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Fall 2006

From the Master Alchemist

Dear Brothers,

We are wrapping up another exciting semester that has been stuffed full of AXΣ goodness. I'm sorry so many of you had to graduate and move on with your lives (like that's so important) but rest assured that those of us still at Truman are going strong and having fun. 18 more people were initiated this semester to bring the total number of actives to some obscenely high amount, proving once and for all that we rock hard. We also had great turnouts at Girl Scout Day, our tie dyes, pledge activities, etc, making me very proud of our chapter. It looks like we are going to have another large pledge class next semester so you should all consider coming back to Kirksville for the weekend because I'm sure it'll be a fun night.

C=C

Tom Linz

MA

From the Vice Master Alchemist

Brothers,

We had another great group of pledges this semester. Rush week was changed up a little bit again this year. We had the usual info meeting and demo show Monday, but Tuesday we did a BBQ picnic and sand volleyball game. It was a fun event that will hopefully stick around. Wednesday we had an ice cream social, Thursday we played capture the flask, and Friday was the scavenger hunt. Keeping with tradition, I totally botched the order of stations, but it would not be an AXΣ rush if the VMA didn't mess it up, right? Unfortunately, a bit of bad timing between actives also led to a rushee mooing at the milk for awhile, but she was a great sport!

We started with 20, but a couple decided to wait another semester before joining, leaving us with 18 pledges! CONGRATS CLASS FALL 2006!

C=C,

Danielle Stacy

Fall 2006 Pledges

Sara Goehl
Kristy Carey
Sarah Moser
Sarah Thummel
Ted Keppel
Tim Olatunde
Chris Pearson
Chris Lim
Kyle Richter
Allison Noelker
Kitty Nguyen
Sarah Lindahl
Emily Hopson
Ashley Rufus
Minh Ho
Charlie Hanford
Kathleen Warrington
Rebecca Dutcher

Congrats new pledges!

From the Webmaster

Dear Alumni,

You may have noticed that the AXE website has undergone a revamp this semester, with the biggest change simply being the design. Among the smaller modifications was the addition of a *news and events* section on the home page, which I hope to update regularly. A few remaining parts will be uploaded this winter break, which includes the *members*, *alumni*, *history* and *links* pages. I will also try posting more pictures from previous years in the photo album- feel free to send me any media you have and I will gladly add it.

C=C

Dmitriy Chernookiy, *Webmaster*

From the Reporter

To say the 2005-2006 school year was an eventful one for Gamma Theta would be something of an understatement. Our chapter had the incredible distinction of initiating a

whopping 53 new members – more any other chapter in the nation.

Additionally, our chapter received several honors at Conclave, which was held in August in Los Angeles. In recognition of our especially large spring initiation, Central District Counselor Jonathan Wenzel presented chapter delegates Oliver Penrose and Kate Finnegan with a citation for “an exceptional, eco-friendly, co-current spring 2006 initiation ceremony.”

Also during Conclave, Gamma Theta was presented with a Three-Star Chapter award **and** the Best Non-House Chapter award.

All of us are very proud to be a part of Gamma Theta’s continued tradition of excellence—a tradition that you, the alumni, have helped create.

Josh Hirner
Reporter

From the Master of Ceremony

Dear Brothers,

Initiation went very well this semester! A few long-discussed changes were made, and the set-up and ceremony went very smoothly. The actives put in a lot of time and energy to make this a memorable event, and they deserve a round of thanks. I’m sure it was a night our eighteen new actives won’t soon forget! I’m very excited about our new members and I know they will be a huge asset to Gamma Theta in the future.

C=C

Laura Kopff, MC

From the Advisor

Hey Folks! Thanksgiving is approaching as I write these words, and so I am going to indulge in a little reflecting on one of the major things that I am thankful for: this fraternity! An active recently invited me to write a blurb about why AXE is important to me and I thought you might enjoy reading it, since I know that many of you had similar experiences! Perhaps my experiences will trigger a pleasant trip down memory lane for you. For me, the strength of our brotherhood is in our brothers themselves (you!) and the bonds that we form with each other. Maybe you would want to contact a close buddy from your time here to catch up on their news....

As usual, we would love to hear what is going on in your lives, too. We always love to hear from you! ;-)

C=C! AEM

Why AXE is important to me....

Alpha Chi Sigma has made a huge difference in who I am, both personally and professionally. I pledged as an undergraduate to Rho Chapter at UNC in Chapel Hill. Immediately, I was part of a group of like-minded people. We studied together, we tutored others together, and we played together. We helped each other through the difficult courses and the tough decisions about our futures. One of my AXE friends encouraged me to do research, which I’m not sure I would not have been brave enough to do without that prodding. Also, we had a “chapter room” in the basement of Venable Hall, and because I hung out there a lot, I got to know the professor in charge of General Chemistry labs. When he was in a pinch, he asked me to teach a section of Gen Chem lab in the spring of my senior year. I loved it and am sure that experience helped me choose to teach at the undergraduate level. When I went off to graduate school, I missed being involved with AXE, since Colorado State did not have a chapter. I was so excited to learn of the AXE chapter here when I was looking for a teaching position. At Truman, I have been able to be a part of so many students’ lives through AXE; I have met many wonderful people: some had taken classes with me and others had not. So many of them are important to me still, even though they graduated from Truman long ago. I love this fraternity: it has helped me to grow as a person and as a chemist. Our community is strong and loyal – you can depend on it! ;-)

We have 96 members current members including faculty, 89 are active this semester (have been coming to meetings/events).

Fall 2006 Officers

Master Alchemist	Tom Linz
Vice Master Alchemist	Danielle Stacy
Reporter	Josh Hirner
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Alumni Secretary	Pat Leonberger

A few jokes for your amusement (even though you've probably already heard them a million times)

A Silver atom is sitting in a bar chilling and getting his drink on, and in walks a gold atom. So then silver says, "A U, get outta here!"

A neutron walks into a bar, sits down and asks for a drink. Finishing, the neutron asks "How much?"
The bartender says, "For you, no charge."

A small piece of sodium which lived in a test tube fell in love with a Bunsen burner. "Oh Bunsen, my flame. I melt whenever I see you . . .", the sodium pined. "It's just a phase you're going through", replied the Bunsen burner.

Just a reminder, check out the website that our webmaster, Dmitriy, has done a lot of good work on! There are a few hundred photos that I chose not to include in the letter that can be seen on the website:

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If you need to contact me, my email is pal250@truman.edu.

Your faithful Alumni Secretary

C=C,

Patrick Leonberger