreciated by our fellow PTK members and advisors who attended from throughout the Tennessee Region. Beta Kappa Theta chapter officers attended the entire conference and served as excellent hosts. Advisors Lacey Bennis, Tammy Borren, and Barry Gidcomb were also in attendance.



Bethany Woodard, Bill Lanier, and Helaina Persinger