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SPRING BREAK DEDICATED TO HOME IMPROVEMENT

It's no secret that the Sigma Nu house, occupied since 2004 is considered 'temporary housing.' Brothers are divided over whether the house is held together by Love or by Spite. Needless to say, this house saw its functional glory days long before the Delta Theta chapter ever took up residence in her. Despite that, recently brothers have begun an aggressive program of home improvements. Although it is unlikely that we will find ourselves in a more amenable home until Knox's dwindling endowment rebounds, Sigma Nu's are doing what they can to make 556 S. West Street a Home.

Over the past Spring Break, a elite task force of dedicated brothers and

friends devoted their time and energy towards a number of ambitious home improvement projects. The so-called lawn, littered with detritus and glass, prevented any grass from taking root. Despite years of seeding, no cigarette tree ever grew. During the break, the impressive amount of trash on the ground was excavated and Brothers delighted in a game of pass-off tilling under the cover of night. Grass seed was sown liberally and new flower bushes were planted. We are currently awaiting the last of winter to pass to see the fruits of our labors sprout. Also currently germinating are herbs, decorative climbing vines and flowers which are to be planted in outline of

Sigma Nu letters.

Meanwhile, Kitchen Steward John Perleberg ($\Delta\Theta$ 1228) took it upon himself to clean and organize the kitchen. Much to our surprise, the Sigma Nu kitchen is well stocked with many appliances and a lot of knives. For the break, Brothers contributed money out of their pocket to fund meals. The kitchen was alive with the smell of good cooking during the week and many of us padded our guts with the amazing bottomless chili cooked up by resident gourmet Andrew Hansen ($\Delta\Theta$ 1220). This experiment has generated interest among some of the chapter in going off-board and starting a communal fraternity dining system. Although these plans are



A shaft of light illuminates a dusty basement.

still in the works, we hope that should such an idea come to fruition it would cultivate a culture of culinary camaraderie.

The main brunt of the work, however, was in the basement, formerly a completely unusable space. The

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**Being Commander:
Serious Business**

NOTES FROM THE TOP: COMMANDER'S REPORT

The 2008-2009 Academic Year has been a year of revival and change in the Delta Theta Chapter. We find ourselves in a wonderful position on campus - having garnered the respect of the Administration, the General Fraternity, and our fellow Greeks. Fall Term saw a lot of

"feeling out" as far as the Chapter is concerned. Having sent a large part of our Chapter into the "real world" we were left with many roles to fill. At that point, we didn't really have an identity being presented to the rest of campus. We were simply, "Sigma Nu". While this certainly

isn't a bad position to be in, we found ourselves asking "What exactly is 'Sigma Nu'?" With the help of our fantastic Leadership Consultant, Brett Holt, a conversation took place in the Chapter to discover who exactly the Chapter is. It wouldn't

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Lyall Wallerstedt, on a tilling mission.

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LEAD, training tomorrow's leaders, today.

SPRING BREAK, CONT.

backroom of the basement was littered with unused personally possessions of brothers, many of them abandoned, broken glass, bat skeletons, and moldy records. Under the steady leadership of the Scholarship Chair, Lyall Wallerstedt ($\Delta\Theta$ 1232), brothers labored to clear the space, organize the records and set up an in-house library/dedicated study space. Trash was thrown away, spider nests were cleared and the floors were scrubbed. This project, due to its enormity, is still in the finishing stages, although we expect to have our Library open for business by this year's candidate week. Plans for the library include a wall of whiteboards, adequate seating, a place to store historical re-

ords besides moldy corners (where we found them) and a display of the totally awesome Delta Theta crest.

Speaking of symbols, work also continued on the alumni-initiated giant light up badge. Brother Hansen dedicated an afternoon to repainting the badge and drafting the placement of the badge's accoutrement.

The other elephant-in-the-house, the attic, is also in a state of revitalization. Formerly an undifferentiated space, brothers have been giving no less than an hour a day towards cleaning the space. It is astounding what a little work can do. In the space of no more than two weeks the once daunting attic is now clean, clear and under control. Partitions are being

constructed and soon all of brother's stuff will be sorted and organized into their respective stations. Many things forgotten by previous brothers were rediscovered and are seeking homes. Expect to hear from us if we find your long lost stuffed animals or missing pogo stick. This project, like the library, is still underway and is aiming to make the attic a neat, organized and useful space.

All in all, Spring Break was a fun and productive week for the brotherhood who contributed.

LEAD PROGRAM AT THE HELM

LEAD is a program that has been both praised and damned within the walls of Sigma Nu. This year, our LEAD Chair*, Andrew Hansen has pushed an aggressive LEAD program, utilizing both carrots and sticks. You might be amazed to know that brothers are giving their free time on Saturday afternoons over to working together for the betterment of themselves, their chapter and our commu-

nity. Since winter term, we have run the goal setting, effective meetings, scholarship and effective change LEAD modules. The effect of these sessions has not just been cosmetic. Meetings now run smoother, the scholastic program is in ascendancy and change is in the air. A new sense of enthusiasm is progressively working its way through the chapter. But rather than rest on his laurels,

Brother Hansen is working closely with Dean of Students, Xavier Romano to plan a campus wide phase-four LEAD session later this term, facilitated by Mr. Romano himself.

*Also Chaplain and IFC representative

COMMANDER'S REPORT, CONT.

be until the end of Winter Term that we finally discovered who we are.

The existential difficulties experienced in our Fall Term, thankfully, did not have an affect on our recruitment efforts. While we only have 6 candidates in this year's class, each and every one of them has become heavily involved in the Chapter. Every Candidate sits on at least 2 committees, they have had near-perfect attendance at meetings (something the rest of the Chapter still has yet to figure out), and woke us up twice. As we begin to move toward Candidate Week

(now two weeks away), I am extremely excited to see these six individuals become full and active brothers.

Near the end of Winter Term, I witnessed the most effective and lasting push of activity in the Chapter since I've been a member. Instead of a few dedicated brothers taking on all the responsibility to accomplish projects around the house, the whole brotherhood came together and really found the excitement that comes with being in a fraternity. Stemming from that, several brothers and friends of the house stayed on campus over Spring Break to

accomplish a few major projects on the house. Last week, former Regent Dan Rodriguez (ZY, Arizona State), came to Campus to deliver a speech entitled "The Harms of Hazing" to contribute to the larger discussion on Campus regarding the Greek Community's place at Knox.

As my tenure in the Chapter and as Commander draws to a close, I can't help but look back on my time in the Chapter and know that we are heading in the right direction. I am secure in the knowledge that wherever I end up after my Commencement on June 6th, the Chap-

ter will be left in capable hands. During my first meeting as Commander with Dean of Students, Xavier Romano, he said "Sigma Nu shows enormous potential for greatness, all you need is that final push" and I believe through the dedication of our Brothers, our Leadership Consultant, and our dedicated Alumni, we have been given that "push" and are achieving nothing short of greatness.

*Fraternally Yours,
Matthew Hundley
Eminent Commander 2008-09
ΑΘ 1221*

A FEW GOOD MEN: MARSHALL'S REPORT

This year's formal recruitment has brought us six new candidates, each with the distinct qualities that make him a Sigma Nu. The candidate process has continued for the past two months and included weekly sessions with myself the Candidate Marshal, LEAD phase I sessions with our Lead Chairman Andrew Hansen, and candidate class meetings run by themselves. Each candidate has excellent attendance all around and all are on track to activate on April 25th.

Not in some time has a

candidate class been so involved and dedicated to the candidate process. They have raised money for children books with the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority for their community service project. In March the candidates all attended a candidate class retreat and will have a second retreat with the senior actives on the weekend of May 15th. Those who are familiar with the Bond Party will be happy to hear the candidates will be hosting this party on April 17th. The final accomplishment of this year's candidate

process will be the house project. This year the candidates are refurbishing the hookah room, our in-door patio, to give it added appeal.

I hope you can make it to this year's activation and congratulate all the candidates on an excellent process and their dedication.

*Love, Truth and Honor,
Alex Kemmsies
Candidate Marshall 2008-09
ΑΘ 1200*

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IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, April 17th: Candidate Party
Sunday, April 19th: Candidate Week Begins
Saturday, April 25th: Activation!
Sunday, May 3rd: Elections
July 17th – 19th: Alumni Work Weekend
Tomorrow: Flunk Day!

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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

As you may have noticed, in recent years the link between the active and alumni chapters of Delta Theta, Sigma Nu has waned. We want to reinvigorate that bond and reconnect former actives to our chapter. We took the first steps toward that earlier this year when we preformed the Affirmation of Knighthood ceremony for recently graduated brothers Andy Sheehan ($\Delta\Theta$ 1211) and Nick Giranda ($\Delta\Theta$ 1207), inducting them into the Alumni Chapter. Towards that goal, we have some questions for you. First, we are interested in what you are doing. Tell us about your life! Tell us anything. Were you recently sued out of house and home? Did you just settle out of court for big bucks? Are you James Smith? We want to know. Beyond that, we have questions about your time in Delta Theta. How cool was Sigma Old? How *cool* was Sigma Demolished? What about Sigma Burned Down? How did living in Sigma Hotel go? Tell us fun stories from your time as an active; don't worry, we won't snitch. Just how wrong is Jake Wrong? When did Godfather start? Why do we do that silly dance at parties? And just how did pimps start? What was in *your* Mad Dog (hoo ha)? What was your candidate name; are you the first Buttspoon? We cherish our traditions and we'd love to know more about them. Don't be shy, open up.

A CANDIDATE'S PERSPECTIVE

My name is Yawgnimmeh tsenre, That One Guy From [The Old Man and The Sea, Pt. II](#), also known as Sean Frohling and I am a candidate in this years candidate class as well as this year's candidate class president. I have learned several things during the candidate process, everything from Peter Glinnsman's ($\Delta\Theta$ 1217) choice of dogs at the Animal Shelter to Mike Han Solo's ($\Delta\Theta$ 1219) similarity to Chewbacca. Honestly though, despite my many protests to the contrary before Rush, joining Sigma Nu has been one of the better choices during my time here at Knox College. From holding up support beams with my back at the local Prairie Players theater for several hours at community service with Andrew Hanson, John Perleberg and Yue Wang to exploring Galesburg at 2 am

during spring break with the entire "Elite Spring Break Task force". I've enjoyed my time spinning on a merry-go-round staring at the night clouds, and secretly smuggling actives through the campus for our Pimps (even though our Marshal didn't realize that we were pimping him until active John Shulze ($\Delta\Theta$ 1237) [part of our candidate class for the purposes of the activity] was caught). Currently our class is in the planning phase of our Candidate Party, "From Snu with Love", with the help of Social Chair Lyall Wallerstedt. With the plans for our costumes (Joe Olvera: The Third Rear Admiral, You Don't Have To Say Please, plans on coming as Octopussy) and the decorations coming from all corners, it looks to be an exciting event. All in all, this year's candidate process has been not



only been rich with the history and traditions of Delta Theta but also full of hours of fun and hookah smoke.

Sigma Nu and James Bond, an unbeatable combination.