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# KAPPA SIGMA FRATERNITY

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## EPSILON MU ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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# EPSILON MU WINS 17<sup>TH</sup> FACE AWARD

## *RECOGNIZED AS TOP TEN CHAPTER IN THE NATION*

ALBUQUERQUE – This past summer was a good one at the Epsilon Mu chapter house. On July 18, 2008, five EM brothers made the trip to this year's West Leadership Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The two day conference was a heartwarming show of brotherhood and fraternal pride. The newly elected Executive Committee members Juniors Daniel Tarr and Jeff Kucirek gained invaluable ideas regarding the governing of the chapter through several seminars and informal discussion with other chapter officers. The other attendees, Sophomores Andrew Celi and Zac Winkle, spent time looking for ways to improve their own committee chairs, while Junior James Kermath closely shadowed the existing EC members hoping to learn as much as possible should he take an executive roll in the future.

The weekend culminated with an awards banquet. The food was delicious. The conversation was affable. But, best of all Epsilon Mu took home an outstanding single communication award for the alumni news letter, and more importantly was awarded the FACE. This award revives a tradition that had been dormant for the past several years. It was an exciting end to a truly memorable weekend.

Finally, one thing that particularly struck Brothers Tarr and Kucirek during the conference was the strength of the alumni chapter at Epsilon Mu. Few chapters can match the involvement of the alumni here. The time, talent, and financial donations that you make are gifts that the brotherhood treasures and would be hard pressed to replace should you withdraw them.

– Jeff Kucirek, Grand Scribe



From Left to Right – Brother Celi, Brother Tarr (GM), Brother Kucirek (GS), and Brother Winkle

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### LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Greetings Brothers! My name is Michael Guilfooy and I will be serving as the Alumni Relations Chair for the upcoming semester. I am currently a junior at TU and will be continuing to pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering. I return to TU this fall after having taken the previous semester off to participate in the Anheuser-Busch Co-op Education Program in St. Louis, MO. Along with serving in this position, I am also serving as Chief of Staff for the Student Association this school year.

Looking ahead, I anticipate the potential for our chapter this upcoming year. We will continue to work hard to produce another solid Fall Recruitment and continue to make Kappa Sigma Number One, Second to None. I look forward to my new role within the chapter after previously serving as Grand Procurator for the Spring and Fall semesters of 2007. I hope to bring a level of excitement to this position and am here as a resource for alumni and active Brothers.

A.E.K.D.B. – Michael Guilfooy, Alumni Chair

### BROTHER KRIEGSHAUSER HOSPITALIZED



On the weekend of August 8<sup>th</sup>, current undergraduate Brother Andy Kriegshauser was hospitalized after sustaining critical injuries from being involved in a head-on car accident. Brother Kriegshauser was traveling to the University of Missouri with

four other friends from high school when they were struck by a RV traveling in the opposite direction. Andy was taken by helicopter to a hospital in Columbia, MO where he underwent numerous hours of surgery. Brother Kriegshauser will be transported back to St. Louis, MO this week to begin rehab from the injuries he suffered to his legs in the crash. All of our thoughts and prayers go out to Brother Kriegshauser as we wish him a good and speedy recovery as he is missed back at school. Good luck Andy!

**LETTER FROM THE GRAND MASTER**

I am beyond excited for the start of another great semester. The fraternity is making strides in improving the house, and it definitely shows. This last week we added a great deal of landscaping; planting bushes and flowers around the deck and adding nine beautiful trees surrounding the house. We have begun to completely remodel the TV lounge room from top to bottom thanks to the generous help of the alumni housing corp. When finished, the room will look spectacular. Also, brand new washers and dryers have been installed that rival NASA space ships (kidding, but they are fantastic). Hugh Thompson, our rush chairman, has done an excellent job for the house. Everyday I hear nothing but positive feedback all around campus. A room in the Kappa Sigma house this semester will certainly be a hot commodity as we are having no trouble with popularity among the freshmen. It's only a matter of selecting the best quality men to represent our house for the future. We are looking forward to continuing the tradition of upholding the standards of a F.A.C.E. chapter and setting goals towards receiving the Founder's Circle Award once again.

A.E.K.D.B. – Daniel Tarr, GM

**SUMMER RUSH UPDATE**

Brothers,

I am pleased to report that summer rush exceeded my expectations and was a huge success. I had the privilege of meeting close to thirty freshmen and received good feedback from all of them. Events for the summer included weekly dinners and cookouts, and we had strong showings for all of them.

As I am writing this note we are a week into fall rush and I could not be more satisfied with the job our house is doing. It is looking like we will have another great fall pledge class. Thank you to all alumni who offered their support and services throughout the summer, I greatly appreciated it. If you have any questions or comments, don't hesitate to send me an e-mail at [hugh-thompson@utulsa.edu](mailto:hugh-thompson@utulsa.edu).

--Hugh Thompson, Rush Chair

**CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

Improvements have been abound at the Kappa Sigma House throughout the summer and during work week this year. Most notable of all of the projects has been the renovation of the TV Room on the first floor. After active brothers tore out layers of old paneling and the previous drop-ceiling, contractors came in to finish the work. Work is still underway but will be completed prior to Formal Recruitment weekend.

Another notable project includes the installation of two new sets of washers and dryers. For previous years, brothers living in the fraternity house have had to pay to wash and dry each load of their clothes as the machines were rented. Due to the generosity of the Bologna Society, a total of four machines (two washers and two dryers) were purchased for undergraduate use free of charge. Thank you!

The most visible project to the rest of campus was the large landscaping project planned by the Bologna Society to spruce up the fraternity house's curb appeal. For one day of work week, all brothers converged on the front lawn of the Kappa Sigma House for a day of planting bushes and trees and spreading mulch. The new landscaping completes the remake of the front facade of the fraternity house following the new front steps and porch completed last spring.

Thank you very much to all Bologna Society donors as these projects would not be possible without your continued generosity. You have helped make our fraternity house the best on row!



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## **ALUMNI NEWS UPDATES**

Brother Joseph N. Pelton ('65) completed his 25<sup>th</sup> book entitled "License to Orbit: The Future of Commercial Spaceflight". Professor Pelton recently was named a Fellow of the International Association for the Advancement of Space Safety and Associate Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

Brother Thomas F. Fixmer ('56) joined the chapter celestial on Saturday, July 26, 2008 in Springdale, Arkansas. Brother Mark Mercer has created a page for Brother Fixmer on Ultimate Tributes. To visit the page, go to <http://www.ultimatetributes.com/tributes/guest-book.asp?ID=3551>.



### **NEWBORN NEWS**

- Joelle Felt born to Brother Phillip and Nina Felt
- Sophia Doty born to Brother Chris and Heidi Doty
- Catherine Owens born to Brother Troy and Roxanne Owens
- Asher Pusateri born to Brother Michael and Jamie Pusateri
- Carsen Graham born to Brother Jody and Ashley Graham
- Dylan Henry born to Brother Tony and Samantha Henry

## **FROM THE CHAPTER ARCHIVES...**

*(Courtesy of Brother Jeral Rainwater, 1948 Initiate)*

This picture was taken at the installation ceremony when Delta Theta Fraternity at the University of Tulsa became the Epsilon Mu Chapter of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity in 1948. Thank you Brother Rainwater for this piece of history!



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