



# KAPPA ALPHA ALUMNI NEWSLETTER



The Kappa Alpha Order at the University of Tennessee at Martin • Summer 2005

From the Housing Corporation President:

## State of the Chapter Is Great!

**D**ear Brothers,  
I come to you with excitement about the many recent achievements and future of Delta Upsilon. Through recent years, our chapter has improved to new levels of excellence. Our chapter has rebounded from difficult times to receive KA National awards like the Most Improved Chapter, and an Ammen Award. Now our chapter stands on the cusp of back-to-back Ammen Awards and is a serious applicant for the Marshall Award. Delta Upsilon currently maintains membership in excess of seventy brothers and continues to grow annually. As a result of the chapter's growth and success along with the condition of the current home of Delta Upsilon, KAM Housing Corporation has been working to dilute the impact of a growing chapter in an already maximized chapter house. We have spent the recent months and years working to position the chapter and



The group of distinguished looking gentlemen are the Founding Charter members of our Chapter that were present at our 30th Anniversary Convivium.

KAM for the next big step necessary to continue chapter growth and excellence.

The celebration of Delta Upsilon's 30th Anniversary was an enjoyable moment for us all that represented an important historical threshold; the alum-

ni base and age have grown to a level capable of providing strong financial support to a variety of small and, more importantly, large needs of the chapter and the alumni have the ability to contribute to the growth and success of our chapter in a competitive environment. As the main priority of KAM, the residence of Delta Upsilon has served us well over the many years, but with years of use by large groups of college students the residence's ability to meet the chapter's demands is diminishing. Most of us have talked and dreamt about a better home for the chapter. KAM and the chapter have concluded that the time for change is now.

Over the past 12-18 months, KAM has made bold steps and plans for the future of the property on Lee Street. KAM voted to perform a capital campaign on a scale that has never been seen in the history of Delta Upsilon. KAM has retained the services of the professional Greek assistance firm, Gilchrist Alumni Management Associates, to perform various services (Continued on Page 2)



The Brothers pictured are Michael Wilson, Director of Chapter Services; Clint Cummins; Larry Stanton Wiese, Executive Director; and Bo Mantooth. Clint and Bo have been hired by Kappa Alpha Order as Educational and Leadership Consultants.

**Housing Corporation Report** (From Page 1) leading up to and assisting in the capital campaign. The first of these services we will utilize is a feasibility study with two goals in mind; to gain a better understanding of our alumni's financial abilities and interest in a capital campaign and to inform and educate Delta Upsilon alumni of our intentions. This study begins with a survey, sent out recently, that will allow alumni to update their personal information as well as provide feedback to various capital campaign questions. This information is crucial to the success of the campaign, making each alumnus response important. Gilchrist and concerned alumni will use the feedback to identify key donors and potential campaign leaders. KAM is working with several alumni and the active chapter to finalize proposals, budgets and business plans for the goals established in the campaign. This information will be presented to the alumni to better inform them of the status of the campaign. Through these steps, coupled with other forms of communication and education with alumni, Gilchrist will work to summarize and forecast results of the potential for a capital campaign. Historically, the results of these feasibility studies are comparable to the results of the actual capital campaigns, leaving us with a clear picture of our options and a course of action. We are confident that our capital campaign results will be at

the high end of the estimates based on YOU!!

There are two plans that will be proposed during the feasibility study, each of which is being finalized as we speak. The ultimate goal will be replacing the current residence with a new facility. This proposal has not been finalized, leaving us with an incomplete picture of the final requirements for a satisfactory facility. Once this proposal is finalized we will have a good estimate of the total cost. Our subordinate goal will be used if the first goal is unattainable. This plan entails the addition of a separate multi-purpose facility that will sit near, but not attached to, the current residence. This facility will be the main location for meetings and social events as well as a kitchen facility with the option of a full service cafeteria for use by the active chapter. This facility will not provide housing, but will remove the stress of confined extracurricular use from the main residence, which in turn will allow the chapter to continue use of the current structure until it can be replaced at a later date. The cafeteria will operate by meal plan and will help generate additional positive cash flow for the chapter and Housing Corporation for use in current and future capital improvements. Both ideas will require a substantial amount of capital and man hours to successfully complete.

Once the feasibility study is com-

plete, we plan to immediately move into the campaign. This will consist of several forms of alumni communication and gatherings. Gilchrist will again work with the alumni to secure pledges to the campaign. Pledges may be a large one-time donation or more manageable donations over a period of years. This campaign will require the involvement by ALL alumni. We will need a group of alumni that are willing to commit to work directly with Gilchrist Associates and assist in leading the campaign. We will also need a leader for each pledge class to coordinate and communicate with his pledge brothers. Involvement by all is crucial, and there will be a role for all who desire to help. No brother will be asked to do more than he is willing, provided alumni involvement is up to expectations. We are moving to an unprecedented level as a group with this project, but can only do this with involvement by all. I hope that you are as excited about the potential changes and opportunities that have begun to unfold. It is easy to look away and say you don't have time, but the real truth is that if we do not act the home that we all grew to love at 522 Lee Street will continue to deteriorate until we can do nothing but demolish it like the "Animal House" at 520. For me, a homecoming celebration in an empty lot or in the University Center would not be the same.

A key to our success will be the continued communication between all parties. Please continue/begin use of the chapter website and forum ([www.kao1865.org](http://www.kao1865.org)) as well as attend chapter and alumni events. We, KAM, are looking forward to the progress and completion of this opportunity to make a difference in the history of Delta Upsilon and hundreds of future gentlemen of the Order. Those that came before us made KA what we learned to love and enjoy, so help us to enhance the experience for the future of Delta Upsilon and in the process renew the joy of Kappa Alpha Order in all our lives.

Anyone interested in making a difference and being involved in the study, campaign, KAM, etc.? Please contact any member of the KAM board, alumni advisory council or the active chapter. My contact information is 615-714-8619 and [jbradwinstead1@yahoo.com](mailto:jbradwinstead1@yahoo.com). Your interest, comments, and assistance are welcome.

Fraternally,  
Brad Winstead  
President,  
KAM Housing Corporation

## UTM Kappa Alpha Officers

Office	Brother	E-mail
I.	Eric Callis	<a href="mailto:ericcallis@hotmail.com">ericcallis@hotmail.com</a>
II.	Brandon Niblock	<a href="mailto:bramnibl@mars.utm.edu">bramnibl@mars.utm.edu</a>
III.	Blake Capps	<a href="mailto:robbcapp@mars.utm.edu">robbcapp@mars.utm.edu</a>
IV	Brent McDonald	<a href="mailto:Micky_ds03@hotmail.com">Micky_ds03@hotmail.com</a>
V.	Ryan Smith	<a href="mailto:rhino_zipr42@hotmail.com">rhino_zipr42@hotmail.com</a>
VI.	Robbie Somerville	<a href="mailto:robbie_somerville@hotmail.com">robbie_somerville@hotmail.com</a>
VII.	Chris Churchill	<a href="mailto:cbchurchill@aol.com">cbchurchill@aol.com</a>
VIII.	Todd Mashour	<a href="mailto:bigdixie1284@yahoo.com">bigdixie1284@yahoo.com</a>
IX.	Brad Jones	<a href="mailto:brj24ka@yahoo.com">brj24ka@yahoo.com</a>

### Committee

Rush	Tony Rodriguez	<a href="mailto:antgrodr@mars.utm.edu">antgrodr@mars.utm.edu</a>
Housing	Nick Griffin	<a href="mailto:ngriffin@hotmail.com">ngriffin@hotmail.com</a>
Brotherhood	Scott Smith	<a href="mailto:scottsmith@yahoo.com">scottsmith@yahoo.com</a>
MDA	Scott Gibbons	<a href="mailto:scoagibs@mars.utm.edu">scoagibs@mars.utm.edu</a>
Comm. Service	Jarod Howell	<a href="mailto:jerodhowell@hotmail.com">jerodhowell@hotmail.com</a>
Scholarship	DJ Norton	<a href="mailto:geodnort@mars.utm.edu">geodnort@mars.utm.edu</a>
Sports	Bart Joyce	<a href="mailto:jambhoyc@mars.utm.edu">jambhoyc@mars.utm.edu</a>
Risk Mgt	Evan Braytenbah	<a href="mailto:justtakeitorleaveit@hotmail.com">justtakeitorleaveit@hotmail.com</a>
T-shirt	Wes Brasher	<a href="mailto:wesbrasher@hotmail.com">wesbrasher@hotmail.com</a>

# State of the Chapter Is Great!

**D**ear Brothers,  
I am proud to say the chapter has just experienced another great year of success. Many improvements have been made that can be contributed to the hard work of the active chapter. With the success the chapter had last year, we knew that it would take a continued effort to maintain the high standards that have been set. The chapter's dedication is what keeps us rising towards excellence.

This past fall, we inducted 30 men into our chapter. This was again the biggest pledge class of all the fraternities and gave us the fourth straight largest pledge class on campus. We were introduced to several new philanthropy events this year including an improved Southern Comfort Week. We offered the winning sorority a donation of the money raised throughout the week towards their philanthropy. This proved to be beneficial due to the enormous success of that week. We were able to raise over \$3000 which was split between MDA and The Ronald McDonald House, Alpha Delta Pi's national philanthropy. The brothers also contributed to the preparation and execution of the West Tennessee Youth Outdoor Jamboree, which has grown to be the world's largest free outdoor jamboree. The hard work put into that event by the brothers earned us an open invitation to participate again next year. Another new event for the brothers was working the Jerry Lewis Telethon for MDA.

During the fall semester the chapter was asked to join the Crusade Program by the National Office. This is an educational and leadership program that focuses on new member education, the Kappa Alpha Laws and Customs, leadership, and life after college. After much debate the chapter decided to take the opportunity and join the program.

The spring semester also brought us another top recruitment class. The chapter managed for the fifth straight semester to induct not only the most but the best new brothers on campus. We were also awarded the All-Sports Trophy at the Greek Banquet. We have managed to win almost every sport on campus. During Greekfest we put forth another untouchable Steppin' performance winning yet again 1st place and best of show.

The brother's annual MDA Trip Give-away proved to be another hit by

raising over \$3000. This put our total amount raised for MDA this year around \$6000. With the continued effort of the active brotherhood we have proved to be one of the Order's best chapters.

In closing, we must always walk forward in this necessary journey for improvement and in the words of our

spiritual founder we must "Do your duty in all things. You cannot do more than your duty; you should never wish to do less." And by living by these words our chapter has no choice. . . but to be EXCELLENT!

Fraternally,  
Eric Callis, President



KA's Championship Softball Team at UT-Martin

## New Initiates

Tyler Asher	Collierville, Tennessee	Undeclared
Brandon Beck	Memphis, Tennessee	Computer Science
Casey Bennett	Dresden, Tennessee	Sports Management
Talon Blevins	Kenton, Tennessee	Undeclared
Jacob Bliss	Hickman County, Tennessee	Nursing
Brandon Chewning	Cornersville, Tennessee	Mathematics
Patrick Curtis	Memphis, Tennessee	Chemistry
Zach DeLaney	Savannah, Tennessee	Biology
Nick Koch	Lavergne, Tennessee	Information Systems
Shawn Mutters	Savannah, Tennessee	Wildlife Biology
John Perry	Joelton, Tennessee	Undeclared
Gary Warren	Clifton, Tennessee	Undeclared

# A Letter from Jim Lawson: The Future's Unlimited

**B**rothers, Everyone likes to support a winner, and the alumni brothers from Delta Upsilon Chapter can proudly proclaim their connection to their undergraduate chapter at UT Martin. During the past four years, with the support of the Alumni Advisory Committee, Delta Upsilon continues to progress from being an average chapter to becoming one of the Order's top chapters. The brothers' consistent efforts have brought recognition from the campus, the province and the National Fraternity.

The chapter's collective leadership continues to improve, and in my opinion, is the best I have seen during my tenure working with the group. Though membership has dramatically increased, you would be proud to know there is a concerted effort by the brothers to uplift the values of the Order and to hold one another accountable to high standards, an area that some chapters tend to avoid. This past spring Delta Upsilon was offered the opportunity by the National Office to participate in the Order's Crusade Program, a rigorous curriculum for select chapters that will maximize

their potential in every aspect. The brothers voted to accept the challenge, and I anticipate Delta Upsilon will become an even better chapter as they embrace the Crusade's educational and programming opportunities.

Friday night April 22 I traveled to Martin to attend the chapter's initiation and to meet with the officers on Saturday a.m. At my request, the initiation team also initiated 3 men from Gamma Omicron Chapter. Their membership is extremely low; 11 initiated men comprise the entire chapter. The brothers from Gamma Omicron and I were very impressed by the ceremony and greatly appreciated Delta Upsilon's brotherly assistance. The initiation team put forth a truly inspirational performance, and it was obvious they had spent considerable time preparing for the presentation.

During the Saturday morning officers' meeting, we discussed various facets of chapter operations, including membership. The brothers anticipate having another successful fall recruitment that will push their numbers even

higher. The chapter has grown from a 30-man chapter to almost 80 members, making Kappa Alpha the largest fraternity on campus, one more than ATO. Given the membership increase, the chapter room is "bursting at the seams" during chapter meetings. As you know, the house is also showing the wear and tear of much use. The housing corporation is exploring ideas and possibilities to expand the current residence or to secure a new one for this deserving chapter.

Brothers, Delta Upsilon is a true testimony to what a chapter can achieve when the leadership and the members work to keep the core values of the Order in the forefront of chapter life. I am so proud of Delta Upsilon's many successes and expect to see them once again recognized at the upcoming Kappa Alpha Convention in Roanoke, Virginia. These men deserve recognition for their successes under the banner of our Noble Order. With caring and supportive alumni brothers behind them, Delta Upsilon's future is unlimited.

Fraternally and sincerely,  
Jim Lawson

From the Alumni Chapter President:

## A Fantastic Year!

**H**omecoming 2004 was great. The Actives cooked us barbecue chicken for Friday night which was washed down by the normal beverages. On Saturday, at least twenty-five alumni attended our Saturday Business meeting, followed by the UT victory over Georgia in the TV room. We were amply fed by two pork shoulders that the Actives cooked slowly all night (delicious).

Now, sit down, the Skyhawks won the Homecoming Game! Many livations were consumed this evening along with visits to two KA parties about town. I look forward to seeing all the Alumni at Homecoming this year on October 8, 2005. (Thanks to Bo Mantooth and all the Actives).

We celebrated our 30th Anniversary at Convivium in Jackson on March 5th. Over sixty Alumni and their lovely ladies attended our two day event. For those who did not attend Convivium, not only were you missed, but you missed a fantastic time! or those who were there, it was

great to see you. Please don't be strangers anymore, we've got a great thing going. (Thanks to Jack Walker & Committee.)

The UTM Nashville group celebrated Terry Cutris' 35th Birthday June 14, 2005 at the Sand Bar. We are starting our Nashville meetings again. I have heard that Jackson and Memphis are also having gathering. Please keep a record of your meetings and forward attendance records to me. KA National has a new Alumni Chapter Award called the William E. Forester Award for Alumni Chapter Achievement. I would like to set up Alumni goals to try and obtain this award in August 2007 in honor of William Forester's assistance in getting our chapter started.

I will be attending the National Convention with the Active Chapter in Roanoke, Virginia from August 3rd to August 7th. On Saturday, we will observe our initiation in the Lee Chapel and tour the new National Headquarters in Lexington. If you need information, call

me at 615-859-9432. We are looking forward to the Actives receiving their Awards for their achievements this year.

You presently have the dues notice in your possession. Please join us by paying the \$25 dues and filling out the survey to help us build a better Chapter. We also need another home! If 500 brothers would give \$10 a month for a year, we would have \$60,000. It adds up, one alumnus cannot do it alone. We need your help for Excellence.

We are also looking at reactivating KA Old South in October. The first year we may have to hold it in Savannah, Georgia. We need to discover where uniforms are available. I am very interested in your responses and ideas. Please Advise!

God Bless you all let's keep KA Excellent!

Your Brother,

Bryan Roehrig '75  
Alumni Chapter President  
bryan159@netzero.net

# From the Alumnus Advisor:

The chapter has put together an outstanding year. We are all looking forward to Convention this summer. The chapter should contend for an Ammen once again this year.

Brothers, the young men of Delta Upsilon have met nearly all of the challenges placed before them in the past three or four years. The chapter is on increasingly improving financial ground, membership is up, campus presence is high and our image with KA National is something we can be proud of.

I say this to you to preface a request. The housing corporation is undertaking a study to see how much and when our organization could put together funds to improve the housing situation at UTM. A few donations and chapter labor have made some repairs and improvements possible. Men, our house is very old. The accommodations are lacking, even by the standards of 25 years ago and certainly for the young men of today. Think of the rooms our own sons and daughters live in. We need to recognize and plan for the upgrading of our physical plant. We owe it to the chapter of the present and our future members. We must insure the existence and provide for the growth of Delta Upsilon. Please begin to look inward and prepare for this project as it begins to take shape.

Try to make time in your schedules to visit the chapter or host/attend alumni gatherings in your area. I believe the best events I have witnessed are those where

old and new come together and realize what we share. I believe every active who attended Convivium left with a better sense of what we are and a better picture of himself and Kappa Alpha. From talking with alumni, I know we also feel our connections to the chapter warming up when we have a chance to interact with the active membership. Make plans to attend homecoming if possible and become involved with us once again. Even if it is just to have a beverage and socialize, we need you back with us. Your presence is noted and appreciated by the chapter.

Thanks to all of you alums for what you do. Thank you for allowing me to serve as alumnus advisor this past year. I have truly been blessed by the experience. I regret not being more visible this spring but my own education slowed my schedule (yes, a student once again). Contact me (at [jdfssh@juno.com](mailto:jdfssh@juno.com)) or the chapter regarding potential new members for next year as rush is not far off. It is up to us to provide for others the opportunity to experience Kappa Alpha.

Excelsior,  
Jon Frye

## Delta Upsilon Alumni Leaders

Bryan Roehrig '75	President	<a href="mailto:bryan159@netzero.net">bryan159@netzero.net</a>
Scott Morris '80	Vice President	<a href="mailto:gsmorris@juno.com">gsmorris@juno.com</a>
Terry Longmire '81	Secretary/Treasurer	<a href="mailto:soyman10@aol.com">soyman10@aol.com</a>

## Alumni Advisory Committee

Jon Frye '83, Chair	Donald Carp '85	Scott Morris '80
Brad Winstead '99	Anthony Gilley '96	Jeff Triplett '83
Bill Thompson '89 (Gamma Gamma, U Memphis)		

## KAM Housing Corporation

Brad Winstead '99	President	<a href="mailto:jbradwinstead@hotmail.com">jbradwinstead@hotmail.com</a>
Jon Frye '83	VP Operations	<a href="mailto:jdfssh@juno.com">jdfssh@juno.com</a>
Anthony Gilley '96	VP Strategic Planning and Dev.	<a href="mailto:anthony_gilley@bd.com">anthony_gilley@bd.com</a>
Alan Vesey '80	Secretary	<a href="mailto:vzrider@mindspring.com">vzrider@mindspring.com</a>
Scott Haynes '97	Treasurer	<a href="mailto:shaynes@midsouth.rr.com">shaynes@midsouth.rr.com</a>
Scott Morris '80	Board Member	<a href="mailto:gsmorris@juno.com">gsmorris@juno.com</a>
Jeff Triplett '83	Board Member	<a href="mailto:jttrip@hotmail.com">jttrip@hotmail.com</a>
Matt Lampley '92	Board Member	<a href="mailto:mlampley@fbcparis.org">mlampley@fbcparis.org</a>
David Houston '89	Board Member	

# Chaplain's Daily Devotional

*"The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outside appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."*

— 1 Samuel 16:7b

Back in the day (some of you guys remember), I had the pleasure of owning a grand piece of American cast-iron known as the '72 Olds Cutlass. Although I had bought it for a song, (she was a fixer-upper!), I thought I was truly the *Big Man* with my beautiful, 350 c.i. Rocket, dark green machine. It had the obligatory Pioneer Supertuner with Jensen Tri-axial speakers too!

My Precioussssssss....

When you're young, and worry about what other people think, you tell people you own an old car like that because "it's a classic" or "cool." Image is everything. Of course the reality was I bought that old car because... it was an old car. (Translation: the cheapest deal I could find.) You usually

don't tell your buddies that part!

My "coolness" came to an abrupt end when I pulled out onto a road with a blind curve... I never saw the CHEVETTE coming! BAM! The front-end of "my precious" was wacked hard, instantly throwing the right side of the front bumper upwards – it now sported a huge, chrome "Union Jack" on the bow (pardon the navy terminology). To add insult to injury, the Chevette somehow sustained almost NO damage! Of course, "Chicken Daughter" and Steve Russell were there to witness the destruction. Not good. That day helped me to realize how temporary the things of this world are.

We are always tempted to lean on the temporary: material things, our status, or even other people to provide ourselves a sense of self-worth, but the important things are actually things on the inside – the things of the heart. That's what God

looks at. In 1 Samuel, the prophet has gone in search of a new king for God's people, and God leads Samuel to a poor, scrawny kid. That "kid," however, had the heart of a lion! That "kid" would become the greatest king in Old Testament history: King David.

It is so easy to get caught up in the things that are on the outside (and not just cars!). Although we need to pay some attention to the outside (no, you can't go to work in your boxers), remember: the things that last will be the things on the inside. How is your heart? Have a great Navy day!

Dave Mowbray,  
LT,CHC,USNR  
PCU SAN ANTONIO (LPD-17)

*Wisdom is better than force, for the quiet words of the wise are better heeded than the shout of a ruler.* — Ecclesiastes 9:16-17



The Kappa Alpha Rose is the individual cherished by the fraternity for her strong character, sincere kindness and grace - leading us to recognize the ideal of "reverence for womanhood" that we embrace so strongly. This year Delta Upsilon reinstated the Kappa Alpha Rose. It was the first time since the late 80's or early 90's that this honor has been bestowed. Congratulations to Elly Hughes, our 2005 KA Rose.

## Stay in Touch With Your Brothers Electronically!

We now have two ways to stay connected via the internet: We still have our Yahoo listserv, which you can subscribe to by sending an e-mail to:

**[utmka-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:utmka-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)**

You can also go to the new website at:

**[www.kao1865.org](http://www.kao1865.org)**

At the website you can post address updates, post and view pictures from your days at the KA House, and join the many discussions on the forum. Register and log on today.

## Save the Dates

Southern Comfort Week: September 5-10, 2005

IFC Formal Rush Week: September 12-16, 2005

UTM Homecoming Weekend: October 7-9, 2005



UT Martin  
**Kappa Alpha Order**  
KA Martin Alumni Office  
Post Office Box 4633  
Chapel Hill, NC 27515-4633