

KAPPA NUWS

FALL 2005

Prytanis Report

Dear Fraters,

This past semester was very exciting for the Kappa Nu chapter, and despite a few minor obstacles, we have progressed as a chapter. During the course of the semester we have been very busy, and through hard work and dedication, Kappa Nu has managed to accomplish a great deal. The Kappa Nu chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon continues to thrive, and has the potential to accomplish even greater things.

The semester began with our annual rush. Spring rush this year presented greater opportunities than last year due to Rockhurst's continuing efforts to increase enrollment. The sophomores, led by Rush Chairs John Lenihan and Mark Rotert, spearheaded a successful rush. The great success is attributable to the sophomores living in the same residence hall as the freshman. With the effective rushing of the sophomores and the help of everyone else in the chapter, Kappa Nu successfully recruited 14 new members. With the recently inducted new members, Kappa Nu is two people away from reaching one thousand members, and feels this close group of men will help keep the chapter moving in the right direction.

Aside from rush, we have also participated in many activities such as National Youth Service Day, the Alzheimer's Foundation walk, and a fundraising poker tournament to benefit the Alzheimer's foundation. Chapter members are also involved in many other organizations, such as Student Senate, Freshman Orientation, and Student Alumni Association. Our members strive to be a visible aspect of the Rockhurst community.

Last month, I and three other members of the chapter attended the Regional Leadership Conference held in St. Louis. This was a great opportunity to experience everything TKE has to offer and allowed us to interact with other chapters to better our personal TKE experience and improve the overall chapter.

We have set many goals for the upcoming semester, and future semesters as well. At present, we are focusing on the improvement of the Old TKE house, strengthening our fundraising efforts, and improving our relations with you, the alumni. It is also our goal to receive a Top TKE award at the 2006 Conclave. These goals are all very feasible and with continued efforts we hope they will become reality.

Fraters, this fraternity is one of the greatest experiences in which the collegiate man can ever take part. TKE and Kappa Nu have given me more than I could ever imagine. As I sit here today, I can honestly say that TKE means more to me than any other experience in life. Because of you Fraters, the lives of many men have changed, and for that we owe you thanks. I would like to give my personal thanks to the alumni who have been there to assist the chapter this past semester, for without you this would not be possible. Fraters, I am proud to be a member of the Kappa Nu chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon and honored to be the Prytanis. I Love the Fraternity!

Yours in the Bond,
 Kyle Walchshauser, Prytanis, #965



Special points of interest:

- Old TKE renovations continue. See "House Update" on page 2.
- Chapter raises over \$2100 for our philanthropy, the Alzheimer's Association. See "Events: Alzheimer's Walk" on page 2.
- **Pig Roast set for October 1, from 12-5pm @ Old TKE. See "From the Histor" on page 3.**

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House Update

Work continues to be done on the Old TKE house. All the bedrooms have been remodeled, and currently Old TKE houses five residents. Many changes are also taking place on the main floor. A contractor has been hired to redo the kitchen, and it should be completed by mid-September barring any setbacks. The living (east) room has been given a new ceiling, and a fan was installed as well. The old wood paneling has been stripped off the walls, and they have been plastered and sanded. We are currently in the process of priming and painting the room, and wood-work and trim are also

close to completion. Eventually, if funds allow, we would like to furnish this room and turn it into a chapter room. The downstairs bathroom is still a work in progress, as it has turned out to be more complicated than expected. Work will be resumed upon completion of the chapter room and kitchen. On the outside, the house now features a grey exterior with blue trim.

The chapter continues to do fundraisers to raise money for house projects. Much of this money has been spent on current renovations, and we also hope to

use this money to furnish the house. However, additional funds are still needed. The Annex is scheduled to begin renovations as soon as those to Old TKE have been completed. As such, donations would be greatly appreciated. If you would like your donation to go to a specific project, please specify. We are most thankful for your support as we continue to restore the houses to the source of pride they once were.

Yours in the Bond,
Bryan Cordes, House Chair, #964

Events

Alzheimer's Walk

Last fall, over 35 members of the fraternity participated in the annual Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk, held at Corporate Woods in Overland Park. The Alzheimer's Association is TKE's national philanthropy. This year the men of Kappa Nu raised over \$2,100 for the Alzheimer's Association. Each member pledged to raise at least \$50. Every single member met this goal, while some raised in excess of this goal. We will be participating again this year, and we hope to surpass our total from last year!

Red Carnation Ball

This year the Red Carnation Ball was held on Friday, April 22, at the Marriot in Overland Park, KS. Members and dates enjoyed a formal dinner and a night of dancing. Throughout the course of the night, yearly honors were awarded, and the traditional



Several actives gather at the finish line of the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk.

slide show was enjoyed by all. Recipients of the following awards were: *Best Pledge* – Nick Suarez, freshman; *Funniest Pledge* – Nick Suarez; *Athlete of the Year* – Bryan Cordes, junior; *Alumni of the Year* – Sean Franke, PC 1992; *TKE of the Year* –

Michael Froeschl, junior; *Top TKE* – Todd Bono, senior; *Love, Charity, & Esteem* – Todd Bono. Saturday featured a semi-formal date party at the Fox and the Hound bar. Hotel accommodations were made at the Chase Suite Hotel in Overland Park.

From the Histor

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you and your families to Kappa Nu's 6th Annual Alumni Pig Roast. This event will be held at the Old TKE and Annex properties, on Saturday, October 1, from 12-5pm. This is the same weekend as Rockhurst's Homecoming, and I hope that many of you will be able to make it. The Pig Roast will feature food and beverages, and also offer a chance to see old friends, meet the active members, and see the work done on the Old TKE house. If you think you will be attending the Pig Roast, please RSVP to me ASAP. While you are certainly welcomed to come even if you can't RSVP, it will help me better plan for food and beverages if I have a rough estimate of how many people to expect.

The Pig Roast seems to carry the stereotype as an event for the "young" alumni, which is due in large part to the event having been started only six years ago. Therefore, most of the alumni who are aware of it are the recent graduates or members of the Alumni Board of Advisors. While it is true the Pig Roast attracts the younger crowd, it is an event for alumni of all ages. I realize that part of the fun is seeing all the guys you hung out with in the fraternity during your college days,

and hopefully, the Pig Roast can come to attract a more diverse crowd to enable this. This event is in actuality a homecoming for TKE alumni, and the chapter and I would love to see as many alumni that can possibly attend.

Also, this year we will be inducting our 1000th member into Kappa Nu. I would like for this initiation to be open to the alumni, and I hope many of you would be interested in attending. In addition to assigning the scroll number in the traditional manner, the chapter has also discussed making #1000 an honorary scroll number. If you have any thoughts on this subject, I would be most appreciative of them. I think it is the right and duty of the alumni to offer input on such a milestone for the chapter.

I am continuing to compile an alumni email list, though my efforts have been in vain recently. An email list is useful in relaying information that is short yet pertinent, such as alumni happy hours or information on the #1000 initiation. Therefore, I ask you to get on the list by emailing me at FroeschlM@rockhurst.edu. Frater Jason Smith (PC '91), who is in charge of the alumni website and events, is compiling a similar list, which you can join by emailing admin@TKEalumni.org.

We have been assisting each other with alumni information, so emailing one is as good as the other, but it doesn't hurt to do both.

Also, I encourage you to visit both the Kappa Nu and Alumni websites. The Kappa Nu website is <http://rudolf.rockhurst.edu/tke/index.html>. This is a change since the Fall 2004 Kappa Nuws. The site features upcoming events, pictures from various events, and a guestbook that allows you to leave a public message. The Alumni website is www.TKEalumni.org. It contains information on upcoming alumni events.

Finally, if you enjoy receiving the Kappa Nuws, I encourage you to forward my contact information on to other fraters who may also be interested in receiving it. Over the years people have moved and addresses change, so our address list is not as accurate as I would like. Also, if your address has changed or will change, I encourage you to notify me so that we can keep sending the Kappa Nuws your way!

Yours in the Bond,
Michael Froeschl, Histor, #959



Here is my donation of \$ _____ (please make checks payable to TKE- Kappa Nu)

Name: _____

Class of ' _____

I would like my donation to go towards:

___ House Improvement

___ Rush Fund

___ Kappa Nuws Publication

___ Pig Roast

___ Other: _____

Please send donations to: Rockhurst University, ATTN: Tau Kappa Epsilon
1100 Rockhurst Road, Kansas City MO, 64110

Your support is appreciated!

Farewell to the Seniors

At the beginning of each spring semester, Kappa Nu welcomes a new freshman class of men who begin their journey in carrying on the long-standing tradition of Tau Kappa Epsilon at Rockhurst. In turn, at the end of each spring semester we must say goodbye to the senior class whose journey has come to and end. This past spring, Kappa Nu bid farewell to the pledge class of 2002, nicknamed the LB's. While everyone will have their own individual memories about the class as a whole and the individuals who made it up, they have made several contributions that everyone will remember.

The junior class remembered them as the class that brought them into Kappa Nu, as they were the sophomores who played the largest role in freshman rush. The freshman remembered them as the class that taught them what TKE was about, and what it should be in the future. The senior class will be remembered for their friendship, and also for their leadership. With that class departs 10 former officers. Through their leadership, they influenced each class by providing a positive example, and their example will be carried on by the men they influenced. So to the senior class of 2005, you will be missed, and best of luck in the future.



Seniors (left to right), back: Justin Raatz, John Hervert, Tim Reynolds, Eric Thoele, Bill Fritz, Zach Kissel, Pat Wank, Todd Bono, Scott Irvine, Matt Cindrich, Mike Koury, S.J. Pagano, and Luke Obholz. Front: Tim Schurmann, Drew Tate, Jeremy Schumacher, Scott Klueter, and Joe Lutkewitte.

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