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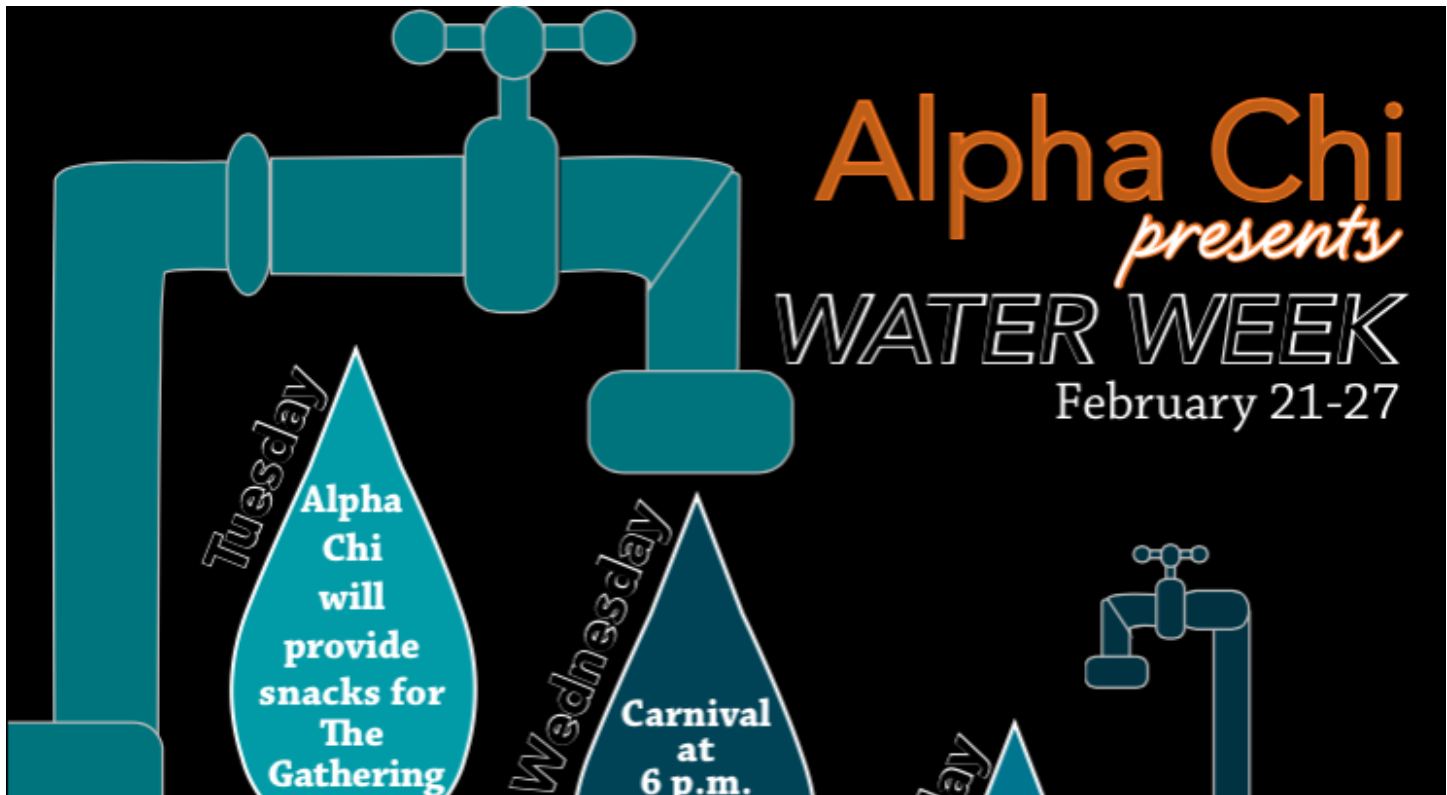
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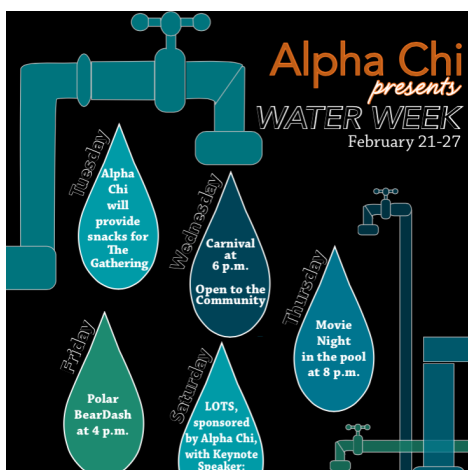
Alpha Chi raises money for South African village



by Ellen Laws

Gardner-Webb University's Alpha Chi Honor Society presents Water Week, to raise money for BAWA Health Initiative. All funds raised will be used to provide clean water for the people in Africa.

According to their website bawahealth.org, "Bawa is a rural village of more than 400 people in the West Province of Cameroon, Africa located about 10.5 miles to the southwest of the regional commercial city of Dschang."



The BAWA Health Initiative seeks to prevent treatable disease from killing children and families living in Cameroon, West Africa. They have multiple areas in which they are provide for within the Bawa village such as, providing clean water wells and answering better healthcare through the construction of medical care facilities.

Their goal is to promote these health initiatives among the people and help them become self-sufficient at providing better living conditions and healthcare.

Alpha Chi Honor Society President, Charity Byrum, said, "Alpha Chi will have three main fundraising events throughout the week. Wednesday evening, February 25 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Alpha Chi is joining with other clubs and athletic teams to create a Water Carnival for GWU students and the Cleveland County Community."

There will be water themed games for all ages to participate in for a small donation, as well as homemade caramel apples for sale and other baked goods.

On Thursday, February 26 at 8 p.m., Alpha Chi will be partnering with psychology club to host a movie night in the Bost pool. There will be a small donation required for entry and free snacks will be available to enjoy during the film.

On Friday, February 27 at 4 p.m., Alpha Chi will be hosting the Polar Bear Splash. The Polar Bear Splash is a 4 by 25 relay race and a donation is required for entry. There will be a prize for the winning team and only one swim team member per team will be allowed in the competition.

On Saturday, February 28, the LOTS conference will be held in Tucker Student Center, where Dennis Richardson, founder of the BAWA Health Initiative, will be speaking.

Byrum said, "All money raised throughout the week will be donated to the BAWA Health Initiative on Saturday, February 28. We will present the money directly to Richardson."

If you would like more information about the Bawa village you can visit www.bawahealth.org.