



Knighly News

Summer 2005 newsletter

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CHAPTER UPDATE

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NEW BROTHERS INITIATED

On January 21st, 2005 we initiated the six members of the Beta Nu (Fall 2004) pledge class whom of which are Nick Thigpen, Josh Bartus, Adam Neighbors, Erik Ivers, Justin Schaeffer, and Devin Ruff. On April 27th, 2005 we initiated Rick Tanner of the Beta Xi (Spring 2005) pledge class. The Epsilon Eta Chapter would like to welcome each new member to the brotherhood.

HOUSING

Major improvements have begun on the house since the last Knighly News. We have repaired holes and planks in the fence, repainted the house and letters, re-landscaped the yard, installed new stairways and rails, repainted, and

placed new carpet in the upstairs. We would also like to thank KA alumni Shane Moore and his father Shannings Moore Jr. for donating a new sound system and computer to our basement. Also after inspections of the house our landlord has helped us fix a few rafters in the basement and a few other things to make our house more presentable and safe. We are currently seeking any donations for wood to repair any boards that are for maintenance of the fence, and a dishwasher (new or used). Rick Tanner's father has helped our efforts to put in a new wooden deck in the back yard. Any donations to help with these costs would also be greatly appreciated.

PHILANTHROPY

During Summer 2004 we helped students move into the dorms by renting carts and with our own physical labor. We charged money for the carts and accepted donations towards MDA in which we raised over \$500.

This past spring, the majority of the chapter participated in The Big Event. This is a campus wide event where students from various organizations get together and help out the community with nearly 200 projects. We are planning on participating in this next year as well.

Also during the spring some of the brothers participated in the Special Olympics Bowling league. They joined teams with the Special Olympic athletes to help and encourage them in their bowling skills. The chapter plans on expanding the amount of brothers involved in Fall 2005.

UPCOMING EVENTS

As always we welcome all alumni who wish to visit us. Here are some upcoming events:

9/24 - Alumni Weekend (GA Tech game)

9/7 - Rush Begins (see website)

9/22 - Induction 9pm (KA House)

11/26 - Parents Weekend (North Carolina game)

ALUMNI NEWS

ALUMNI CHAPTER

Our local alumni chapter is called The New River Valley Alumni Chapter of The Kappa Alpha Order. Our alumni Chapter is currently working on and funding a chapter endowment account for the active chapter through National's L.E.A.P. program. If you would like to get involved in with the alumni chapter, contact Jim Cochrane (jcochrane@highwayexpress.com). Annual dues for the alumni chapter are only \$25.00.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Our records of many of the alumni are still outdated. If you know of anyone that is not getting the newsletter or is not on the alumni email listserv, please email me (gejohns2@vt.edu) so we can update our records. We are starting to send electronic newsletters to all alumni that are on our list serve, to receive these we must have the correct email addresses. This year we would like to send the newsletters strictly electronically. This would allow us to send out multiple newsletters every semester.

ON THE WEB

Our website (<http://www.ka.org.vt.edu>) has recently been updated with new material and pictures. There is a section where you can look up old versions of Knightly News and a members only section with more contact information for the brothers as well as copies of the minutes from the chapter meetings. If you would like access to this section, feel free to contact Taylor Powell (tapowell@vt.edu).

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Brothers,

My name is Taylor Powell and I am the current number I of the Epsilon Eta chapter of Kappa Alpha. Hope all is well with everyone as we get ready for another great year of Hokie Football. I am hoping that everyone can make it down to Tech at some point to catch up with the chapter and the brothers. We have a lot of great things planned for the coming year to improve the chapter as a whole, while at the same time bringing in many new quality brothers. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please feel free to contact me (tapowell@vt.edu).

Fraternally,

Taylor Powell