



KAPPA ALPHA ALUMNI NEWSLETTER



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UTM Greek Community Update

Spring semester is proving to be very eventful for the UTM Greek community this year! A number of projects are ongoing and some very bold initiatives have been passed by the student leadership in the Interfraternity Council.

The IFC delegation returned from the Southeastern Interfraternity Conference with a number of great ideas and several were implemented rapidly. In recorded UTM Greek history, the IFC has never had minimum gpa standards for potential new members (rushees) to participate in the recruiting processes (rush). By unanimous vote, beginning in Fall 2003 entering freshmen must possess a minimum 2.25 gpa coming out of high school and transfer students a 2.20 cumulative to be eligible for IFC recruiting. Both standards are currently higher than the university minimum to maintain "active" status for chapters. Also, along the recruiting lines, this will be the first time ever that IFC and Panhellenic will have on-line recruiting applications. A potential new member can visit the Greek Life website and register for recruiting there. These applications are currently live.

Additionally, the delegation spoke

with numerous schools in attendance at the conference about adding enthusiasm or ways to generate additional interests in the fraternity life at their schools, almost to a school, the answer they received was "expansion". After returning to UTM and looking at male numbers, plus time elapsed since the previous expansion, among other things, again, in a unanimous vote, IFC opened the campus to expansion. As of this writing three finalists have been named for the slot and will be visiting campus from the 24th to the 29th. Since the window closed on proposals to be submitted, as an interesting side note, four other organizations have formally expressed interest in the UTM fraternal community and coming to our campus in the very near future. The IFC Officers have approached the process as a formal interview for both sides and are pursuing this project to best insure success while not hindering any current members.

What could potentially be the boldest step yet for UTM greeks is the possible addition of new housing. As you are probably aware, the Panhellenic affiliates have long since outgrown the lodges they currently occupy in the Grove apartments on campus. Approximately two years ago a

move started to get greek housing as a priority for upcoming construction projects. Earlier this semester, I am pleased to say, land was allocated on the campus master map for this very purpose (which was the first step). The land is the test land located between Peach Street and Hannings Lane behind the Pike and ATO houses. As the land began to be "lotted" it became apparent that there were several spots that could be occupied by other groups also. Since that time two fraternities and the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) affiliates have expressed an interest in this project and one lot has been set aside for a potential Panhellenic expansion project in the future. A sample set of blueprints have been acquired and the architect for the project is currently working with them to design a financially feasible solution.

If you would like to keep up with what is going on, or just want to check in with us please feel free to contact me at 731-587-7525 or dbubrig@utm.edu. You can also reach us on the web at <http://www.utm.edu/~utmlife/greeklife>.

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State of the Order

I would like to start off by thanking everyone, especially the alumni advisory committee, for their advice, assistance and support since the beginning of my term as president. If not for you, our chapter would not have made it through a rocky period in our history. Instead of viewing these events as a stumbling block, the active chapter saw them as a catalyst for change. The chapter has made great strides in new member education, relations with the community, National Administrative Office, and the University.

In January we initiated four new men into our Order. We also received a visit from Education and Leadership Consultant Jesse Lyons and Province Commander Jim Lawson on the 12th. During the visit, Brothers Lawson and Lyons outlined the new guidelines for our chapter to follow in order for us to remain a chartered chapter. During January some positive changes were made to the house. We have a new Trane heating and air unit, and we also have a new 60 inch Hitachi big screen TV which saw much use during the Superbowl and March Madness.

February saw the chapter adjusting to the changes and staying very busy. We had a successful rush and inducted 10 new members into our chapter. Also in February the chapter competed in Greekfest competitions. Our pledges competed in Lip Sync and received third place, and our step team also placed third in competition. The

Chapter began to initiate positive change in their image on campus and in the community. We held a commitment drive for LIFELINE Blood Services in which we signed up 50 people to give blood. We also went to Cane Creek Nursing Home with the sisters of ADPi during Valentines Day. We visited with the residents and gave them Valentines Day cards. We attended Province Council in late February in Memphis. Twenty-two brothers made the trip, and we placed third in man-miles.

In March the chapter enjoyed winning the IFC Basketball Championship. We defeated ATO in the semi-finals and defeated Pike in the championship. The brothers also competed in the Annual Lake Charles Softball Tournament. Approximately 30 brothers made the trip. The team played hard, but came up short. They were defeated in the semi-finals by one run.

In April, E & L Consultant Jesse Lyons

returned and saw the progress the chapter had made and also gave suggestions for further improvement. Once again the chapter made a positive impact in the community and the university. The pledge class hosted the First Annual Community Leaders Dinner. Also the active chapter hosted the Second Annual Faculty Dinner. The chapter initiated nine new brothers on April 25th and celebrated on April 26th with the annual Trip Giveaway benefiting MDA. The chapter closed out the semester by having a cookout on the 28th, the last day of classes.

Once again I would like to thank everyone for their support during the past semester. This semester has been one filled with change and achievements, and the past is yet to come. I look forward to the remainder of my term and the prosperity of the Delta Upsilon Chapter.

Fraternally,
Justin Paschall (I)

UTM KA New Members

Shannon Attales	Jackson, TN	Plant & Soil Science	Junior
Brandon Boehms	Gallatin, TN	Business Management	Freshman
Wesley Brasher	Parsons, TN	Communications	Sophomore
Eric Callis	Springfield, TN	Engineering	Freshman
Jamie Fisher	Parsons, TN	Wildlife Biology	Junior
Luke Graves	Nashville, TN	Undeclared	Freshman
Brent Harris	Martin, TN	Communications	Sophomore
Josh Rainey	Jackson, TN	Marketing	Junior
Dewain Riley	Maury City, TN	Plant & Soil Science	Junior

Join Us for the KA Golf Tournament Set for May 17th

The time has come again for the annual alumni golf tournament. It is Saturday, May 17 at the Pickwick Landing State Park Golf Course. The cost is fifty dollars. It is a 4-man scramble, so try to get a team together. If not, we will supply you with one when you arrive. Plaques will be awarded for the first place team, along with prizes for the longest drive and closest to the pin. Tee times begin at 11:24 A.M. Saturday. The cost

will be \$50 per player, which includes green fees, cart and lunch. Alcohol is allowed, but we have been asked to keep it away from the clubhouse. It is a nice course in a nice area.

Please RSVP to Clint Cummins via phone or e-mail. He can provide directions by e-mail or over the phone. Contact Clint at:
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Mark Your Calendar for Homecoming on Saturday 4 October when UTM takes on Tennessee Tech

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