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President's Letter

Brothers of Gamma Tau Chapter,

It is a great honor to have been elected as President of our chapter. Please let me introduce myself. My name is Jack Walliser and I am a third year Architectural engineering student from Chicago, Illinois. Last week I attended my first Division Conference and it was truly a remarkable experience that I will never forget. In all, 28 members were able to attend Division Conference thanks to the support of our Housing Corporation. At Division, we learned valuable skills to become better men and help the chapter reach its maximum potential. Some of the highlights of Division Conference include awards for being above the all men's and fraternity grade point averages on campus, excellence in our philanthropy adopt a school, excellence in record tracking, performing the Right of Iris Ceremony, and winning The Court of Honor. The Court of Honor is one of the highest awards a chapter can receive, meaning that Gamma Tau is ranked within the top 20 chapters in the Nation. A special thanks goes out to all of the alumni, friends and families that made it possible to bring Gamma Tau back to KU and help us become one of the best chapters of Delta Tau Delta in the country.

Along with winning the Court of Honor, there were many more "firsts" for Gamma Tau this past fall. For the first time since returning to campus we participated in homecoming, placing fourth overall and winning the canned food drive. We also hosted our first ever "Dodge Domestic Violence" philanthropy at the student recreational center, raising over \$2,000 to ending domestic violence.

We are excited to continue this event with the women of Alpha Chi Omega for years to come. Additionally, Delt was chosen by Sigma Kappa to be partners in the annual philanthropy event Rock Chalk Revue. Despite a masterful performance, Delt fell one spot short of qualifying. We look forward to participating again next year.

Other Notable accomplishments this fall include raising our grade point average from a 3.09 to a 3.18 (third on the hill), reaching the championship games in Sand volleyball and Dodgeball, signing six new pledges for the spring semester, and numerous brotherhood events including trips to Kauffman Stadium to watch the Royals play. It's been a great year for Gamma Tau and we plan on continuing lives of excellence in 2011 as we strive to win a Hugh Shield's award placing us in the top ten chapters in the nation.

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Finally, I would like to take a moment to recognize everyone who attended and the alumni that helped plan the tailgate in memory of John Glaser. Together we raised over \$2,500 to go to the Glaser family. John was clearly loved by many friends and family and will be sorely missed.

Once again, I would like to thank all of the alumni that have contributed to Gamma Tau's success in the past year and we look forward to your continued support in years to come. Rock Chalk Jay Hawk!

Fraternally,
Jack Walliser
Chapter President

Housing Corp Report

--Bret Smith, House Corp. & Chapter Advisor

By the time you read this I will have completed my first full year as Chapter Advisor and as a member of our House Corporation, a new group of executive officers will have started in their new positions at Gamma Tau and 30+ of our undergrads will have attended and performed the Rite of Iris at the Western Division Conference. From a personal standpoint, it has been a very rewarding experience not only from working with some of the most dedicated college men I've run across but from joining and working with a group of alumni who consistently demonstrate their love of Delta Tau Delta and developing partnerships with other Chapter Advisors across KU's campus. That brings me to my plea for you to get involved. We have opportunities for you. If you think you might have time to give, please let us know. We have tremendous momentum right now and your time could help us keep it moving in the right direction.

On a couple of other notes that you might find interesting....Our Chapter GPA for Fall Semester 2010 came in at 3.18 – well above the all fraternity and all campus GPAs. Our academics continue to improve because our men are focused on what's important and because we have the finest scholarship program on campus – ensuring our men are recognized and rewarded for their academic accomplishments.

Also, if you have visited the Shelter of late, you probably recognize much of the structure as being exactly like it looked when you were there. That's both good and bad. Many times I have walked the halls and memories come back to me that have put a smile on my face. Most assuredly, they will for you as well. At the same time, that means that our House continues to age and requires more maintenance and upkeep. Our House Corporation is always in need of funds to cover operating expenses. Any donations you could make would be greatly appreciated – nothing is too big or small. I guarantee that the money will be spent wisely and be spent to keep our home operating safely. We thank everyone that has contributed already. Your gifts are much appreciated and we hope we continue to make you proud.

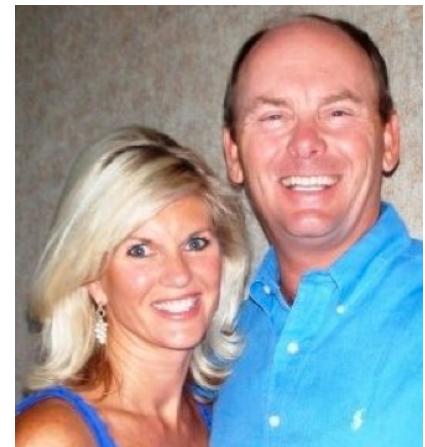
Also, thank you to those alumni who have recommended prospective Deltas for membership. You are an extra set of eyes and ears and we appreciate you sending us information on good men you know. Please continue to do so. Also, it's never too early to begin bringing future legacies by the House.

Finally, I'd also encourage everyone to come back to visit. The Alumni Golf Tournament is right around the corner – we would love to see you there. I'd also encourage you to try and attend an Initiation if you can. Our men do a great job and it remains a very moving ceremony. Good Health and Good Luck to you in this New Year.

Fraternally,
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Ryan Family Academic Awards Scholarship Established

We are very pleased to communicate the establishment of The Ed and Laura Smith Ryan Family Academic Awards for Scholarship.



Gamma Tau Chapter of Delta Tau Delta was formed at the University of Kansas in 1912 with the mission to develop men who are "committed to lives of excellence." The keystone words that best define Delta Tau Delta values are Courage, Truth, Faith, and Power. We believe these core values comprise the foundation for living a life of excellence.

In support of these values, the Ryan Family has established two scholarship commitments based on academic excellence and leadership achieved while in residence at the Gamma Tau Shelter (1111 W. 11th, Lawrence, Kansas).

The Ryan Family Academic Initiative Awards. These scholarships are based on grade point average ("GPA") achieved during a student's first academic year in residence at the Shelter.

- \$1500 for a GPA of 3.00-3.49/4.00 (maximum GPA of 4.00)
- \$2000 for a GPA of 3.5-3.74/4.00
- \$2500 for a GPA of 3.75+/4.00

The Ryan Family Senior Leadership Awards. In addition to academic awards, and to encourage mature leadership resident in the Shelter, graduating seniors may be eligible for a cash award of \$1000 payable upon graduation.

These awards are a result of Ed's ('80) and Laura's generosity, as well as their commitment to promote continued growth in academic excellence and leadership within our chapter. In Ed's words, "we want to create this opportunity because of our desire to see the Deltas not only survive, but thrive at KU. We believe the Ryan Scholarships will motivate members of the House to succeed academically, and will encourage upperclassmen to remain as leaders in the House and live in the fraternity past their junior year. In addition, this program can supplement our recruitment of new members by providing a story of excellence to prospective students and their parents. It is our hope that the Ryan Scholarships can accomplish these goals. Laura and I want to thank the Delt Alumnae and the members for bringing the Deltas back to KU. The shelter looks great; we look forward to a bright future for the University of Kansas Deltas."

On behalf of all Gamma Tau Deltas, we thank the Ryan Fam

ily for their very significant contribution. This will become an important foundational element in maintaining a strong Gamma Tau Chapter.

Ed Ryan graduated from KU in 1980 and married Laura shortly after graduation. They live in St. Louis and have three children, Eddie 25, Kim 22, and Tom 20. Ed is in the private equity business and owns a collection of manufacturing companies located throughout the midwest. He regularly keeps in touch with many of his DTD friends, and enjoys coming to a few KU basketball games each year with TJ Rasmussen.

chairs and accessories for the formal room. It has become an even more comfortable room and the men use it constantly as a place to study and congregate. We are looking forward to hosting Mothers' Weekend the first weekend in April. I continue to be active in the house directors' group and will complete my tenure as vice-president in April. The group continues to provide a wealth of information and many friendships.

As always, we enjoy visits from alumni and their families and encourage you to stop by when you are in Lawrence.

Hope you see you on April 16th,
Mom Hurley

A Few Words From Mom Hurley-

-Martha Hurley - Housing Director

During the early part of the semester when the snow fell in abundance, the men enjoyed sledding down the nearby hill. It couldn't be more convenient – as all of you know – and there were many cute young ladies joining them for the fun.

The men of Gamma Tau continue to be focused on studies and basketball. Everyone is now gearing up for midterms and March Madness. Of course, when April comes around with warmer weather, the men will be very excited about hosting the annual golf tournament.

A group of our men helped with book fairs at several local schools this February. I have received many positive comments from parents about the men's helpfulness and positive attitudes.

We certainly have been enjoying the efforts of the Moms' Club. The mothers furnished a wide variety of snacks during finals' week in December and will continue the tradition this May. In addition, the club has purchased area rugs, lamps, a table,



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Brian Palermo '12
Patrick Groepper '13

Homecoming Comeback

--Andrew Whittle

Homecoming at the University of Kansas is a series of events that shows a Greek house's school pride, willingness to be a part of the overall Greek community, and is essential in raising the opinions of the local community and non-Greek students towards Greek life. This year's Homecoming was especially important to the Gamma Tau chapter of Delta Tau Delta because it is the first one the house had participated in since its return. Because of the importance of homecoming the chapter felt they should participate in as many events as possible. The events of Homecoming include: Chalk n' Rock, Canstruction, Stuff the Bus, the Mural Contest, Jayhawk Jingles, a 3 vs 3 basketball tournament, the rewriting of the fight song, a Parade Banner, and a Parade Float. All these events were themed in accordance with this year's overall homecoming them, Rock Chalk Road Trip. All events had to be registered for and any designs had to be turned in at least one week prior to the start of homecoming week. The heart of this event is dedicated to bringing together the Greek community; this is why every fraternity house involved in homecoming pairs with a sorority house. This year our partner was Delta Delta Delta.

Despite this being our first year the men of Gamma Tau did a great job getting involved in as many activities as possible. The most monumental task was easily the building of the float. The float in adherence with the this year's homecoming theme of Rock Chalk Roadtrip, featured a Texas A&M cowboy being stuffed into a suitcase by a hitchhiking jayhawk. It took a real unified effort from the chapter in order to build and decorate the float. In the end, the float really came to life during the parade as it drove down Jayhawk boulevard. For their first year Gamma Tau did very well in the homecoming competition by coming in third overall all other Greek houses. Next year all the men are gunning for first place.



Dates to Remember

Pledge Ceremony	February 21
Rush Banquet	March 5
Mom's Weekend	April 2
Basketball Philanthropy	April 9
Alumni Golf Tournament	April 16
Initiation	April 22
Graduation	May 22



Above:

The Men of Delta Tau Delta and the Women of Delta Delta Delta Practice for Jayhawk Jingle.

Below Left:

The banner is carried down the street during the parade.

Below Right:

The Float being pulled in the parade.



Division Conference

--Grant Kastner, Public Relations

After a successful year, the Gamma Tau chapter attended the 2011 Western Plains Division Conference in Kansas City. At the conference, men attended various leadership training events for recruitment, brotherhood, ritual, public relations and professional skills. A few highlights & awards.

- 27 Gamma Tau Deltas Attended
- Performed Rite of Iris for the Western Plains Division
- Special Recognition of Excellence in Adopt a School
- Special Recognition of Excellence for Exceeding the All Male Average and All Fraternity Average GPA
- Special Recognition of Excellence for Records Tracking
- Court of Honor (Top 20 Chapters in the Nation)



Members posing with Bob Marwill, the Western Plains Division President, after being awarded the Court of Honor

Dodge Domestic Violence

--Ian Weidling, Philanthropy Chair

Last fall, our chapter organized a philanthropy event with Alpha Chi Omega to benefit a local domestic violence shelter. The event consisted of a 5 on 5 dodgeball tournament at the University of Kansas' recreation center. In total, twenty teams participated in the event, adding up to one hundred players. Each team had to pay a \$60 to play. The teams came from a wide range of campus organizations, including fraternities, sororities, scholarship halls, dormitories, and the Student Union Activities group.

Overall, the event was a great success. The tournament ran smoothly, especially for being in its first year, and after two hours of dodgeball matches, the winning team was awarded gift certificates. At the end of the day, approximately \$2,000 had been raised for the Willow Domestic Violence Center. The hope is that this tournament will become an annual philanthropy event for our chapter.



Delts helping out at a local school book fair.



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Delts and Dates for Winter Formal

2010 Recruitment in Full Swing

--Derek Dye, Brian Palermo & Patrick Groepper - Recruitment

First we would like to thank you for all the help we have received in the past calendar year with providing multiple contacts for potential new members, and hope to challenge you to continue replacing the legacy you have left at this chapter with excellent new members. If you do come across a young man that you feel would be a great fit with the Delt values, please do not hesitate to rely his contact information to us.

Over this past winter break, a rush party was held in the Overland Park area, which drew in 11 recruits. It is a good start to the 2011 rush year, yet our challenge this year is to have either at least 25 new men move into the shelter in August, or to have a 30 man pledge class this fall. By reaching the latter goal, we will be awarded 25% growth at our next division conference. The next event coming up planned for rush is in March 12th; there will be a formal banquet in Lawrence. All of the details will be worked out in the upcoming weeks, and we hope that you are asking any friends, co-workers or even relatives in order to build our recruitment database with quality men. Thank you very much.

Fraternily,

Patrick Groepper & Brian Palermo
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A word from Derek Dye

I have been lucky enough to be involved with the Recruitment team at Gamma Tau for a few months now. It's been a pleasure working with these young men as they try to fill the shelter with quality young men. It's become apparent that these men need the help of the Gamma Tau alums as they try to develop a system for adding members to the house that ensures we are leaving no resource un-utilized. As alumni you may not realize that these men are operating at a disadvantage to some of the other houses on campus when it comes to recruitment. My goal is to help the Recruitment Chairmen access the alumni network and develop a database of high quality leads that they can convert into the future of DTD at KU. Let's use our resources and experience to help ensure the long-term viability of our fraternity at Kansas University.

Some of the goals that we're working towards, and need your help with are: Providing contact information for any High School aged young men who you think would be a good candidate for pledging DTD. The current recruitment team is very focused on leveraging every lead they get and making sure that they convert those leads into other leads. A second area of focus that we are striving to get better with is capturing information on potential Legacy Members. With thousands of alumni across the world this is the easiest source of potential members that we have not fully explored. Please don't be shy in sharing the information about your potential Gamma Tau pledge. Finally, interacting with the current members of the house will help them continue to learn more about what type of a house DTD used to be, how successful our alumni are and the rich history that we share.

We have a very strong recruitment team and when I've asked if there is anything, whatsoever, that alumni can provide to help them better do their job, the answer is consistently "more and better leads."

Fraternily,

Derek Dye

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Alumni Golf Tournament

--Mike Leach

Dear Brothers

I want to cordially invite you to participate in the Gamma Tau Alumni Golf Tournament in Lawrence, Kansas on Saturday, April 16th, 2011. This year's event will be held at Alvamar Golf Course. We will begin with a 1:00pm Shotgun start, followed by good food, drink, and fellowship at The Shelter. The format this year, like last, will be a 4-man scramble. We will have prizes for the first 3 places, and many on-course events. I know the question everyone is asking, "will there be a drink cart on the course?", the answer is YES!

The cost will be the same as last year, \$125 per player or \$500 per team. This includes green fees, cart, range balls, dinner and drinks following the tournament back at the shelter. We have space for 36 teams, last year we had 26 teams consisting of 93 players, the largest tournament ever. We still have room about 40 more players. If you speak to any of your brothers who participated last year, I think you will find they had a great time, so come join us.

We also have Sponsorship opportunities available:

Hole Sponsors (\$150/hole) - we will put a sign with your name, or company logo and name at the tee box. If you want your company logo, we will need a j-peg file e-mailed to me prior to April 1, 2011

On-Course Event Sponsor (\$200/event) - we have 4 events available for sponsorship. Again, we will recognize your sponsorship with a sign on the hole where the event takes place.

Tournament Memento - \$500 - we have two of these available. We will be providing each player with an item to commemorate the tournament.

Dinner Sponsors - \$100 - we have 10 of these available.

To enter your team in this years event, or to purchase a sponsorship, please fill out the attached entry form and return to me by e-mail, fax or mail. We would like to have all the teams full, and every sponsorship committed by April 1, 2011.

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We are looking forward to a great time, bad golf, good food & drink, and a lot of lies, stories, and laughs. Come see the Deltas, the chapter continues to get stronger every year. We would love to see as many of you as possible back in Lawrence and at the Shelter. I will have a 4-man team from my pledge class, so get your pledge brothers together and enter a team.

Regards
 Mike Leach
 Gamma Tau 1980



Pictures from Past Golf Tournaments



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