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This past semester has been busy and exciting for the Rho Rho chapter of Sigma Delta Pi. Fall 2013 Officers Sarah Glenski (Presidenta), Lisa Clark (Vicepresidenta), Paige Bergan (Secretaria), Alicia Bowden (Tesorera), Elizabeth Vanover (Historiadora), and Izzi Grossman (Administradora del sitio web) worked hard along with other members to provide events promoting a deeper understanding of Hispanic culture to Truman State's campus. Events included presentations

over the Spanish Civil War, a free screening of *Pan's Labyrinth*, and a Study Abroad Photo Contest. Ongoing events included the weekly radio show, *Sonidos*, a bi-weekly book club, and fundraising. Read on to see more about these stories from the members' perspectives.

Below: Fall 2013 Executive Members

Left to right: Izzi Grossman, Lisa Clark, Sarah Glenski, Alicia Bowden, Elizabeth Vanover, Paige Bergan



La música de *Sonidos*

Wanting to provide an opportunity for Truman students and the community to hear music in Spanish, Presidenta Sarah Glenski formed the Sigma Delta Pi radio show, *Sonidos*, on

KTRM 88.7. Glenski organized the show and selected music for each themed week. Themes included alternative and reggaeton music among others. Members Lauren Baker, Paige

Bergan, and Izzi Grossman acted as co-hosts. The playlists can be accessed at sigmadeltapi.truman.edu under the "Radio" tab.

La guerra civil española



Members ready to give their presentation. Left to right: Sarah Glenski, Paige Bergan, Elise Keller

Cultural presentations are an important part of Sigma Delta Pi's commitment to bringing awareness of Hispanic history and culture to campus. The theme of the cultural presentations for this semester was the Spanish Civil War. Presidenta Sarah Glenski lead the presentations and designed them to provide a historical background for the *Pan's Labyrinth* screening later in

the semester.

Presentations were divided among the beginnings of war, the war itself, and the post-war period. Two exchange students from Burgos helped present at the last presentation to share their families' experiences as well.

Glenski picked this topic because "[she] thought it would be good for more

people to learn about [the Spanish Civil War] because so much more focus in history has tended to go towards other things such as Hitler and World War II," and she wanted to introduce students to a topic with which they might not be as familiar, but still had an immense impact on history.

El laberinto del fauno

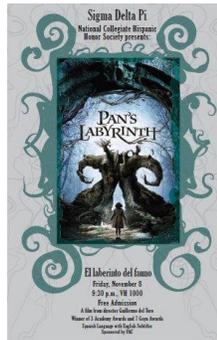
To culminate the cultural presentations over the Spanish Civil War, Rho Rho held a free screening of *Pan's Labyrinth* with support from the Funds Allotment Council (FAC).

Sarah Glenski and alumna, Rachel Patterman, worked hard to obtain funding for the event, and Lisa Clark

and Tara Korff created a banner to advertise the screening to the campus.

Members made a brief presentation over the historical period of the movie in order to provide context and better understanding for students watching the movie.

The event was quite a success! Over 100 students attended the viewing, making it one of our chapter's premiere events of the semester.



Movie poster for *Pan's Labyrinth*

Leer entre líneas

"It's nice to be able to read the novel at your own pace instead of rushing through it."

-Amy Soto

While studying Spanish, most students are busy with assigned reading, but this semester several students participated in a book club to read a book in Spanish for fun.

The club was open to all Spanish students above the

intermediate level. They decided to read the mystery novel, *La sombra del viento* by Carlos Ruiz Zafón.

Students enjoyed being able to discuss literature outside of the classroom and to see how it related to Spanish history and culture. New

member Amy Soto said, "It's nice to be able to read the novel at your own pace instead of rushing through it and [to see] how the book related to historical events of the Spanish Civil War."

Una imagen vale más que mil palabras



Winning photo for “People” category. Photo by Sam Gienke. Ferreñafe, Perú

A study abroad photo contest was held to bring aware-

ness of Truman students’ experiences in Spanish-speaking countries. The contest was held on Facebook, and the winner was selected based on the number of “likes” his or her photo received.

New member, Samantha Gienke, won the “People” category with her photo (featured left). Gienke en-

tered the contest because she had just been to Peru. The boys in her photo lived in the orphanage she volunteered at. Gienke took this photo because, she says, “I spent so much time with these little guys and really connected well with them.”



Winning photo for “Places” category. Photo by Danny Buenger. Guanacaste, Costa Rica

Día de los Muertos

To celebrate the holiday, Día de los Muertos, members gave a presentation complete with a decorated altar. Dr. José Carreño Medina also spoke about a pueblo near his city and the practices and traditions there.

Following the presentation, members served skull cookies, empanadas, chocolate candies, and other traditional foods. The combination of food and physical decorations helped make the presentation more effective and interesting.

Member Emma Merrigan helped with the presentation, and said “I’ve seen lots of pictures of traditional altars but had never seen one in person. It made the presentation more authentic to have the actual artifacts in the room. “

Bienvenidos a los miembros nuevos

Current members and faculty attended the Fall 2013 initiation to welcome sixteen new members who were initiated on Saturday, December 7 at the Catholic Newman Center.

Dinner, consisting of tapas

and many other Spanish dishes, was prepared by members and was *delicioso!*

New initiates included Derek Benjamin, Candice Bobbitt, Michelle Ehrhard, Rachel Evans, Shari Fieser, Samantha Gienke, Hanna

Holmgren, Michelle Krahenbuhl, Connor Madden, Stephen Milburn, Elizabeth Moser, Amy Soto, Brittany Temple, Erin Thompson, Binh Tran, and Andrea Watkins Davis.



Initiation will all members present. Photo by Elizabeth Vanover Davis.



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Alumni Outreach

Member Derek Benjamin has taken on the role of Alumni Outreach Chair.

He would love to hear from alumni regarding their lives after Truman, especially anything related to Spanish.

Please do not hesitate to contact him via Sigma Delta Pi's email. He would love to open communication with all alumni, and we would like to include an Alumni News section in our revista, beginning with the next issue.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Giving to Rho Rho

The financial support of alumni and those who appreciate Hispanic culture allows us to continue our mission of educating our campus. Please consider supporting the Rho Rho Chapter of Sigma Delta Pi to help the chapter continue to be successful. Rho Rho is grateful for any donations, big or small!

Give to Rho Rho online by going to the following webpage: sigmadeltapi.truman.edu/giving-to-rho-rho/. Simply fill out the Online Giving Form and put "Sigma Delta Pi – Rho Rho Chapter Fund" next to "Other" on the form.

A downloadable form is also available to print and send by mail.

¡Muchísimas gracias!



Skull cookies that people could decorate themselves was a fundraiser held on Día de los Muertos

Vera Piper Endowed Scholarship

The Vera Piper Endowed Scholarship has been established to recognize the remarkable contributions of Vera Gómez Piper, former Spanish professor and honorary Rho Rho member; this scholarship will be available to students seeking to study abroad, especially for Truman's summer Costa Rica program.

After several different quesadilla fundraisers, our chapter was able to donate money in thanks to Professor Piper.

For more information or to contribute: giving.truman.edu/VeraPiper.asp