

KAPPA NUWS

SPRING 2004

New Officers Elected

Prytanis

Patrick Wank, Junior
Major: Accounting
Hometown: Leawood, KS
High School: Rockhurst

Epiprytanis

Luke Obholz, Sophomore
Major: Economics/
Philosophy
Minor: Finance
Hometown: St. Charles, MO
High School: Duchesne

Grammateus

Brian Walterbach, Sophomore
Major: Finance/Economics
Hometown: Kansas City, MO
High School: St. Pius X

Crysopholes

Scott Klueter, Junior
Major: Accounting/Finance
Minor: Economics
Hometown: St. Louis, MO
High School: Pattonville

Histor

Michael Froeschl, Sophomore
Major: Accounting
Minor: Finance
Hometown: Falls City, NE
High School: Sacred Heart

Hypophetes

Eric Thoele, Junior
Major: Economics and Math
Minor: Finance
Hometown: St. Charles, MO
High School: Duchesne

Pylortes

Andrew Tate, Junior
Major: Business Management
Minor: Psychology
Hometown: Lawrenceville, GA
High School: South Gwinnett

Pylortes

Jeremy Schumacher, Junior
Major: History/Political Science
Hometown: Wichita, KS
High School: Kapanu Mt. Carmel

Hegemon

S.J. Pagano, Junior
Major: Political Science
Hometown: St. Louis, MO
High School: CBC



Special points of interest:

- **Houses in line for renovation and repair. See “House Report” on page 3.**
- **Chapter raises over \$1000 for our philanthropy, the Alzheimer’s Association. See “Service Events” on page 3.**
- **TKE II soccer makes improbable run to championship game. See “Intramurals” on page 4.**

Prytanis Report

Dear Fraters,

This semester has been very exciting for Kappa Nu and despite a few obstacles, we have progressed as whole. We have been very busy this semester, but through continued efforts and hard work, we have 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 opportunity than last year,

as this year’s freshman class produced a larger group of men from which to choose. The sophomores, led by Rush Chair Brian Walterbach, spearheaded a successful rush. This success is in part due to the sophomores living in Corcoran Hall. Living in the same residence hall as the freshman guys has proven to be an effective rush tool for Kappa Nu and aided in recruiting the 16 new members this year, bringing our total chapter size to 52 members. The recently inducted 16 new members

are a very close group and have the potential to do great things for this chapter. As the Kappa Nu scroll approaches one thousand members I feel these 16 new men are a strong addition to the chapter and will keep the chapter alive and well in the coming years.

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

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Prytanis Report (continued)

Alzheimer's Foundation. Similarly, the members of Kappa Nu continue to be involved in numerous other organizations on campus. Kappa Nu has members involved in Student Senate, Orientation, the Student Alumni Association, and many more. Our members strive to be a visible aspect of the Rockhurst community and yet still manage to attain a GPA that ranks amongst the highest of any organization on campus. Last month, myself and three other members, including one new member, 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 remainder of this semester, as well as future semesters. At present, we are focusing on the improvement of the Old TKE house and the Annex, 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 2005 Conclave. These goals are all very feasible and with continued efforts they will eventually become reality.

Fraters, this group of men, this fraternity, is one of the greatest experiences for the collegiate man. 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 a thanks. I would like to give my personal thanks to the alumni who have been there to assist the chapter this semester, for without you this would not be possible. Fraters, Brothers, I am proud to be a member of the Kappa Nu chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon and honored to be the Prytanis. Fraters, I Love the Fraternity!

Yours in the Bond,
Patrick Wank, #939
Prytanis

From the Histor

Greetings from the Histor! It has been awhile since we have sent out a Kappa Nuws, but it is back and here to stay. It seems to me that in that past few years we have not done well with our alumni relations. I want to correct this, and I hope this newsletter is a step in the right direction. Something we have done for the past four years is an alumni pig roast. During homecoming weekend at Rockhurst, the actives host a pig roast for the alumni between Old TKE and the Annex. We play wiffle ball, washers, horseshoes, and throw back a few beers as the actives and the alumni get to know each other. As a fundraiser we also sell pig roast t-shirts.

However, it has been very difficult to inform the alumni of this event, as we have a very limited means of communication with the alumni. We have a somewhat out-

dated phone number directory, and the task of calling over 900 alumni is monumental (some of you may recall that we attempted this last fall). Sending information by mail is very expensive for the budget we work on. We are left then with word-of-mouth as the only viable alternative, and thus most of the alumni that come are either recent graduates or are involved with the chapter through the BOA. Last fall was my first pig roast, and it was an absolute blast. I would love it if this Fall more alumni would be able to attend.

In order to ease our communication difficulties, I would like to compile an alumni email list. It would be completely confidential to all outside parties (I give you my word as a brother in the bond). Such a list would provide a quick, easy, and efficient means of communication between the alumni and the actives. It would be great

for relaying information about alumni events, and allow us to keep an updated alumni directory. It would also allow the alumni to submit news and ideas for future publications.

So if you would be interested in joining this list, please email me at FroeschlM@rockhurst.edu, or the secretary at kappa_nu@hotmail.com. I would once again like to give you my promise of confidentiality, and I hope you all strongly consider being on the list. I think it would open the door for great active-alumni relations in the future.

As a last request, we would be greatly appreciative of any donations to help cover the cost of this newsletter. Just a small donation will help defray the costs and ensure future publications of the Kappa Nuws.

Yours in the Bond,
Michael Froeschl, #959
Histor

House Report

As you know, the chapter owns the properties at 5420 and 5424 Tracy, better known as Old TKE and the Annex. However, the houses are in need of repair and have become quite rundown as of late. With the help of Kappa Nu alumnus Mike Chamberlain, we prepared a list of things that need to be repaired and restored. The list includes painting both houses, replacing windows, insulating the attic at Old TKE, painting the inside at Old TKE, and fixing a bathtub leak at Annex. There are many other smaller jobs, but these are

the most urgent.

In mid-April, the chapter gathered at the properties for a day-long clean up and repairs. Some of the day's accomplishments included cleaning out the garage and the two basements, applying new supports to the deck, uncovering the barbeque pit, and beginning the construction of a grill.

However, primarily because of financial reasons, we have been unable to address some of our most pressing concerns. If anyone would be willing to make any donations, whether it be money, sup-

plies, or labor, the chapter would be most appreciative. Our contact information is listed on the back page of the newsletter. We plan on completing some of these tasks over the summer, as there will be quite a few actives living in Kansas City over the break, and many more coming in on the weekends. So once again, any form of assistance from the alumni would be of great help.

Yours in the Bond,
Eric Thoele, #938
Hypophetes

Service Events

This year Kappa Nu has participated in several service events. The Alzheimer's Association is the chapter's philanthropy, so last fall the chapter participated in the Alzheimer's Association Walk on the Plaza. We raised over \$800 for the Alzheimer's Association.

On April 17, the chapter participated in National Youth Service Day, which also served as Greek Service Day because the original date was rained out in the Fall. We went to a physically disabled woman's house and helped her clean out and reorganize her garage. She was very thankful and appreciated our hard work.

We also hosted a Help'em and Hold'em poker tournament to benefit the Alzheimer's Association. People paid ten dollars to play, and had the opportunity to win several prizes donated by Kansas City area restaurants and businesses. Chapter members served as dealers and also provided food and drinks for the players. The tournament raised nearly \$300 for the Alzheimer's Association.

Yours in the Bond,
Jeremy Schumacher, #943
Pylortes & Service Chair



Above: Several actives gather for a picture during the Old TKE-Annex clean-up day in mid-April.



Left: TKE senior Pete Mathews shows off his winning hand in the Help'em and Hold'em poker tournament.

Intramurals

Lucas Schwaller, #968

Feature: Soccer

The intramural year started out well with soccer season. The TKE I team played well throughout the season and earned the #3 seed in the tournament. Meanwhile the TKE II team, consisting primarily of players with little competitive playing experience, quietly earned the #5 seed. Surprisingly, it was the TKE II team that would be making noise in the playoffs.

The TKE I team drew a difficult first round opponent, facing off against a team of red-shirt freshman soccer players. After battling to a 2-2 score at the end of regulation,

the match went to a shootout. With TKE I down 4-3 in the shootout, our final shot clanged off the crossbar, and we were left with a heart-breaking upset loss.

The TKE II first round game also went to a shootout. We squared off against a freshman team who, ironically, consisted primarily of future pledges. TKE II forced a shootout by rallying from a 2-0 deficit. Then, with the shootout tied 3-3, sophomore Brian Walterbach ripped the final shot past the goalie to give TKE II the victory.

But the semi-final opponent posed a much

greater threat. We faced the #1 seeded and undefeated team, whose skill surpassed us in nearly all phases of the game. However, one advantage we did hold was something they could not match, our heart. It is what gives those lacking skill the ability to overcome. Faced with an early one-goal deficit, we responded with possibly the most amazing goal of the season. Given a free kick from behind the half line, Pete Kammerer booted the ball with enough spin to bend it just under the crossbar, above the goalie's outstretched arm, and into

the net. After each team traded goals, we finally took the lead late in the second half, on a goal by guest player (and future TKE) Vince Vitale. This would prove to be the golden goal, as TKE II survived a barrage at the end to hang on for the victory.

However, the #2 seeded Bombers were too much for us to handle in the final, and with a 2-0 loss we had to settle for second place. Still, it was quite an achievement for a team who wasn't favored to even make it out of the first round.

Basketball

The basketball season was up and down early on, but thanks to a late season surge, TKE finished with a 6-3 record and a fourth place finish. However, a first-round upset loss in the tournament brought an early end to the season.

Floor Hockey

TKE dominated the opposition and finished the regular season undefeated and number one. In the playoffs, we defeated the PKA team two games to none in the championship series to win our first intramural title of the year.

Football

We entered the football season looking to repeat as champions. TKE rolled through the regular season, finishing with only one loss. However, because of injuries to several key players, we limped into the playoffs. After easily defeat-

ing our first round opponent, we squared off against a team of baseball players. Without being at full strength, they proved to be too much for us, and our bid to repeat as football champs fell a game short.

Social Activities

As you know, social life is an integral part of fraternity life. Besides the usual weekend parties, there were several special social events throughout the semester:

Winter Formal

Our annual Winter Formal was held in early February. We rented a hall from Best Western, and along with our dates we enjoyed a fun evening

of merriment and dancing.

St. Patrick's Day

On March 17, we woke up bright and early to celebrate with a St. Pat-

rick's Day breakfast. Green eggs and ham were served, along with the Irish drink of choice. Later on in the afternoon, we went downtown to enjoy the annual St. Patrick's Day parade.

Social Activities (continued)

TPC at Crabgrass

The first annual TPC at Crabgrass golf tournament was held at the end of March. The format was a 7-hole, two-man best-ball matchplay scramble, played with real golf clubs and plastic golf balls. The course was set up in the yards of actives' houses on Forest. Players fought through the difficult course conditions caused by the rain. In the championship match, the twosome of senior Pete Mathews and junior S.J. Pagano defeated sophomores Michael Froeschl and Mike Slattery 3 & 2 for the inaugural title.

Endless Summer

The annual TKE Endless Summer was held in mid-April in the Party Barn on campus. Inside was an open dance party, while outside was a kid-

die-pool and slip n' slide. The party was a blast, and the only injuries reported from the slip n' slide were mild soreness.

Red Carnation Ball

The annual Red Carnation Ball was held at the Lodge of the Four Seasons in the Lake of the Ozarks. Unfortunately our day on the boats was rained out, but the evening dinner and dance was great. Winners of the awards were: Freshman John Lenihan, Best Pledge; Freshman Paul Campbell, Funniest Pledge; Junior Todd Bono, Top TKE and 5'12"; Senior Pete Mathews, Love, Charity, and Esteem; Senior Jake Tiernan, Athlete of the Year. The senior class shared some of their memories of TKE during the Senior Toast, and then every-



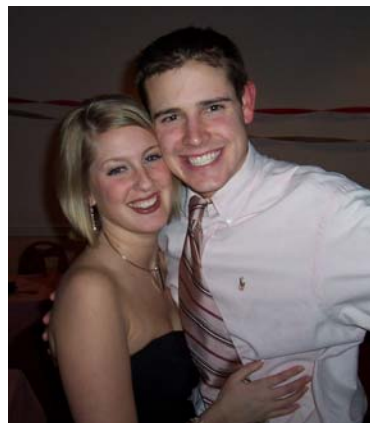
Mike Slattery, Matt Cindrich, Joe Walterbach, and Pete Donovan take some time to relax in the pool during Endless Summer.

one enjoyed the slide show containing pictures from throughout the year. It was a great weekend that produced many memories for years to come.

Sweethearts

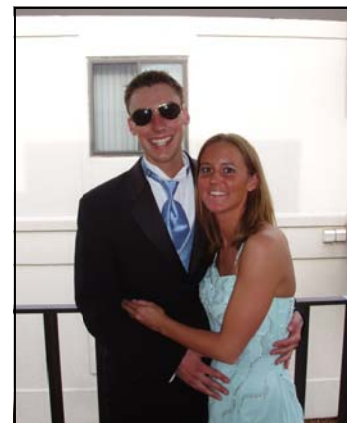
Our outgoing Sweetheart is Cortney Kissel, from St. Louis, MO. After graduating in 2003, she moved back to St. Louis, where she is currently employed at Barnes Jewish Hospital in the Human Resources department. She plans to continue her education at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, with a concentration in social work. While at Rockhurst, Cortney was a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha for four years. During that time, she held the offices of secretary and creative committee. Thank you, Cortney, for being a wonderful Sweetheart!

Our incoming Sweetheart is Stacy Belcher from St. Louis, MO. She is a senior-to-be and majoring in elementary education. During



Outgoing Sweetheart Cortney Kissel with boyfriend Pete Donovan.

the summer she helps teach special education students, and after graduation she plans on getting her Masters in special education.



New Sweetheart Stacy Belcher with boyfriend Bill Fritz.

She is a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha, and she currently serves as the intramurals chair. Congratulations Stacy!

Farewell to the Seniors

With the end of each school year at Rockhurst comes the end of an era in Kappa Nu. This year we bid our farewell to the pledge class of Colt 45. Though by their senior year they numbered only seven actives, their impact will never be forgotten. We will probably not remember them as great leaders, or as great athletes, or as great thinkers. But we will remember them as great friends, as great brothers. As we sat and talked in chapter with them for the last time, we relived some of our favorite memories we have shared with them. Many

of us recounted how the guys from the senior class were some of the first people we had met when we came to Rockhurst. They were fun-loving guys, and always easy to talk with. So while their impact may not be visible to the casual eye, a closer look will reveal that their impact lies within each of the remaining members of Kappa Nu. It lies within the men that they befriended, the men that they made want to become TKE's. So to the senior class of Colt 45, you will be missed greatly, and we wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.



The seniors pose for one last picture at Red Carn; from the left, Jason Ottenad, Ryan Blay, Jake Tiernan, Joe Walterbach, Frank Meyers, Pete Donovan, and Pete Mathews.

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