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No business like show business

Chi Omega to host 24th annual Songfest, "Give My Regards to Broadway"

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Every year since she was a freshman, Kathryn Phillips has been involved with Songfest. Phillips, a member of Kappa Alpha Theta and a senior English major will perform in Songfest with Kappa Alpha Theta/Brotherhood of Christian Aggies.

"I love dancing and performing, so Songfest is a great outlet for me to get to do the things I enjoy," Phillips said.

Sponsored by Chi Omega, Songfest is a variety, Vaudeville-type show which brings together various campus organizations to compete for the Songfest title.

Traditionally, a men's and women's organization form a team and perform a seven-minute song and dance routine, usually relating to the theme of the year.

This year, the 24th annual Songfest entitled "Give My Regards to Broadway," will take place at 7 p.m. in Rudder Theater on Saturday, Nov. 23. All proceeds from Songfest ticket sales will go to the Brazos Valley Rehabilitation Center. In addition to the thrill of performing, there are many benefits to participating in Songfest, Phillips said.

"I've had a great time with my sorority sis-

ters through the years doing Songfest," Phillips said. "Songfest builds morale for each chapter or organization that participates and is good public relations for them too."

Erin O'Donnell, this year's Songfest chairman and a member of Chi Omega, said preparation for the show began in March 2002.

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sophomore biomedical sciences major

"So much preparation has gone into Songfest this year," O'Donnell said. "Communication with the acts is especially important so that they know what and how to perform."

She said the members of Chi Omega are appreciative of the hard work the participants put into the show every year.

"The 10 acts we have this year have been working diligently and consistently," she said. "They practice about two times a week for around two to three hours. This year some groups will be performing actual musical numbers while others will put a modern spin on the Broadway music."

According to O'Donnell, Songfest is a family-appropriate show and is entertaining for all ages — including her 7-year-old sister who has attended Songfest every year since O'Donnell was a freshman.

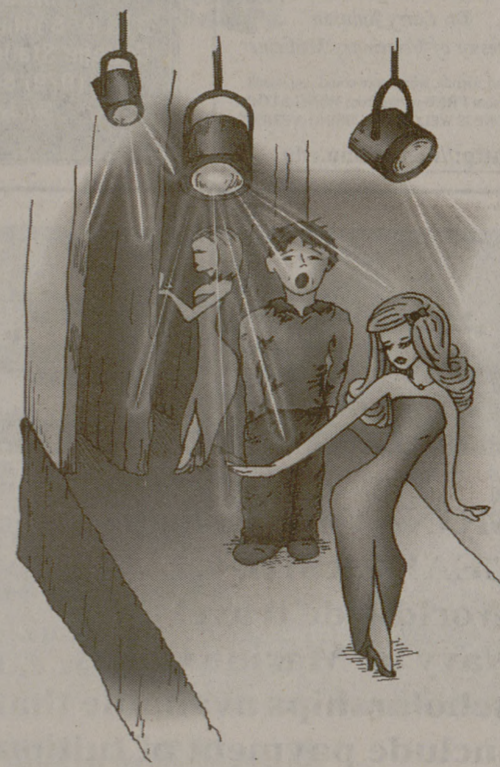
Because Chi Omega hosts Songfest, its members cannot participate in a competing group; however, new members have the opportunity to open the show.

"It's a little intimidating performing in front of 2,500 people, but it's so much fun and we grow very close as a chapter," O'Donnell said.

Lauren Groover, a member of Sigma Phi Lambda and a sophomore biomedical sciences major, will be a rookie participant in this year's Songfest.

Groover said she has enjoyed the practices and the opportunity to work with other college students and create a successful end product.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Bidding on Eminem's former home surpasses \$1 million

WARREN, Mich. (AP) — Bidding for one of Eminem's boyhood homes has surpassed \$1 million on an Internet auction site.

The modest Warren home, listed on eBay since Thursday, was appraised at \$91,000. Bidding opened at \$120,000, and by Tuesday afternoon, the high bid was more than \$1 million.

"It's just amazing the response we're getting," said Sebastian Lucido, a Utica attorney who bought the house with Roland Frascchetti, a Macomb County commissioner and real estate developer.

Eminem's uncle, Todd Nelson, sold the house this month for \$45,000 to Lucido and Frascchetti. The 1,300-square-foot home has three bedrooms and two bathrooms. It was built in 1940 and has been in Eminem's family for at least 50 years, Frascchetti said.

"Sure, some of the bids could just be people showboating, but you have to figure with that number of people, some have to be legitimate," Frascchetti told *The Macomb Daily* of Mount Clemens for a Tuesday story.

The Web site, which includes pictures, had more than 18,000 hits in less than four days, Lucido told *The Detroit News*.

Bids on eBay will be accepted until Dec. 14 at 5 p.m.

D'Angelo resists arrest, subdued with pepper spray

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Grammy-winning R&B singer D'Angelo had to be subdued with pepper spray after he resisted arrest on misdemeanor charges of aggressive driving and other counts, police said.

Chesterfield police said they went to D'Angelo's suburban Richmond home after a confrontation he reportedly had with a woman at a gas sta-

tion Sunday. The singer, whose real name is Michael Eugene Archer, allegedly cursed at the woman and spit on her after he cut her off in his sport utility vehicle, police said.

D'Angelo allegedly resisted police as they tried to arrest him Monday and had to be subdued with the spray, Maj. James B. Bourque said.

The 28-year-old singer was released on his recognizance pending a Jan. 15 appearance in Chesterfield General Court.



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