

Gamma Tau

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President's Letter

Brothers,

I am pleased to announce that once again Gamma Tau has had a successful recruitment year. This fall we will be pledging 24 new members! The shelter is at capacity for the first time since we returned to campus and we are eager to guide our new pledges on the road to becoming Deltas. Thank you to all of the alumni who helped find these outstanding young men. We have already begun looking for next years pledge class and would love to hear from alumni with any referrals.

Delt has once again finished the semester among the top five fraternities with an average G.P.A. of 3.15. In all, 22 members achieved above a 3.5, and five men achieved perfect 4.0s. We are also proud to announce that 12 new initiates qualified for the Ed Ryan Family Scholarship, totaling \$20,000 of scholarships. We thank the Ryan Family for their generous contribution to continuing lives of excellence in academics. Not only did Gamma Tau excel in the classroom but on campus as well. Coupled with our award-winning year recognized by nationals, Delt received five of the seven Fraternity of Excellence awards recognized by the University of Kansas Interfraternity Council. These awards include excellence in Scholarship Programming, Membership Growth, Judicial Standards, External Relations, and Financial Management and Operations.

I am also proud to mention that Delt will be partnering with the women of Gamma Phi Beta for homecoming this fall. Last year we placed 4th and this year we plan

on winning it all. We are also very excited to once again be participating in Rock Chalk Revue with the ladies of Alpha Chi Omega. Some other activities we plan on hosting this year include our annual Dodge Domestic Violence philanthropy, a Learn to Two-Step date party, Tailgate-Toss cancer philanthropy, and of course Tailgates for all of the KU home football games.

Last year Gamma Tau had one of its most successful years on campus and we owe that not only to the dedication of our active members but our alumni as well. Some of my most memorable moments have come during alumni functions such as tailgates and the alumni golf tournament. As a senior, I can only hope that I will be able to come back and share my experiences as many of you have. I would like to provide more opportunities for our alumni to visit the shelter and participate in house functions. If you have any suggestions for events you would like to see planned, please let me know. We always like to hear from our alumni. I look forward to seeing you all at our tailgates this fall. Rock Chalk Jayhawk!

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Housing Corp Report

--Dave Lady, House Corp.

We continue to make significant and sustainable progress at Gamma Tau. Jack's article on page one, gives you a great sense of how far we have come. Grades, membership, campus involvement etc. – it's all working! What he didn't mention is the quality of the leadership within the house. Jack and his leadership team have done an outstanding job. Very impressive young men!

In terms of the house itself, we continued to make significant improvements this summer. The parking lot was resurfaced and new striping was added. Landscaping completed the fire escape project on the south side. In the back, we utilized very large limestone rocks to double the patio area and new limestone steps leading to Memorial Stadium were added. Carpets were cleaned throughout the house including all of the individual rooms. Lastly, we added a number of bunk beds and mattresses to accommodate an additional twelve members who will take us to capacity. As you can imagine with an eighty plus year old house, the list of projects remains long. However, we are feeling good about the overall appearance/functionality of the house and most importantly, the safety for the occupants and visitors.

We have a constant need for additional funding to support our annual operations. Any amount would be appreciated and rest assured it will be put to good use. Checks should be made out to DTD and sent to P.O Box 7223 Overland Park KS 66207-0223

We hope you can stop by the Shelter this fall if only for a quick tour and drink before a game. Experiencing it first hand is the only way to fully appreciate the progress made to date and the realization that once again the Deltas are a top tier fraternity on campus. Parking is free in our lot for alums up to thirty minutes before game time so no excuses. Come join us!!

Dave Lady '80
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Delt Tailgates

--Grant Kastner, VP of External Affairs

As we all know to well, good Kansas Football teams come and go. But one thing remains constant in Kansas Football tradition, great tailgates at the Delt House. Every home football game is preceded by the perfect elements for a tailgate. It all starts with the location, sitting just up the hill from the stadium with the best view on campus, then the great food is added in. Whether its burgers and brats or smoked barbecue, it is always great. The most important part of the tailgate is the people, and that is the strongest element of a Delt Tailgate. Whether you are reminiscing and catching up with a pledge brother or sharing stories with an active, you are bound to have a good time, and a few coolers of cold beer can't hurt. With the newly extended patio, there will be plenty of room for friends and family. Parking will be free in the Delt lot up to 30 minutes before kickoff, so come a few minutes early, grab a drink and a bite to eat. If you have the opportunity to come to a football game, we would love to see you back at the Shelter.

On October 15, the Oklahoma game, will be having a rush event. Please let us know of any young men you know that we should invite. We would also love to see you at this tailgate.

We will look forward to seeing you throughout the season.



The new patio extension adds room for friends and family during tailgates



*New Bookshelves in the Formal Room before being painted.
Stop by during a tailgate to see everything finished.*



The new booth in the Rec Room

A Few Words From Mom Hurley-

-Martha Hurley - Housing Director

August 13

Most of Gamma Tau's great new pledge class moved in today (22) and three more will live out of the house. Three of the pledges have brothers who are actives and we have a double legacy, Derek Kindsvater, whose dad and grandfather are Gamma Tau Delts.

Our sophomore, Towne Walston from Derby, helped his father build bookcases for the formal room. We thought it would be very special if interested alumni would donate a hardback copy of their favorite book signed by them with their initiation date. If you are interested, please email me at mmhurley14@aol.com.

We are excited to be homecoming partners with Gamma Phi Beta this year and we certainly hope that many of you and your families will join us on October 1 and many more tailgates this fall.

Mom Hurley



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The dining room full during dinner

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2010 Recruitment in Full Swing

-- Patrick Groepper & Cody Larson. Recruitment Chairmen

This past year of recruitment at Delt has been one of the most successful years since returning to campus. For the fall semester we will be pledging twenty four men, with twenty-two of them living in the Shelter and three pledging out of house. Five of the men we signed came from alumni referrals, thank you for helping with the recruitment process. Twelve of these men are from Kansas City and Wichita, which are becoming major recruiting areas. We are also proud to have signed 10 pledges from 7 states outside of Kansas and Missouri. Formal recruitment in June was incredibly successful as we signed 9 new members. We will be more actively recruiting this fall than ever before. One way we will accomplish this goal is to have a recruitment event during the tailgate of the OU football game on October 15th. If you know any high school seniors that will be attending KU in the fall of 2012, please let us know so we can invite them to our rush events.

To keep the recruitment process organized we are revamping our recruitment database. In previous years we used a large spreadsheet that was shared between multiple members of the house and members of housing corporation. This year the recruitment database will be accessible on the kansasdelts.org website. This allows us to easily transfer information that a potential new members submits to the website, then relaying to the recruitment committee in order to set up a meeting. It will make sure that no potential Delt falls through the cracks. In order for the new database to work at full potential, we need as many names as possible. The more candidates we have, the stronger our pledge class can be. We get names from men in the house, friends, sororities, parents and alumni. Even if you are unsure if someone may not be a good fit for the fraternity, please submit his name anyways. I can not stress enough that the more names we have to work with the better.

With these changes we are hoping to have a very successful recruitment during the 2011-2012 school year. It feels great to have a full house and we look forward to filling it again next year.



Alumni Golf Tournament

--Grant Kastner, VP of External Affairs

I would like to thank everyone that came out to the Alumni Golf Tournament last April. It was a successful event with 85 alumni playing in the Tournament. Congratulations to Mark Rasmussen ('84), Todd Minea ('83), Tom Biggins ('84), John Sturgeon ('84) and Dan Prendiville ('85) for winning the scramble. This year's tournament is scheduled for April 21, so start practicing and putting together a team to try and win this year. Please look in your mail for more information towards the end of winter. I hope to see even more of you this year.

Grant Kastner
Vice President of External Affairs

Academics Article

--Ian Weidling, Academic Affairs

The Gamma Tau chapter of Delta Tau Delta posted another strong academic performance in the spring semester of 2011. Gamma Tau's combined GPA of 3.15 for the semester is one of the highest marks in the chapter's history, and this placed Delta Tau Delta fifth among fraternities on the University of Kansas campus. Academic highlights for the spring semester include 5 members posting 4.0 GPA's, and 22 members posting GPA's greater than 3.5. Also, three members who were on academic probation last semester were able to improve their grades this semester and are now in good academic standing.

Gamma Tau's academic success can be directly attributed to the commitment of the members to academics. Hard work and an academic environment allowed members to excel. A new online study hour tracking system also gave more accountability in the administration of study hours for pledges and members on academic probation.

Many members were awarded for their hard work thanks to a generous donation by the Ryan family. The Ryan Family scholarship awards scholarship money to members who are in their first year living in the shelter, and achieve a GPA greater than 3.0 during that year. This is the first year that the Ryan family scholarship has been awarded. In total, 12

Dates to Remember

- September 3 McNeese State
- September 10 Northern IL & Parents Weekend
- September 19 Pledging Ceremony
- September 24 Dodge Ball Philanthropy

- October 1 Texas Tech & Homecoming
- October 15 Oklahoma & Rush Tailgate
- October 22 K-State & Dad's Day

- November 12 Baylor
- November 18 Initiation Ceremony
- November 26 Missouri

- April 21 Alumni Golf Tournament

members were awarded scholarship money amounting to \$20,000. During the semester, the first Gamma Tau Scholars night was held to recognize members for their achievements during the fall of 2010. This night included a steak dinner and certificates of achievement for members. Overall, members are pleased with the academic progress of the Gamma Tau chapter, but are still eager to improve again in the coming academic year.



Rob Meachem, Tom Clark and Scott Dalton at the 2011 Alumni Golf Tournament



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