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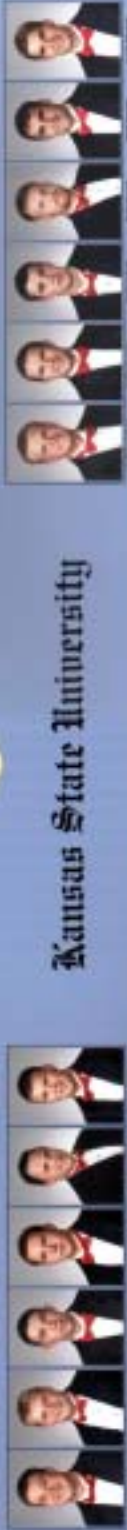
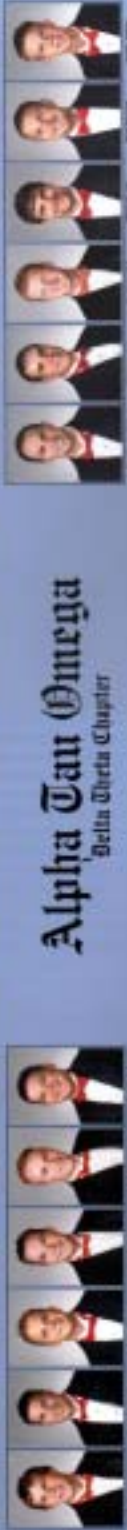
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Update From the Alumni Association

by Jim Persinger

The Alumni Association had an active year in 2002. Thanks to everyone that attended alumni get-togethers during the Spring Football Game, the Cleveland Congress, and Homecoming. Alumni services such as the *Vintage*, the Alumni Directory, and alumni events are supported by the dues paid to the Alumni Association. We appreciate your continued support. Here are some events and other services that are upcoming in 2003:

- The next Alumni event will be held prior to the KSU Spring Football Game. Coach Snyder has not announced the date yet, but the game is usually near the last Saturday in April. Food and tours will be provided at the Chapter House. The Alumni Association will hold the annual meeting on this day with the election of board members and officers. Hope to see you there!
- The Alumni Association will publish another alumni address and phone directory in 2003. If you have lost your copy or want the most up-to-date information, the directory is also available at www.ksu.edu/ato/. Please update your information if you have moved in the last year so that we may continue to send you alumni mailings.
- The Alumni Association can help coordinate class/year reunions. Please contact me for assistance. I can be reached through a link at the Chapter's website.
- Please let us know of accomplishments made by yourself or fellow Brothers. We love to celebrate successes in the *Vintage*. Please contact Historian Brian Hall or myself.



Letter From the Editor

by Brian Hall


I hope you enjoy this edition of the *Vintage*. I would really like to thank everyone who wrote the stories for me. This magazine would be much shorter without everyone's huge help in reflecting on the events of this past semester. I also want to thank my assistant, Jerod Topliff. He is responsible for almost all of the great pictures that you see on the following pages. I would also like to thank Brothers Dan Sobek and Jamie Elder for giving us a great cover photo befitting of a great American tragedy. As always

there are numerous members who also contributed to this publication which I am leaving out, but their assistance is no less appreciated or valued.

On that note I would like to relay my sincere gratitude and the gratitude of the chapter as a whole for the great support that the Alumni of the Delta Theta Chapter gives to our members each year. I don't think I have ever heard of another chapter who receives as much support from their alumni. I think at one time or another each member begins to realize the

huge sacrifices and contributions from years past that have made the chapter and the fraternity house what it is today. I only hope that the current eighty-three residents have made all of the alumni proud of their chapter at Kansas State.

I especially would like to thank the numerous families and former members who have helped with remarkable financial support through the ATO Students' Aid Endowment Fund. I hope that each of you realize how grateful we are for all of the scholarships that are awarded each semester. I would also

like to thank the Delta Theta of ATO Alumni Association for their continued dedication to our great chapter. The ATO Building Corporation continues to offer assistance in improving our great Chapter House each year, and our appreciation for all their unremitting efforts is significant. Last but certainly not least, I would like to personally thank Bill Muir for all of his hard work in not only helping me put together this *Vintage* but also for his relentless commitment to all the members of the Delta Theta Chapter.  2

President's Report

Fall Semester loaded with highlights and excellence



by Andy
Newton
President

The men of Delta Theta have been working hard yet again during the 2002 fall campaign (school semester). Delta Theta's have been extremely busy participating in many activities associated with the Greek community, Kansas State University's campus and the local Manhattan community. The men of Delta Theta truly are making a difference in the lives of others and this is something that all of us can share with a great deal of pride.

The 2002 fall school semester has been one of the best semesters in recent memory for the men of Delta Theta. Alpha Tau Omega has once again been the brightest star in the Kansas State University Greek system. The men of Delta Theta have been working harder than ever continuing to strive for the excellence that our Fraternity has been founded upon. As we move full-steam-ahead into the spring 2003 semester, we have the opportunity to reflect upon the highlights of the fall 2002 campaign.

The Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity celebrated the 75th National Fraternity Congress this past summer in Cleveland, Ohio and the men of Delta Theta were the biggest winners of the five day event. The Delta Theta chapter received the *TOP CHAPTER IN THE NATION AWARD* for the fourth time in five years. The Delta Theta chapter received numerous awards in addition to the Top Chapter Award, including being named a True Merit Chapter and receiving the Anderson Gold communications award for the chapter website and Vintage publication. Congress was a wonderful time for the twenty-eight Delta Theta ATO's that attended and was a great stepping stone to start off the fall semester.

The Delta Theta recruitment process was again successful as the chapter initiated eleven new members into the Fraternity at the start of the fall semester. Alpha Tau Omega also boasts the largest pledge class at Kansas State which consists of twenty-six

outstanding new members that will be eligible for the 2003 spring initiation. The addition of this fall pledge class keeps the chapter house at capacity and provides the chapter with some excellent leadership potential for the future.

Delta Theta men have logged over 4,000 community service hours this semester and look forward to the spring semester to add an additional 4,000+ hours. ATO's have participated in a myriad of community service events. It seems as though everywhere you turn, an ATO is making a difference whether it be in: Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Special Olympics, Highway Clean-Up, Brothers Against Drunk Driving, St. Jude's Up 'Til Dawn, KSU campus raking clean-up or the newly sponsored Interfraternity Council event, Bring in the Greeks.

In addition to all of the community service events, the men of Delta Theta also sponsored their annual fall philanthropy, Homeless for Hunger. This philanthropy required the dedication of twenty-five ATO's spending an entire week camped out in cardboard boxes on sponsoring sorority lawns to help raise money and awareness for the Flint Hills Breadbasket and the Manhattan Emergency Shelter. The event helped raise over \$4,000 in money, clothing and nonperishable goods for the organizations.

The Kansas State Alpha Tau Omega Students' Aid Endowment Fund annually offers outstanding financial incentives for academic excellence, as well as individual chapter officer achievements. As of the fall semester, the Endowment Fund will award over \$86,000 annually to members of the chapter and to at-large students at Kansas State University. This figure has continued to grow with the recent scholarship opportunities for men of the Delta Theta chapter to attend LeaderShape. LeaderShape is a week-long academic summer session held at the Allerton Mansion in Champaign, Illinois, in which members learn how to develop key leadership skills to improve their quality of life. Due to the generous donations of alumni, family and friends, the men of Delta Theta will be able to send twelve members to attend the 2003 summer session.

The men of Delta Theta share a common level of dedication and commitment that propels them above and beyond the call of duty in every task that they undertake. This undying love and respect is what separates the men of Delta Theta from their fraternity peers at Kansas State University and from fellow ATO's nationwide. The awards that the chapter receives are shared amongst all Alpha Tau Omega brothers. These awards are accomplishments in which everyone involved in supporting Delta Theta can be proud. The pride of the men of the Delta Theta chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity is making a difference in the community, the campus and within themselves for many years to come.



Building For the Future

Continual improvements made to Chapter House



by Steve
Bellinger
House Manager

The Chapter House as usual is still standing and requires only minor repairs when accidents happen, and as we all know accidents are common in a ‘fraternity’ house. It is not the upkeep that makes this past semester and semesters to come interesting. What makes these semesters interesting is the fact that we have such aggressive people trying to make this a better place to live. They do it, not for themselves, but for the future of all brothers to come. There is also another quality I see flourishing in our Chapter House, and that is determination. By determination, I mean the relentless attitude to accomplish the goals we set for ourselves. With these attributes we have changed a few things and look to the future to enhance what has been mediocre until now.

We have changed the face of our front entry way by rebuilding our water fountain. We now have limestone rocks that cascade the water down in waterfalls. We see now that this has not only found an audience for aesthetics, but the sound of the running water also captures attention, and brings a refined feeling to our house. This project has consumed much time and hard work, for the simple fact that hauling all those rocks in and building them up to a waterfall takes much effort. Also, the pool lining had to be replaced, thus even more effort was afforded to this project. As of now we have accomplished what we set out to do. There are many people to thank for their hard work and I would like to name a few that have dedicated a lot of their time and effort to this project, they are Jake Perkins, Matt Howell, and Brian King.

The all around look on the inside of the Chapter House has changed and will continue to change. There has been new paint coats applied to the walls in the kitchen, recreation room, and chapter room. This year’s fall pledge class will be painting the hallways for their upcoming work week and later on we’ll be acquiring new carpet for the hallways. There is also work in progress for the formal living room which is being headed up by Daniel Tokar. He is getting new doors put on the front entrance to the room so that we can close it off, which will enable us to regulate the periods of time in which people have access to the living room. This way we’ll be able to keep it nice and actually have a use for this room rather than using it just as a mail room. We’re planning on putting new couches and a large screen TV in there, so that we can hang out and watch movies or sporting events. Also, we’re also getting new couches for the chapter room, which was well needed.

Our Chapter House is always due for improvements and the chapter is a very active group in wanting things to change for the better. So far our house is in for many changes and I’m proud to say that we have some great leaders leading the way. Some brothers that I think deserve a lot of gratitude for their hard work in making our Chapter House a better place to live and function are Daniel Tokar, Ben Zwick, Andy Newton, and Jake Perkins. Thank you guys for all you have done. I would also like to thank the Building Corporation for placing so much trust in our decisions.



Leaving a Long-Lasting Impression



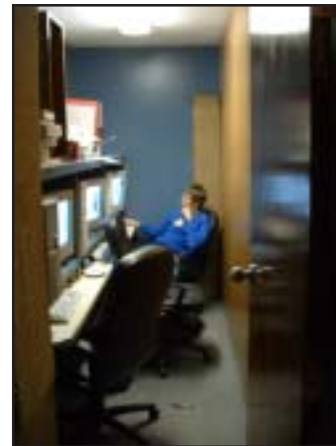
Brothers Mike Hinkin, Brian King and Matt Baki work on re-doing the wallpaper in the Chapter Room.



Brother Danny Adrain painted a new ATO symbol in the Damon Earnshaw Recreation Room.



A view of the new fountain just inside the main entrance of the Chapter House.



Brother Brock Lohrey works in the new computer lab on second floor put together by Brother Ankrom.



Brother Dustin Kammerer's new mp3 computer used for playing music in the recreation room.



Brother Ryan Hannebaum puts a new coating of paint on the walls on the third floor of the Chapter House.

LeaderShape

Twelve attended, four reflect on experiences



by Matt Baki

Through the last summer months, 14 members of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity of the Delta Theta Chapter participated in another successful summer of LeaderShape sessions. These members drove the distance to Champaign, Illinois and enjoyed the surroundings of Allerton Park while learning what it takes to be a great leader.

A successful leader must learn to have a “healthy disregard for the impossible”. This phrase was repeatedly drilled into the minds of the participants over their six day stay at Allerton Park. “Having a healthy disregard for the impossible” is another way of saying not to give up and if you have a vision or a goal, it can be achieved. These men learned the truth of this phrase by taking on various tasks, which at first seemed impossible, but after much thought and trial, the tasks were accomplished. One

particular task was putting 15-18 people on a two by two foot stump without anyone touching the ground once they came aboard. After fifteen minutes or so, each group accomplished what they thought was impractical.

Besides emphasizing that everything is possible, LeaderShape stressed the importance of community and teamwork. Each member of LeaderShape was put in a family cluster which they worked with for the rest of the week. In these family clusters, everyone learned the importance of listening, being patient, and when to step up and be the leader.

If the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity continues to send it’s members to LeaderShape year after year, there is no reason why ATO cannot continue to be the best fraternity in the nation.



by Charlie Robben

In the deep cornfields of Illinois lies a mansion with thousand of acres of trees, shrubs, plants, statues, and walking paths. My trip to Allerton was an amazing life-altering experience. The week-long LeaderShape experience was second to none. In a few short days I felt I had changed for the better and began to live with integrity. The program was filled with games, lessons, break-out sessions, and free time.

The object of the week was to better yourself, to make a difference in the world, and to lead others to do the same. To do this, the week focused around lessons on past leaders and proven strategies to help you on your way. We started by developing a “Vision.” The vision is our ideal future and what it holds. After spending countless hours of critiquing others, discussing, and revising our visions, we developed a final that was well worth the time spent.

When I learned that we were developing our own visions, I asked myself, “what do I want to do for our chapter?” Others wanted to change the environment, starvation, politics, and even sports, but what I wanted had to be realistic and benefit the chapter as a whole. After countless hours and rough drafts, I had developed a vision that I truly believed in:

“Impact the lives of others in a positive and motivational way, allowing those individuals to pass on that same desire to make an extraordinary difference.”

According to one of my favorite poets, William James, “the greatest use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it.” He inspired me to develop this vision with characteristics and beliefs that I believe will outlast my life and many others.





by Curtis Mick

LeaderShape is one of those unique enlightening experiences that allows a person to break their routine. To the casual observer, one who has never experienced the LeaderShape Institute, LeaderShape may seem to be a fairly simple and straightforward seminar that teaches its participants an effective and valuable process for the definition and attainment of one's goals. This is true. LeaderShape takes its participants and asks them what it is that they want and what they would like to see changed in their lives. It reveals to them the tools and inner talents that will enable them to pursue these goals and asks them to evaluate the worth of what it is that they desire. This aspect of the LeaderShape experience is fairly straightforward and easily observed by all.

However, there is also another aspect of LeaderShape that is not so easily seen from the outside. It is this facet that, although it may be missed by a few that pass through the halls of Monticello (the estate where the institute is housed), is the reason for the continued success of LeaderShape and the fanatical support for the program by those that have experienced it. This other side of LeaderShape, this advantage, that is gained inadvertently through the LeaderShape process, is, in actuality, something as elusively simple as a clearly defined and comfortable knowledge of self. Through the activities, discussions, and opportunities to interact with some of the most motivated and talented peers, the students of the LeaderShape Institute are put into many unique situations into which they have never before been placed, and are presented, through these situations, with new ideas and allowed countless opportunities for introspection. They are brought to face their beliefs and challenge the logic behind what it is that they have always done without question. Through this process a singular event occurs. Each person finds that a belief is not correct simply because it is held. Instead, he learns to weigh the merit of ideas, to keep an open mind to the suggestion of others and to desire input from tangent perspectives. Through his constant apprehensive observation of the coming of the end of the week, he is reminded of the inevitable passage of time and the value of now.

Thus, through the LeaderShape Institute, participants gain tools for the pursuit of goals, recognize from those around themselves the qualities they would like to see in themselves, and become more confident in their knowledge of who they truly are. For before one can aspire to lead others, he must know himself. He must be confident, resolute, inspired and upstanding. He must have a vision, ideals and a desire for self-improvement. The best leader is one that is chosen by others and does not rise on his own accord for the attainment of his own ends. These are the things you come to know at LeaderShape.

As for myself, I am no exception. I entered Monticello with an open mind and no idea of the magnitude or worth of the lessons I would take away. I met amazing people from all across the United States, formed lasting friendships, and developed a resolute confidence in my capacities to attain my goals. The thoughts above are my beliefs, many of which I realized for the first time during my time at LeaderShape. I have learned much and can never go back to who I was. LeaderShape was truly one of the most amazing and enlightening experiences of my life.



by Brandon Converse

LeaderShape is an experience that can change the life of anyone. I was lucky enough to be elected to go to Champaign, Illinois and attend LeaderShape last summer on scholarship from the ATO Foundation. I was introduced into an amazing group with a plethora of true leaders from all across the nation. These people have directly affected my views on many issues. Their viewpoints, opinions, and advice on difficult and highly debated topics have helped shape me into a better person and leader in my everyday life today.

Although the "students" at LeaderShape were amazing, the staff of LeaderShape was also a diverse and wonderful crew to work with and be involved with through our numerous activities, games, and skits. They helped bring

each of our small groups (called family clusters) that we broke up into an amazingly close family in only one week.

Probably the best part of the entire week was meeting the people that came to LeaderShape. I have never seen such a diverse group of people respect and appreciate one another as quickly and openly as I did in that week. At LeaderShape people changed my life by just their stories, listening to me, giving me input, and just allowing me to have their brief friendships. If the environment allows for it, the amount that can be shared between people, and the affect it can have in one's life in just one week is incredible, and Champaign was the perfect environment.



FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES



by Bill Muir,
Chairman
Delta Theta
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Trustees

On behalf of Vice-Chairman Allan Holiday, Secretary Dorothy Smith and Trustees Mike Brown, Eileen Hinkin, Scott Jones, Kent Kiracofe, Andy Newton, Ben Porter, Tanner Klingzell and Andy Joiner, I am pleased to transmit the eighth Report of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

During School Year 2001-2002, under the capable leadership of Presidents Lance Jones and Andy Newton, Vice-Presidents Andy Joiner and Andy Newton, Chaplains Ben Porter and Steve Bellinger and the other members of the Executive Committee and officers, the planning, organization and execution of chapter responsibilities was again outstanding, resulting in numerous recognitions by the National Fraternity. While there were certain challenges, the collective effort and emphasis towards *excellence* was again remarkable.

The 75th ATO Congress was held in Cleveland, Ohio on August 7-11, 2002. Chapter President Andy Newton and 23 Brothers attended, along with myself, 1996 Thomas Arkle Clark Recipient Todd Lakin and Delta Theta Alumni Association President Jim Persinger. Delta Theta received the following National Awards:

1) The Chapter received the **Top Chapter Award for the fourth time**. This is the fifth year this Award has been presented by the National Fraternity. It recognized the *top Chapter* of ATO in the Nation. From the 21 recipients of the True Merit Award, one *most out-*

standing chapter was selected. It was a highly emotional moment for all 27 of us. Every Brother has now set as their individual and collective goal to again “lead with excellence” next year so that this Award will be theirs again. This was a truly proud and joyous event.

2) The Chapter received the **True Merit Award**, which recognizes the *top Chapters* of ATO in the Nation. This marked the 23rd time in 34 years that Delta Theta has received this prestigious award. This year, *twenty-one* Chapters in the Nation received the True Merit Bowl. This Award recognizes excellence in chapter programming, scholarship, leadership, service and achievement. Delta Theta’s 23 years is the record for the Fraternity and marks the tenth consecutive year.

3) Brother Jon Kurche received the **National Thomas Arkle Clark Award**. This marks the third time that a Delta Theta Brother has received the National Award (Brother Todd Lakin in 1996 and Brother Rob Bensman in 2000) and the tenth time in the last 15 years that a Delta Theta Brother has been recognized as an Award recipient (either National Award, National Runner-Up or National Honorable Mention) as one of the most outstanding undergraduate member in the Nation.

4) I was very humbled to receive the **National President Award** from National President Miles L. McCall. This Award, also known as the Worthy Grand Chief Award, annually recognizes one alumnus for service to the Fraternity.

5) The Chapter, under the direction of Chapter Historian and *Vintage* Editor Bob Harrison, Public Relations Officers Brian Hall and Matt Toepfer, Alumni Relations Officers Erik Ankrom and Curtis Mick, and Communications Officers Erik Ankrom and Justin Nelson, was again recognized as having the best communications program in the Nation through the awarding of the **National Anderson Gold Award**. This is the fifteenth time the Chapter has been recognized as #1 in this area.

6) For the second time, the Chapter received the **Excellence in Scholarship Award** for being one of twenty chapters in the Nation with above 3.000 GPAs for the entire year.

7) The Chapter received the **National Runner-Up**

in the **Community Awareness Award**, which recognizes chapters for achievement in fostering a spirit of service to others through a well-conceived, coordinated, and complete social service program.

8) Brother Andy Newton was elected by the General Assembly as one of two undergraduate members on the **National Board of Directors**. The National Board of Directors re-elected me **National Secretary**.

9) Brothers Andy Newton received **National At-Large Undergraduate Scholarship Awards** of \$1,000 from the ATO Foundation.

10) Brothers Erik Ankrom, Matt Baki, Brandon Converse, Kellen Frank, Brian Hall, Evan Hammett, Mike Hinkin, Jesse Newton, Erik Rome, Brandon Haynes, Cole Reichle, Charlie Robben, Curtis Mick and Dave Weaver attended The LeaderShape Institute this summer. All these Brothers received Muir LeaderShape Scholarships and/or Todd Lakin LeaderShape Awards to attend this nationally-recognized Institute. Delta Theta again was the one of the only chapters to have fourteen members attend LeaderShape in any one year. All these Brothers expressed that the Institute benefitted them personally and they will use what they have learned in their service to the chapter, community and university. In addition, the Chapter received the following honors on campus:

1) *For the fifth time in Chapter history*, the Chapter had grades above a 3.000. In fact, Delta Theta Chapter achieved a **3.102 GPA** for

the Spring Semester. The Chapter's *yearly grades* were above a 3.000 for the *third time*.

2) One Brother was elected Student Senator: Tanner Klingzell joins me as a voting member on this 62-member student organization. He also was elected by the Student Senate as Student Senate Representative to Faculty Senate.

3) Lance Jones completed a term as Alumni Relations/Homecoming Coordinator of the Kansas State University Interfraternity Council by the Council of Presi-



Brother Andy Newton speaks at the National Congress after accepting the top chapter award on behalf of Delta Theta.

dents. He was also a member of the Executive Board of the IFC.

It was an year beyond belief for all of us! But the Chapter knows that they have more to achieve. They know that maintaining the "status quo" is a step backwards, especially after winning the Top Chapter Award. They know that slipping in grades and not achieving the All-Men's Average during Spring 1991 cost them the True Merit Award eleven years ago. They know that grades need to be above the All-Men's Grade Average

again . . . above the All-University Grade Average again . . . and above a 3.000 again and in the **top quartile** again. They know that financial responsibility is what keeps the doors open, and have collectively lent their support to Treasurer Danny Tokar in these efforts. They know that cooperation, understanding and advanced planning bring the best results. Chapter Meetings, House Meetings, and Executive Committee and Chapter Retreats continue to be frequent and highly productive occurrences and are attended by a substantial number of participating Brothers.

Emphasis will be kept on the areas of long-term success: Scholarship, public relations and communications, social service, leadership development, campus involvement, IFC, finances, alumni/chapter relations, intramurals, brotherhood and overall excellence. Renewed emphasis and concentration areas will be: Homecoming, social service and social responsibility.

You can readily appreciate your Chapter's achievements. There are more than 130 ATOs on the KSU campus this year – as diversified as ever. They are fulfilling their part of the "Brotherhood by choice". I would only hope that you can support them – by your attendance, by rush recommendations, by monetary contributions, by being an "active" ATO alumnus! The future is bright for Delta Theta, but not without the participation of both undergraduate and alumni members of this Chapter.





by Brian Hall
Homecoming
Chairman

Homecoming Demands Dedication

This year like any other was a challenging and rewarding experience during homecoming. No other event during the year demands as much commitment and hard work ion one week as homecoming. This semester we were paired with Gamma Phi Beta Sorority and Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity. My co-chair Cole Reichle and I were impressed with the help and sacrifice of so many members of all three chapters to compete this semester.

The week was kicked off with an event that involved every single member of the all three chapters called Paint It Purple. Each member from all of the chapters spent an hour cleaning up around Tuttle Creek. The next event was the Lip Sync competition which was held at Bramlage Coliseum. The

performers put on a great dance skit modeled after Michael Jackson's Thriller video. We finished fifth in the competition. I would like to thank Brother Ryan Potter as well as all of the participants for putting on a great skit which I along with many others felt was worthy of a higher placement.

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of Brother Danny Adrain we were able to take second in the Paint the 'Ville competition. Each pairing was required to paint an image having to do with the Wildcat World Tour theme of homecoming in the window of a store down in Aggieville. Adrain's depiction of Michael Jackson performing on stage was an



Brothers working on the float late into the night.

amazing work of art. We also placed fifth in the spirit competition during the parade through Aggieville.

Although we were not able to place in the other events of homecoming, everyone really pulled together at the end of the week and created a magnificent float that we were all very proud of. Beyond the awards and competition of Homecoming, this week really taught me the value of Brotherhood. So many members of our chapter, Gamma Phi Beta, and Delta Sigma Phi forfeited countless hours towards each event. I would especially like to thank Brothers Jamie Elder and Matt Washburn for their hard work on the spirit sign, and Charlie Robben, Matt Baki, Jacob Will, Steve Bellinger, Molly O'Brien and Elaine Cobb for their commitment to the float, and Brother Dan Sobek for his dedication to Pant the Chant.

As always there are numerous people who were of great assistance during homecoming week and throughout the various events which I just don't have space to mention. I greatly appreciate everyone's assistance for their work behind the scenes. With such a young chapter and so many members experiencing their first homecoming, I think our chapter is poised to make a serious run at first place next year.



Brother Jamie Elder works on the spirit sign while some Gamma Phi Beta's pomp for the float in the background.



Up 'Til Dawn

Members Participate in All-Greek Philanthropy



by Allan Sheahan

The philanthropy program of the Delta Theta chapter of Alpha Tau Omega consistently proves its dominance through the chapter member's hard work, creativity, determination and drive to be the best. Once again, Delta Theta has found a way to expand its program through an all-Greek philanthropy called Up 'Til Dawn. Up 'Til Dawn is an organization that raises funds for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee at undergraduate campuses around the nation. This was the first year for the program at Kansas State, and we demonstrated our excellent Greek system and the passion that our community has for these unfortunate children. Up 'Til Dawn is a nation-wide program that takes place at many different campuses. Each fraternity and sorority selects team captains, who puts his/her team of six to eight people together.

In Kansas State's first year of participation, we acquired almost one hundred teams for the project. This number doesn't seem astonishing until one realizes that the most teams ever composed on any campus was sixty-four. The central money-raising event took place in the Union ballroom, where each team member wrote fifty or more letters to friends and family in an effort to raise money for the children. Kansas State's Up 'Til Dawn program sent out an unbelievable 26,000 letters compared to a mere

4,500 letters by another participating campus. To help motivate each team to write as many letters as possible, each team was provided with a picture of the child that they were raising money for.

Up 'Til Dawn involves much more than writing letters for money. In December, all of the teams gathered again to make Christmas cards for the children. In February, we all will be crafting bandanas for the leukemia patients at St. Jude's Hospital. At the final event in April, every team that qualifies by raising enough money will get the opportunity to participate in an all night celebration of life, love, and the hope that we were able to help the children. This final event of staying up until dawn, is displaying our understanding of the heartache of the parents with children who stay awake all night questioning if their child will see another day. This amazing event was an extremely



Brothers Erik Rome, Matt Baki, Brandon Converse and Ryan Bader pose during the writing campaign for Up 'Til Dawn.

rewarding experience for all fourteen members of the Delta Theta Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega and broadened each an every one of our horizons. I would like to thank the following members for their participation in the program: Mark Pultz, Ryan Hannebaum, Evan Hammet, Chris Beyer, Billy Buser, Ryan Falco, Kevin Hudson, Erik Rome, Erik Ankrom, Ryan Bader, Brandon Converse, Matt Baki, Matt Toepfer, and Curtis Mick.



Homeless For Hunger

Fourth annual philanthropy raises over \$4,000



by Ryan Bader
Philanthropy
Chairman

Sometimes we forget how fortunate we are in the world today. There are certain things in life that are just taken for granted. There is another world in which some of modern society tends to forget about. Poverty is a very prominent issue in the United States, and the men of Alpha Tau Omega took on a philanthropy to help members appreciate how fortunate they really are. Homeless for Hunger is an event in which members of the Greek community are homeless for four days and five

nights to raise money and food for the Manhattan Emergency Shelter, a local shelter that helps families in need of food and other necessities. This philanthropy is done not only to help the unfortunate but also to make the community more aware of a very large problem.

Twenty-seven members of ATO and eighteen ladies from sororities across campus participated in the fourth annual Homeless for Hunger. These individuals gave up the comforts of normal everyday life that they were accustomed to and took on life without a permanent home for five long nights. The only material they could use consisted of cardboard



Brothers Larry Long, Charlie Robben, Allan Sheahan and Brian Hall pose in front of their "home" at Alpha Chi Omega.

boxes, duct tape and a plastic drop cloth. On October 6, 2002, the adventure began. All participants were split into groups of about six people. They were all given instructions on where to go and then sent on their way. The groups constructed shelters out of the boxes on the lawns of different sororities. Each day the groups would pack up their personal belongings and move to another site. They were not to ride in cars, eat anything that was not given to them or even shower. The last night of the event all of the groups met up at City Park of Manhattan and slept under the stars. The school radio station and newspaper were there to cover it.

Homeless for Hunger is only in its fourth year since the philanthropy has been revamped, and it is growing stronger and stronger each year. This year the men of Alpha Tau Omega raised right around \$4,000 and a little over three boxes of nonperishable food items. This year was also the first year the school newspaper and radio station have been involved. "H4H" can only grow; plans for the future include corporate sponsorship and more Greek participation. Being away from your own bed for one night can be a pain, but try sleeping on concrete for a week and see how much you really overlook the simplest things in life.



Participants in the Fourth Annual Homeless For Hunger gather at a picnic in City Park in preparation for their final night without a home.



Fall Pledge Class Educated on ATO Ideals



by Erik Rome
Membership
Education
Chairman

Kellen Frank, the Membership Recruitment Chairman, recruited 28 men for the Fall 2002 pledge class from many parts of Kansas and one from Missouri. They ranged in ages from seventeen to twenty-one. The Fall 2002 Pledge Class included: Brett Allred, Leawood, Kansas; Joshua Ault, Olathe, Kansas; Andrew Brown, Coffeyville, Kansas; Caden Butler, Great Bend, Kansas; Clayton Devlin, Topeka, Kansas; Brian Driscoll, Overland Park, Kansas; Matthew Duerfeldt, Manhattan, Kansas; Ryan Falco, Overland Park, Kansas; Aaron Franklin, Iola, Kansas; Clayton Glasco, Wichita, Kansas; Kevin Grace, Jefferson City, Missouri; Ryan Hannebaum, Salina, Kansas; Mark Hayes, Iola, Kansas; Bradley Hiss, Great Bend, Kansas; Christopher Johnson, Lawrence, Kansas; Brennan Knott, Andover, Kansas; Brock Lohrey, Shawnee, Kansas; Sean McEvoy, Overland Park, Kansas; Christopher Mick, Osborne, Kansas; Jesse Moore, Great Bend, Kansas; Mark Pultz, Riley, Kansas; Scott Sieben, Manhattan, Kansas; Benjamin Smith, Overland Park, Kansas; Scott Strickler, Iola, Kansas; James Sullivan, Overland Park, Kansas; Brinton Walstrom, Olathe, Kansas; Jacob Will, Gypsum, Kansas.

The pledge class bonding began the week before classes started through serenading sororities, cliff

jumping at a local stream, finding where their classes were on campus and hanging out. Once school began they soon discovered that college was a little more demanding than high school. Daily study hours provided a structured time for keeping up with their school work. The pledge class met once a week to conduct their pledge meetings. During weekly pledge meetings the pledges were taught about ATO's national and local history. This gave them knowledge and pride in how their fraternity was founded and how it has become what it is today. They also had the opportunity to hear some quality presentations. SHAPE, an organization for sexual health awareness, presented at one of their meetings. This provided good information on safe sexual behavior and prevention of diseases. Joel Johnson, an ATO from Murray State and a speaker for the Campus Crusaders for Christ, gave a powerful presentation that introduced some thoughts about the bible in their everyday life. This gave them a chance to think about their spirituality. During these meetings they elected officers, conducted the necessary business to accomplish their goals and were able to get to know each other better.

One of the main goals of this pledge class was to raise enough money to fund their weekend retreat. They raised money by working at

Kansas Speedway, Fry Wagner Moving Company and working at an alumni's ranch. Social service was also a main focus with participation in highway cleanup, handing out candy to children on Halloween and a letter writing campaign for St. Jude's Hospital. The weekends were a time for them to relax, which led to many brotherhood events such as barbecues, sports, and movies. Throughout the semester each pledge brother has formed a very strong bond both with his pledge class and with the chapter as a whole.

The pledge class had a campout retreat with only their pledge class members. This gave them an opportunity to get to know each other in a different setting than the university or the chapter house. They seemed to enjoy this experience and are a noticeably more cohesive group because of it. They also had a final retreat with our chapter advisor that recapped the semester and prepared them to be active members.

There were many ups and a few downs for this class, but they overcame all obstacles that were put in their way. This will help them both in their college years and later in life. It has been a pleasure working with such a wonderful and diverse group of guys. They have taught me more than I could have possibly taught them. I strongly believe that they will become excellent active members and leaders in our chapter.



Brothers Newton and Muir Elected to National Offices

by Brian Hall

Brother Andrew M. "Andy" Newton (DTh1999) was elected to the Alpha Tau Omega National Board of Directors by the General Assembly at the 75th ATO Congress in Cleveland, Ohio on August 9, 2002. Andy is one of two undergraduate members on the Board of Directors, along with Brother M. Brett Trapp (North Alabama 2000). The Board of Directors is the 11-member group that governs the Fraternity when the General Assembly is not in session. His two-year term will expire at the ATO Congress in August of 2004. He was also elected by the Board of Directors as Worthy Grand Usher.

Andy has been Chapter President, Vice-President and Membership Recruitment Chairman.

Brother William L. "Bill" Muir (DTh1967) was re-elected by the National Board of Directors as National Secretary, serving a two-year

term that expires in August of 2004.

Bill has been Delta Theta's Chapter Advisor, Building Corporation Secretary and Endowment Fund President since 1971. He also served as National Ritual Counselor for 17 years. Brother Muir was selected as the National Advisor of the Year in 1987 and received The National President's Distinguished Alumni Award at the Cleveland Congress.

Our congratulations to Brothers Andy Newton and Bill Muir on their election to National Offices.



Two Brothers Share Experiences “Down Under”

by Brett Poland and Matt Redhair

Our experience in Australia was very educational and entertaining. We knew that it was an opportunity of a lifetime. Before we went “down under,” we were not sure what exactly to expect. We had heard that we would have the time of our lives, and that could not have been more true.

While we were in Australia, we lived in a town called Wollongong, about an hour and half south of Sydney on the coast. Our apartment-like living arrangement was a five minute walk to the beach. During the summer months, most of our time was spent at the beach, with a few breaks to attend class. Not only was the beach beautiful, but our campus was amazing as well.

Classes there were a lot different than at K-State. They focused more on the individual study, and the majority of the grade came from the final. This made classes there a little more difficult than we first anticipated. It was great to learn how different cultures view world issues and how they react to foreigners with different view points.



Brothers Poland and Redhair pause by the scenic coast of Victoria, Australia.

Besides the educational part of the trip, we had a plethora of time to travel and see the country. We visited parts of the country that few Americans have ever seen. Sydney was one of the most magnificent cities that we have ever been to. We hit every part of the

country, except for the far north and west. During one of our week long trips, we traveled north along the coast into the tropics. While there, we had the chance to scuba dive the Great Barrier Reef, bungee jump, white water raft through a rain forest, ride a catamaran through the

Whitsunday Islands, and best of all, we got to see the “Crocodile Hunter” Steve Irwin in person.

The next trip, we went south to Melbourne to start a ten day RV excursion through the Outback. The trip started by driving the Great Ocean Road, the most gorgeous scenic drive in the world. Along the way, we saw several world famous sights including the Twelve Apostles. From there, we made our way to the Outback, which was a whole lot of nothing but scrub brush and red sand. We eventually made our way up to Ayer’s Rock and the surrounding sites. The most memorable part of this trip was in the Outback. At night you can see every possible star in the southern hemisphere with brilliant clarity.

The last night in Australia was a very memorable one. We sat overlooking the skyline of Sydney from our hotel and we realized how lucky we were to have been there.



Intramurals Captures Soccer Championship



by Kellen Frank
Intramurals
Chairman

Fresh off the fraternity championship for softball last spring, this fall, Alpha Tau Omega Athletics continued to compete at a high level. From golf to wrestling to HORSE shoot out, ATO was well represented. Currently ATO is knocking on the door of the top five at number seven in intramural points.

Adding to the championship tradition, the soccer team, lead by brother Cade Butler, had only one blemish on their record. Many of the games showcased our great defense and were highlighted by an explosive scoring attack. A perfect playoff run was climaxed with a victory over Beta Theta Pi which brought home the title.

ATO was dominant in flag football as well. An undefeated regular season was highlighted by a 46-6 victory over eventual champion Beta Theta Pi. The football team’s hopes of a championship ended with a three point loss to Sigma Phi Epsilon. Badly hurt by absences Alpha Tau Omega just couldn’t get it going.

A season of highs and lows is the best phrase to describe ATO’s volleyball season. In the division’s

toughest league, the team managed to go 3-2 and make the playoffs for the second year in a row.

Team points were also contributed by Mike Hinkin, Matt Duerfeldt, Spencer Coatney and Mark Hayes who made up Alpha Tau Omega’s golf team. Chris Beyer, Evan Hammett, Scott Sieben, Josh Ault, Ryan Potter, represented ATO in wrestling. With over 15 individual sports to compete in during the fall semester, many brothers represented ATO through their sportsmanship and athleticism.



After a soccer game, the team and fans come together to celebrate.

As the spring semester approaches ATO can only be excited about its place among fraternities at Kansas State. With some young talent and key returners on the basketball team, they hope to regain the chemistry the team started to develop last season. The softball Taus are also poised for another championship run. With only one player not returning, the season looks bright for last year’s undefeated champions.



Lending a Hand Through Service



by Dan Sobek
Social Service Coordinator

Community service is defined as giving of one's self to benefit others. ATO's are the ones who created this definition. Delta Theta has a remarkable attitude in regards to community service. We don't participate in community service activities because we are supposed to, we don't do it because people expect us to, we do it because we enjoy it and we know that it is right. In the fall semester of 2002 Delta Theta's participated in a whole slue of different community activities and events. Members of Delta Theta spent nearly four thousand hours providing service for the community. We held our own service days as well as participated in other organizations' events. During Homeless for Hunger brothers slept outside for a week to raise money for the Manhattan homeless shelter, and to raise

awareness in the Manhattan community of the homeless problem in our community. We also participated in our annual Highway cleanup, where we go out and clean up a portion of highway that Delta Theta has been taking care of for years. While we love doing large group community service it's the individual efforts that really make a difference in the community. We have a number of brothers who are currently involved in Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Manhattan. They spend time each week with an underprivileged youth, mentoring them and providing a positive example for them. A few brothers participated in a conversational English program on campus helping exchange students with their English. Our Brothers Against Drunk Driving was a success once again,

making sure no brothers get behind the wheel after drinking.

This year K-State ran into some pretty hard times financially and had to make some serious budget cuts. Among these the school maintenance budget was slashed forcing the grounds crew to cut back on all its services.

Towards the end of November brother Andy Newton noticed that the leaves on campus were really becoming a problem and the grounds crew did not have sufficient time or manpower to deal with it. So he had the idea that Delta Theta should go down on campus and pick up the slack. For the members of Delta Theta it was more of a brotherhood event than a community service event. We were able to give



Left to right: Brother Pete Kelley, Chris Mick, Billy Buser, and Mark Hayes help out raking leaves on campus.

something back to the University and it was a good feeling.

Up 'Til Dawn is a new campus-wide philanthropy that K-State is starting and Delta Theta is leading the way with sixteen brothers participating in it. Several members and pledges also helped take part in the Winter Games put on by Special Olympics in Manhattan. Volunteers were used as lane supervisors at the bowling alley. They helped out by encouraging participants as well as making sure that the bowlers stayed in proper order.

It would take too long to name every community service activity that the members of Delta Theta participate in. They are passionate about helping others and it is illustrated on a daily basis by their attitudes towards community service.



Brother Muir Awarded Distinguished Alumnus Award at Congress

by Brian Hall



Brother Bill Muir received a very special award at Congress this year. ATO National President Miles McCall presented our chapter advisor with the National President Award, which is presented to the most distinguished ATO alumnus in the nation. This prestigious award is handed out every year. The award was given due to Brother Muir's tireless and dedication to

Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. Brother Muir has been a true friend and great asset to the Delta Theta Chapter by serving as our chapter advisor, Building Corporation Secretary and Endowment Fund President. Brother Muir has also dedicated much effort and time on the national level by servinc as National Ritual Counselor and being re-elected as National Secretary by the National Board

of Directors to anther two-year term.

The awards that Brother Muir has been presented can not convey the number of lives that he has touched during his many years in this fraternity. His unrelenting service to this fraternity is amazing. Congratulations to Brother Muir on this outstanding achievement.



Alumni Through Out

Updates on several members from the 60s

John Felten was initiated in 1960. He is currently retire from being an engineer for Adolph Coors. His wife is Cecilia Felten and he has four children. The eldest of his children is an engineer as well. His second child works for the veteran's administration in the government. His last two children are both elementary school teachers.



Richard Fagerberg was initiated in 1963. He is currently retired from being a corporate attorney for Employer's Re-Insurance Corporation. He is married to Sue Fagerberg and one son Chad, who was an ATO in the early 1990s. Chad currently works for a commercial credit company in Temecula, California. Richard is also very active in his church, Village Presbyterian, by working in the food pantry and mentoring in a reading program in the Kansas City, Missouri school district. Richard remembers the great camaraderie that the members had when he was part of the Chapter.

Bill Rock was initiated in 1965. He served as Chapter President in 1966. Currently, he is employed as a pilot for Delta Air Lines. He is married to Sandy Rock, and he has two children who are both married. One child lives in Oklahoma, and the other lives in California. Bill's favorite memory about the house was the Friday Night Beer Bust at Tuttle Creek.



Thomas Foncannon was initiated in 1966. He is currently working as a banker in Littleton, Colorado. He is married to Barbara Foncannon and he has 2 sons. His oldest son recently graduated from Colorado State University, and his other son is a freshman at Fort Lewis. Thomas's favorite memory when the pledges had to shower Dennis Wheatley because he was going steady with a girl. There were not enough pledges to shower Dennis, so Brother Bill Muir decided to fill a bucket full of hot water and throw it on Dennis. Dennis was furious and hurled a kitchen chair right at Bill's head. Bill ducked and the chair shattered against the wall. Needless to say, Bill had to hide out for several days from Dennis who was a very strong man.

Stephen Peak was initiated in 1968. He is a Lieutenant Colonel in the army, and currently he is employed as a mobilization readiness officer for the Army National Guard. He is married to Nancy Peak, and he has two daughters. One daughter lives in Emporia and the other lives in Topeka. He remembers the great camaraderie of his pledge class. His favorite memory was each spring before Finals in the old house everyone would hear Dixie playing and a big water fight would break out between the North and the South side.



Jeffrey Burner was initiated in 1969. He served as Chapter Vice-President and President. He is currently employed as a Landscape Architect in Dallas, Texas. He is single and has many great memories about the Chapter House and its members.



ATO FOUNDATION AWARDS MUIR MEMORIAL GRANTS-IN-AID



by Bill Muir
President
Kansas
State Alpha
Tau Omega
Students'
Aid Endow-
ment Fund

The Alpha Tau Omega Foundation, upon recommendation of the Kansas State Alpha Tau Omega Students' Aid Endowment Fund, announced the 2002-2003 **William Lloyd Muir II and John Thomas Muir Memorial Grant-in-Aid Awards**, totaling **\$10,060**, at the Chapter Awards Banquet held on October 20, 2002. The Grant-in-Aid Awards were presented to the following Brothers living in the Chapter House or an approved Annex*:

Timothy J. Bensman (Co-Recipient, Muir Memorial Trophy)	
10722 W. 128th Street, Overland Park, Kansas 66213	\$1,032.75
Allan R. Sheahan (Co-Recipient, Muir Memorial Trophy)	
2304 Terry Way, Manhattan, Kansas 66502	\$1,032.75
William H. Casper	
6015 W. 125th Street, Overland Park, Kansas 66209	\$ 950.90
Brian M. King	
2 Timber Drive, Iola, Kansas 66749	\$ 950.90
Erik M. Rome	
8701 Mackey, Overland Park, Kansas 66212	\$ 918.70
Dustin L. Kammerer	
5220 Garner Lane, Merriam, Kansas 66203	\$ 851.30
Charles D. Robben	
304 E. 7th Street, Oakley, Kansas 67748	\$ 844.80
Matthew J. Toepfer	
13901 W. 55th Terrace, Shawnee, Kansas 66216	\$ 764.50
Daniel O. Sobek	
12533 W. 82nd Terrace, Lenexa, Kansas 66215	\$ 703.50
Larry D. Long	
CMR 480, Box 2554, APO AE 09128	\$ 652.10
Jeremiaha D. Cole	
602 N. Lincoln, Bennington, Kansas 67422	\$ 584.60
Matthew T. Howell	
2924 Scarsdale Manor, St. Charles, Missouri 63303	\$ 408.00
Shawn A. Cross	
3114 Broadway, Great Bend, Kansas 67530	\$ 305.20
*Joshua R. Wedel	
1533 Fairview, Liberal, Kansas 67901	\$ 60.00

The Muir Grants-in-Aid were first awarded in 1974. In June of 1990, by action of the Endowment Fund Board of Directors, \$92,265 was transferred to The Alpha Tau Omega Foundation and The William Lloyd Muir II and John Thomas Muir Memorial Grant-in-Aid Awards Account was established on the national level. In August of 1999, an additional \$67,039 was transferred to the ATO Foundation. The Account currently has almost \$160,000 in assets. The transfers and the rate-of-return by the Foundation have allowed the Awards to grow from \$4,000 per year to this year's \$10,000.

The Muir Memorial Grants-in-Aid memorialize and honor Brother William L. (Bill) Muir II (DTh1938), who died during World War II in May of 1943, and Brother John T. (Tom) Muir (DTh1938), who died in February of 1990. They are given each year to members living in the Chapter House or an approved Annex who demonstrate substantial financial need, scholastic achievement and campus and community involvement. All applicants complete a 19-page application. Awards are made by The Alpha Tau Omega Foundation Board of Governors, from recommendations of the Endowment Fund's Executive Committee, based on a previously-established formula. The Grants-in-Aid are used to offset the person's basic housebill or Annex fees and are made jointly to the member and Delta Theta of Alpha Tau Omega. The maximum awards are 50% of the total yearly Chapter housebill (\$1,700) or Annex fees (\$180), as the case may be. The top Award(s) receive(s) the Muir Memorial Trophy.

The members of the Board of Directors extend congratulations to the recipients of this year's Muir Memorial Grant-in-Aid Awards.

William L. Muir, President
Larry W. Emig, Vice-President
Allan D. Holiday, Jr., Secretary
Michael E. Brown, Treasurer
Kansas State Alpha Tau Omega
Students' Aid Endowment Fund



Brothers By Deliberate Choice



Brothers Ben Smith, Bret Springs and Erik Rome hanging out in their room.



Brothers having fun at a tailgate before the game vs. Western Kentucky.



The winners of the first annual mustache competition. Left to right: Shawn Cross, Andy Newton and Dustin Kammerer.



Brothers Matt Baki and Mike Hinkin after working in the Chapter Room.



Left to right: Brothers Buser, Topliff, Hudson, Henderson and Kelley having fun at Taugaritaville.



Several brothers enjoy a bar-b-que on a Friday afternoon.

Endowment Fund Awards Spring Semester Scholarships



by Bill Muir
President
Kansas
State Alpha
Tau Omega
Students'
Aid Endow-
ment Fund

The Kansas State University Foundation and the Board of Directors of the Kansas State Alpha Tau Omega Students' Aid Endowment Fund announced the recipients of **The Elmer D. McCollum Scholastic Excellence Awards**, endowed by and named for Brother Elmer D. McCollum (DTh1920), for the Spring Semester, 2002. Every active (or pledge who is subsequently initiated the next semester) in good standing living in the Chapter House and up to 8 actives or pledges living in an approved annex (indicated with *) receive The McCollum Scholastic Excellence Award if they attain a 3.100 Grade Point Average or above, based on the following criteria:

For every whole tenth that the person's grades are above a 3.100 GPA, a cash award of that number multiplied by the number of graded hours completed multiplied by \$2.00 plus \$25 will be given. An additional \$100 will be awarded for a 4.000 GPA. To be eligible, the person must take and complete at least 12 hours, 9 of which are graded.

Because of the quality of these grades and the total amount of funds available, the base award for The McCollum Awards was adjusted upward from \$25 to **\$50** for this semester.

In addition, the Endowment Fund has established, from a direct donation, **The Presidential Scholastic Achievement Awards**. If the Chapter Grade Average is equal to or above the University All-Men's Grade Average, every person who meets The McCollum Award criteria receives an additional **\$75 Presidential Award** from the Endowment Fund. The Presidential Award is only presented if the Chapter's Grade Point Average is **equal to or above a 3.000**. The Chapter's Grade Average was **3.104**, with grade changes, well above the University All-Men's Grade Point Average of **2.820** and the All-Fraternity Grade Point Average of **3.003**. The Chapter's GPA was above a 3.000 **for the fifth time in the last seven semesters, and was the highest in the Chapter's history**.

Effective with Fall Semester, 2002, the McCollum Awards criteria will be changed to the following:

For every whole tenth that the person's grades are above a 3.100 GPA, a cash award of that number multiplied by the number of graded hours completed multiplied by \$3.00 will be given. An additional \$100 will be awarded for a 4.000 GPA. No individual McCollum Award shall be more than \$600. To be eligible, the person must take and complete at least 12 hours, 9 of which are graded.

The Presidential Awards will be an additional **\$100** instead of \$75. The Presidential Award is only presented if the Chapter's Grade Point Average is **equal to or above a 3.000**.

The **41** recipients, grade averages and total awards of **\$10,910** (\$7,835 for the McCollum Awards and \$3,075 for the Presidential Awards), are as follows:

Charles D. Robben (Top Grades)
15 Hours 4.000 \$495
304 E. 7th Street, Oakley, KS 67748

Andrew M. Newton (Top Grades)
14 Hours 4.000 \$477
16760 Antioch, Stilwell, KS 66085

Jesse D. Newton (Top Grades)
14 Hours 4.000 \$477
16760 Antioch, Stilwell, KS 66085

*Kevin N. Oehme (Top Grades)
13 Hours 4.000 \$459
311 Harvard Avenue, Liberal, KS 67901

Troy A. Holdeman (Top Grades)
12 Hours 4.000 \$441
2900 S. Mission Road, Halstead, KS 67056

Jacob J. Perkins
14 Hours 3.857 \$321
722 N. 148th Avenue, Omaha, NE 68154

Brian M. King (Honor Initiate)
13 Hours 3.846 \$307
2 Timber Drive, Iola, KS 66749

Erik M. Rome
15 Hours 3.800 \$335
8701 Mackey, Overland Park, KS 66212

Allan R. Sheahan
15 Hours 3.800 \$335
2304 Terry Way, Manhattan, KS 66503

John F. Thompson
15 Hours+1CR 3.800 \$335
404 Sunset, Salina, KS 67401

*Michael F. Fernholz
14 Hours 3.786 \$293
12130 Bluejacket Street, Overland Park, KS 66213

Timothy J. Bensman
13 Hours 3.769 \$281
10722 W. 128th Street, Overland Park, KS 66213

Brian J. Hall
13 Hours 3.769 \$281
4331 Somerset Drive, Prairie Village, KS 66207

Scott M. Freeman
12 Hours 3.750 \$269
13824 Fernleaf Way, Carmel, IN 46033

Daniel J. Tokar
16 Hours+1CR 3.750 \$317
12608 Flint, Overland Park, KS 66213

Benjamin C. Porter
17 Hours 3.647 \$295
8614 Deer Run, Lenexa, KS 66220

Ryan M. Potter
14 Hours 3.643 \$265
3904 Erin Circle, Manhattan, KS 66503

David M. Keller
15 Hours 3.600 \$275
14713 Woodward, Overland Park, KS 66223

Patrick J. McEvoy
15 Hours 3.600 \$275
13925 Eby, Overland Park, KS 66221

R. Robert Harrison
13 Hours 3.539 \$229
36530 W. 159th Street, Gardner, KS 66030

Brandon C. Converse
15 Hours 3.533 \$245
3901 Westbank Court, Manhattan, KS 66502

Chad E. Johnson
15 Hours 3.533 \$245
1 Ridgeland Road, St. Joseph, MO 64505

Steven L. Bellinger
14 Hours 3.500 \$237
5275 Lake Elbo Road, Manhattan, KS 66502

William H. Casper
12 Hours 3.500 \$221
6015 W. 125th Street, Overland Park, KS 66209

Kerry M. Funk
12 Hours 3.500 \$221
2813 Goldenrod Road, Newton, KS 67117

*Larry D. Long
16 Hours 3CR 3.438 \$221
CMR 480, Box 2554, Stuttgart, Germany

Dustin L. Kammerer
14 Hours 3.429 \$209
5220 Garner Lane, Merriam, KS 66203

Trevor L. Winchell
14 Hours 3.429 \$209
P. O. Box 1782, Liberal, KS 67905

Matthew A. Baki
15 Hours 3.400 \$215
3511 Royal Dornoch Circle, Delaware, OH 43015

Evan B. Hammett
15 Hours 3.400 \$215
5600 W. 164th Street, Stilwell, KS 66085

Andrew J. Joiner
15 Hours 3.400 \$215
1318 Vineyard Lane, Libertyville, IL 60048

Ryan C. Parisi
15 Hours 3.400 \$215
9610 N. Revere Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64154

*Christopher A. Beyer
13 Hours 3.385 \$177
2901 Crown Drive, Independence, KS 67301

Shane A. Frownfelter
14 Hours 3.357 \$181
3327 SW Dukeries Road, Topeka, KS 66614

Matthew J. Washburn
17 Hours 3.353 \$193
1401 Virginia, Derby, KS 67037

Joshua R. Wedel
17 Hours 3.353 \$193
1533 Fairview, Liberal, KS 67901

Jeremy T. Graham
12 Hours 3.250 \$149
14141 Eby, Overland Park, KS 66221

Bret M. Springs
14 Hours 3.214 \$153
11517 Canterbury Circle, Leawood, KS 66211

Travis J. DiGirolamo
15 Hours 3.200 \$155
5200 W. 157th Street, Overland Park, KS 66224

Kellen J. Frank
15 Hours 3.200 \$155
5817 W. 164th Street, Stilwell, KS 66085

Matthew T. Howell
17 Hours 3.118 \$125
2924 Scarsdale Manor, St. Charles, MO 63303

The Kansas State University Foundation makes The McCollum Awards, based upon recommendations of the University General Scholarship Committee from the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Kansas State Alpha Tau Omega Students' Aid Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund awards The Presidential Awards directly to the individuals.

The Endowment Fund awards **The Joseph P. Fangman Honor Initiate Award**, endowed by and named for Brother Joseph P. Fangman (DTh1983), to the member(s) of an initiation class numbering at least 8 who take(s) at least 12 hours and has the highest grades of at least a 3.300, who receive a jeweled ATO badge, a scholarship and an Honor Initiation. The recipient of this Award for Spring, 2002, was:

Brian M. King
13 Hours 3.846 \$375
2 Timber Drive, Iola, KS 66749

Each member meeting the criteria for The McCollum and Presidential Awards for both the Fall and Spring Semesters is eligible for **The L. Allyn Laybourn Scholastic Excellence Awards**, endowed by and named for Brother L. Allyn Laybourn (DTh1921), which are presented in the Fall by the Endowment Fund and the Alpha Tau Omega Foundation to the four members living in the Chapter House who have the best grades for the entire previous school year. In 1998, with the dissolution of the Kansas City Province 18 Foundation and the transfer of assets to the Alpha Tau Omega Foundation in Indianapolis, Delta Theta Chapter was credited with 22.5% of their net assets. The Endowment Fund asked that the net interest earned from this account be established as another Laybourn Award account and distributed to Chapter members with the highest yearly grades at the same time as the Endowment Fund Laybourn Awards. A tie for grades is broken by the number of hours taken. For the 2001-2002 School Year, the Laybourn Award recipients are:

Andrew M. Newton (Top Grades)
29 Hours 4.000 \$2,000
16760 Antioch, Stilwell, KS 66085

Troy A. Holdeman (1st Runner-Up)
24 Hours 4.000 \$1,100
2900 S. Mission Road, Halstead, KS 67530

Jesse D. Newton (2nd Runner-Up)
28 Hours 4.000 \$800
16760 Antioch, Stilwell, KS 66085

John F. Thompson (3rd Runner-Up)
27 Hours 3.889 \$500
404 Sunset, Salina, KS 67401

Also, the Endowment Fund awards **The Matthew L. Bretz Most Improved Scholarship Awards**, endowed by and named for Brother Matthew L. Bretz (DTh1986), to two members (or pledges who are subsequently initiated the next semester) living in the Chapter House whose grade point averages increase the most over the previous semester. They must have taken at least 12 hours (9 of which are graded) during both semesters and not have less than a 1.500 grade point average. The recipients of these Awards for Spring, 2002 are:

Dustin L. Kammerer \$250
1.286 Grade Improvement from Fall 2.143 to Spring 3.429
5220 Garner Lane, Merriam, KS 66203

Evan B. Hammett \$250
1.257 Grade Improvement from Fall 2.143 to Spring 3.400
5600 W. 164th Street, Stilwell, KS 66085

In addition, the Kansas State University Foundation awarded the following Scholarships and Awards, upon recommendation of the Board of Directors of the Endowment Fund. The Elmer D. McCollum Awards were endowed by and named for Brother Elmer D. McCollum (DTh1920), The Richard E. Fagerberg Worthy Marshal Award was endowed by and named for Brother Richard E. Fagerberg (DTh1963) and The Allan D. Holiday, Jr. Worthy Keeper of Exchequer Award was endowed by and named for Brother Allan D. Holiday, Jr. (DTh1977):

The Elmer D. McCollum ATO Worthy Master Award
Housebill for Chapter President for School Year
Andrew M. Newton \$3,340
16760 Antioch, Stilwell, KS 66085

The Richard E. Fagerberg ATO Worthy Marshal Award
Scholarship for Chapter Vice-President
Andrew J. Joiner \$500
1318 Vineyard Lane, Libertyville, IL 60048

The Elmer D. McCollum ATO Worthy Chaplain Award
Scholarship for Chapter Chaplain
Benjamin C. Porter \$250
8614 Deer Run, Lenexa, KS 66220

The Allan D. Holiday, Jr. ATO Worthy Keeper of Exchequer Award
Housebill for Chapter Treasurer for School Year
Daniel J. Tokar \$3,340
12608 Flint, Overland Park, KS 66213

The Elmer D. McCollum ATO Worthy Scribe Award
Scholarship for Chapter Secretary
Ryan C. Parisi \$200
9610 N. Revere Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64154

The Elmer D. McCollum Membership Education Chairman Award
At least 80% of Pledge Class Initiated at the Beginning of the Next Semester
Matthew J. Toepfer \$500
5810 Oakview, Shawnee, KS 66216

The Elmer D. McCollum ATO Membership Recruitment Chairman Award

Up to 50% of Housebill for Rush Chairman for School Year
Kellen J. Frank \$1,650
5112 W. 159th Street, Stilwell, KS 66085

The Elmer D. McCollum ATO Assistant Membership Recruitment Chairman Awards

Benjamin J. Zwick \$200
13801 Hayes, Overland Park, KS 66221

Daniel O. Sobek \$100
12533 W. 82nd Terrace, Lenexa, KS 66215

Cole S. Reichle \$100
6400 SW South Pointe Drive, Auburn, KS 66402

The Elmer D. McCollum ATO Best Room Scholarship Award
Andrew M. Newton and Patrick J. McEvoy (3.793 GPA) \$100

The Endowment Fund also awarded, in an amount determined by the majority vote of a Joint Committee of the Presidents of the Chapter, Delta Theta Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega Building Corporation and the Endowment Fund, **The Larry D. Marvel Memorial House Manager Award**, named for Brother Larry D. Marvel (DTh1985), who was killed in a parachuting accident in March of 1989. The Award, of up to \$750 per semester, is made to the elected House Manager in good standing for excellence of service in office. The recipient was:

Steven L. Bellinger \$750
5275 Lake Elbo Road, Manhattan, KS 66502

Also, the Endowment Fund awarded **The Henry F. Kupfer Kitchen Manager Award**, endowed by and named for Brother Henry F. Kupfer (DTh1938), of up to \$600 per semester to the elected Kitchen Manager in good standing, in an amount determined by a unanimous vote of a Joint Committee of the Presidents (or designees) of Delta Theta of Alpha Tau Omega and the Endowment Fund, for excellence of service in office to:

Benjamin J. Zwick \$600
13801 Hayes, Overland Park, KS 66221

The Endowment Fund also awarded **The Gary R. Cottrell and Russell W. Taddiken Social Service Coordinator Award**. This Award, endowed through a directed donation, was originated and named for Brothers Gregory A. Lloyd (DTh1990) and David M. Saunders (DTh1992), who were Social Service Coordinators during the terms when the Chapter received 1993 National Runner-Up for the National Community Awareness Award. In 1996, the Award's name was changed to those of the Social Service Coordinators during the terms when the Chapter received The 1995 National Community Awareness Award: Brothers Gary R. Cottrell (DTh1994) and Russell W. Taddiken (DTh1995). It is given semesterly in September and February to the Social Service Coordinator who leads the Chapter to achieving a successful social service program. The full amount of \$100 is awarded to the Social Service Coordinator if the Chapter successfully completes at least 2,000 hours of social service projects during the preceding semester. \$25 is awarded to the Social Service Coordinator and \$75 to a not-for-profit charitable organization chosen by the Chapter if such goal is not achieved. During Spring Semester, the Chapter completed 3,022 hours of projects. The Spring Semester recipient was:

Michael P. Hinkin \$100
1426 Sharingbrook Drive, Manhattan, KS 66503

The Endowment Fund, through a directed donation, also awarded **The Ryan A. Newth Social Chairman Award**. The Award, named for Brother Ryan A. Newth (DTh1993), is given semesterly in September and February to the Social Chairman who leads the Chapter to achieving a successful and risk-free social program. The full amount of \$400 is awarded to Social Chairman if the Chapter has no risk management violations or violations of the Kansas State University Joint Interfraternity Council/Panhellenic Council Alcohol Policy or ATO National Policies and Procedures during the preceding



Brother Matt Toepfer accepts his MEC scholarship from Brother Andy Newton.

ENDOWMENT FUND AND COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AWARD HOLSTROM SCHOLARSHIP

Nathan J. Schutte, fifth-year student in Architecture, was awarded **The John E. Holstrom Alpha Tau Omega Architectural Scholarship** at the College of Architecture, Planning and Design Awards Reception on September 6, 2002. This fourteenth Holstrom Scholarship was for \$1,000. Nathan was presented a Plaque and Certificate by Endowment Fund President Bill Muir and had his name engraved on the Holstrom Award Plaque in Seaton Hall.

A resident of Albion, Nebraska, Schutte graduated from Wichita Southeast High School in 1998. Schutte has taken on a variety of leadership roles. He is a founding member of the Plot Club for architecture students and has been one of the organizers and technicians for the Plot Club since it began. He has been a teaching assistant for the Department's Digital Technology course for two years and has served as a student member of the Department's Digital Technology Committee. He took second place in the Bayer Stone Competition last fall for his project "Light and Liberation."

Nathan also served the students of the College as Student Senator in the K-State Student Senate. During the Spring 2002 semester, Schutte took part in the College's Italian Studies Program at Castiglion Fiorentino, Italy. Nathan excels scholastically, maintaining a 3.858 grade point average. He has been consistently on the Dean's Honor List, which recognizes the top 10% of each class year.

The Holstrom Scholarship, established in 1990, is named after John E. Holstrom, a 1968 initiate of the Kansas State University chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity and 1972 Kansas State University graduate who died in December of 1989 at the age of 40. The stated purposes of this Scholarship are "to perpetuate the memory of John E. Holstrom on the campus of Kansas State University and to provide educational opportunities and assistance for fifth-year architecture students who possess exemplary attributes in scholarship, fellowship and character."

The Kansas State Alpha Tau Omega Students' Aid Endowment Fund, in conjunction with the College of Architecture, Planning and Design, established the Holstrom Scholarship. An endowed gift of \$20,000 from the architectural firm of Weeter-Kienast-Alexander (WKA) of

Dallas, Texas, which was Holstrom's firm, is the largest part of this endowment.

To be eligible, a student must have at least a 2.75 grade point average and "judged to be of good character and sound academic standing and who has contributed to the quality of life of the Department of Architecture, the College of Architecture, Planning and Design and Kansas State University. The recipient should demonstrate a high interest and ability in the field of architecture, with demonstrated professional promise. In all other respects, this Scholarship will be awarded without restriction to gender, race, handicap, religion or national origin."

The finalists for this Scholarship are chosen by a Screening Committee within the Department of Architecture selected by the Head of the Department. The Screening Committee provides a written assessment of each finalist, describing and evaluating potential, scholastic aptitude, exemplary fellowship, outstanding character and contributions to the University. The Head of the Department of Architecture, in consultation with the Dean of Architecture, Planning and Design, selects the recipient.

Dennis L. Law, KSU Dean of Architecture, Planning and Design, commented: "We are very pleased to be able to offer this Scholarship to an outstanding fifth-year architectural student. Special thanks to the local Alpha Tau Omega Endowment Fund and the WKA architectural firm for making this scholarship a reality, and congratulations to Nathan Schutte on being the Scholarship recipient."

James S. Jones, Head of the KSU Department of Architecture, said: "Nathan Schutte is one of our top students, and possesses good, all-around qualities that fit the criteria for this Scholarship."

William L. Muir, President of the Kansas State Alpha Tau Omega Students' Aid Endowment Fund, stated: "we are extremely proud to have the opportunity to award this Scholarship in memory of John Holstrom to an outstanding architectural student as Nathan Schutte. John loved architecture, he loved life in general, and he loved Kansas State University. It is very appropriate that we memorialize his life of service with this Scholarship."



Please help us keep our records current by filling out the Alumni Information Form in the back cover of this issue. Also, let us know if there is anyone who you would like to recommend as a possible future member by filling out the rush recommendation on the same page. Both of these forms are also available in the alumni section of our on-line Chapter website at www.ksu.edu/ato. 23

Final Thought

by Lance Jones

It isn't easy to sum up four and a half years of college, a period of time that has been the biggest influence on me. I made the move from Salina, Kansas to Indianapolis, Indiana this past weekend to start as the Associate Director of Expansion with the national fraternity in "Corporate America." The move allowed me to reflect on my tenure in the chapter.

You're only an undergraduate once, make sure you enjoy it. Balance your time wisely as you take advantages of the opportunities available (scholarship, elected/appointed positions, brotherhood events, social events, etc.).

There are many different roles and positions in the chapter. There are also many different approaches to take and choices to be made. Sometimes you know the specific role you want to play and the position you want to hold. Other times you might be indecisive. One thing that is important to remember is the approach you take.

Not everyone will approach things in the same manner. Always be aware of your surroundings and the "other side of things".

I had the opportunity to see a few awards named after some very significant brothers as an undergraduate. The Robert M. Bensman President's Award, the Justin J. Nelson Communications Officer Award, and the Jonathan S. K u r c h e H i s t o r i a n Award. Each name should be



significant to you and the chapter. They significantly raised the bar in their respective positions and were influences on both a chapter and national level. As these brothers exited office, the success of the chapter continued. As president, Chad Russell helped direct the chapter to the third consecutive Top Chapter Award. Bob Harrison continued the Vintage as Erik Ankrom revamped the website and installed a new phone system. Both of their contributions led to another Anderson Gold Communications Award (the top national award for

communication). The chapter continues to excel because of the quality of recruitment and the environment in the chapter, remember that.

"Where will your name stack up in the end," asked Miles McCall (Alpha Tau Omega National President) at the 2002 Congress in Cleveland, Ohio. It's not an easy question to address. You have to decide what kind of influence you want to have. Remember the different roles and approaches and think about what you want to get done.

Remember the fountain. Remember the brotherhood facial-hair contest. Remember the pledge retreats. Remember the nights you stayed up until sunrise to talk with one of your best friends. Remember your signing day. Remember initiation and the formal tradition of tuxes. Remember those that have come before you and the many that will follow in your footsteps. Never forget about the active chapter. Remember what it means before you sign L & R. Respect the laundry sign-up. Attend chapter – you'll realize the significance later. What will people say

about you at your final chapter? Where would you be right now if you did not sign ATO? Remember that you have already affected the people around you. Let your friends know that you love them. Don't drink and drive. If you need a laugh, go talk to the "Goose". You don't get snow days in "Corporate America". Return phone calls and emails. Your composite will be hanging in the second and first floor hallway in 10-20 years. If you do not know Muir, get to know him. No one is more dedicated to the success of the chapter and helping his brothers. Bill, thank you.

Before I left for Indianapolis, my dad gave me a crystal ball and a piece of paper. They both sit on my office desk continuously reminding me...

We can not foretell the future

We can not change the past, so

We must make the most of the present.

The choices we make will be based upon: experiences of the past, knowledge of the present and opportunities for the future. Our choices affect many lives. So choose wisely.



Alpha Tau Omega

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Year of Initiation: _____ Year at KSU: _____ to _____ Major: _____

Fraternity Offices held (include alumnus positions): _____

Date of Marriage: _____ Wife's First & Maiden Name: _____

Names & Ages of Children: _____

Most memorable thing about KSU and/or ATO: _____

ATO Rush Recommendation

I would like to recommend the following person to the Delta Theta Chapter for rush consideration.

Name of Student: _____

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Please complete the information form and return it to the address
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