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From the Master Alchemist

Dear Brothers,

Greetings from Kirksville! The semester is in full swing, and I thought you might like to know how things are going at Truman. Our big event of the year happened August 8-12, 2000, when Gamma Theta co-hosted the 45th Biennial Conclave in St. Louis with Delta (Univ. of Missouri-Columbia), Beta Delta (Univ. of Missouri-Rolla), and the St. Louis Professional Chapter. Each of the chapters put a lot of hard work and time into the event, and it was a success because of that. Our honor initiate that week was Dr. Scott Ellis, Head of the Science Division here at Truman. We got to interact with the other Missouri chapters, and we enjoyed seeing some of you there!

This year we had our traditional Rush Week, complete with a picnic at a local park. We are in the middle of pledge season right now, and we will be initiating 11 people on November 18-19. We participated in the Homecoming activities this year, including the banner and street graffiti competitions, sand volleyball, Trivial Pursuit, and spades. We even had a contingent of "mad scientists" in the parade, proudly carrying the "Rush AXΣ" banner that was made by Rachel Allenbaugh earlier this semester. This banner can be reused for many years to come; and it is certainly eye-catching with its wyvern and tie-dye!

We have many service events planned for the remainder of this semester and next semester, as you can see on our calendar of events. We are also excited to have professionals coming up from St. Louis to help out with the Professional Induction Ceremony for our December graduates, which will be held on Friday, November 17. We invite you to attend any of the events that you can, and we look forward to receiving more correspondence

from you. We love hearing from you, and we wish you the best of luck in the new millennium!

Yours in the Double Bond,
Laura Meierhoff, Master Alchemist

From the Vice-Master Alchemist

Hello there fellow Gamma Thetans!

I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and on your best behavior (whatever that might mean).

We have 9 pledges this semester, with their ranks including the priceless sophomore Nathaniel "Woody" Woodrum. We are also adding to our growing list of juniors through Paul Lightner, Deanna Jackson, Kurt Hoeman, Christine Gould and Amanda Becker. Finally, we are also taking over the hearts of some biology majors, with three of them hoping to join our ranks: Julie Strandquist, Gale Adair, and Jennifer Hulsopple.

Their social event for this semester will be on Friday, November 10th at Jennifer's house. Their service project is still in the works and hence unknown to me... This is the latest news on the forthcoming additions to the Gamma Theta crew.

"Strive on"

Misha Golynskiy, (VMA) C=C

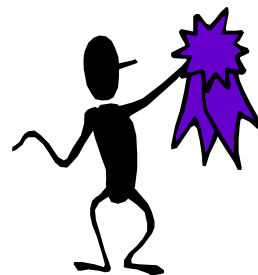
The First Recipient of the Third Object Scholarship

Our first recipient for the "Third Object Scholarship" is Jessica Leigh Levinskas. As you know, this award is reserved for an individual who excels in leadership and service to our Truman chemistry community. Jessica pledged in the Spring of 1998, and has been a dependable, hard-working member ever since! Most of our alumni know her as the 1999-2000 Alumni Secretary. As such, she converted our alumni list to an Excel file housed in AEM's office, in addition to putting together the newsletters this past year. She has participated in numerous outreach projects (e.g., Girl Scout Days, highway clean up, a service project for Head Start Daycare and Science Olympiad) and has worked during three Tie-Dye days. She has tutored in Magruder Hall regularly, and can be depended on to take care of almost anything that no one else will immediately volunteer to do! We are thankful for her selfless dedication to the health of our fraternity.

Please consider making a contribution to the Alpha Chi Sigma - Gamma Theta Scholarship Account, if you can. We still want the fund to grow, and contributions of any size will help. If you would like to contribute, just make the check out to the Truman State University Foundation and include Alpha Chi Sigma (Scholarship R10226) in the memo space. It should be sent to:

The Office of Advancement
(c/o Dr. Dean VanGalen)
McClain Hall 100
Truman State University
100 E. Normal St.
Kirksville, MO 63501

By the way, due to our chapter's own strong and continuous commitment to this award, the Gamma Theta Chapter of Alpha Chi Sigma has been welcomed into the John R. Kirk Society in honor of our generous contributions to the Truman State University Foundation!



Spring 2000 Initiates

John Brockman	Brian D. Lamp
Ryan J. Emnett	Cara McVicar
Cassy Felkerson	John G. O'Brien
Jason Greene	Diana Roshek
John Hagen	Catherine Schmidt
Jennifer Hargrave	Sarah Welch
Douglas Knigge	Katherine Westhoff

We would like to congratulate our new members!



Fall 2000 Executive Board & Committee Chairs

Master Alchemist	Laura Meierhoff
Vice-Master Alchemist	Misha Golynskiy
Master of Ceremonies	Rudy Arredondo
Reporter	Sarah Barnes
Recorder	Tricia Mason
Treasurer	Nathan Mooney
Alumni Secretary	Season Prewitt
Tutor Coordinator	Katie Shupe

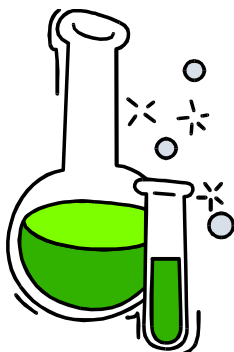
Conclave Comments

Conclave was a great experience! To all of those who have been to a conclave, lucky you. To all others, I urge you to make it to the next conclave. All in all conclave went well and we set a record for the number of participants. You may also be pleased to know I met some alumni of Gamma Theta at conclave.

While at conclave we participated in meetings and general fraternity business. On the lighter side, we created the "best" mini-golf hole and won some really cool banners for use during initiation! There were a few major topics of conversation. The most heated discussion involved what to do with the Professional Induction Ceremony (PIC) and the Professional Recognition Ceremony (PRC) with no action being taken on either issue. The next big issue was what direction should Alpha Chi Sigma go with evolving technology. The last issue which may be of more interest to you was what to do with the Professional Representatives (PRs).

If you have more questions about conclave and what happened there, feel free to email me at samami@hotmail.com. I also recommend that you attend the next conclave in Madison, WI. HINT: It's going to be a big party since it's the 100-year anniversary of AXE so pre-register!

Sam Valenti,
ΓΘ Conclave 2000 Voting Delegate



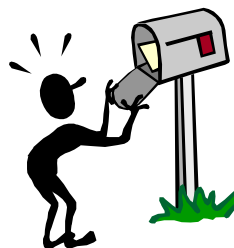
Calendar of Events

- November 12 - Chemical Knowledge Review Session at Misha's
- November 13 - Family Science Night at Ray Miller Elem.
- November 17 - Professional Induction Ceremony and Dinner
- November 18-19 - Initiation
- December 2 - Christmas Party
- December 5 - Bonfire or Bowling
- January 27 - Girl Scout Day
- February 17 - Science Olympiad
- TBA - Boy Scout Day

Hey all you Alpha Chi Sigma Brothers! Keep in touch. We love hearing from you! Our website is cool too! Please visit and sign the guest book!

Website: <http://www2.truman.edu/axe>

Email: axegt@hotmail.com



Advisor Report

I hope that you are all healthy and happy and being productive chemists out there in the real world. Life in Magruder Hall is trundling along as usual. We have been meeting with our new architectural firm to help them learn how we envision teaching in new, improved space. (Our previous architectural team dissolved when the two firms had a disagreement, so we are starting at this point with new folks.) We are busy measuring our desktops and dreaming of more filing space; dreaming of expanded labs for undergraduate research and more hoods in the teaching labs!

Several curriculum items are newsworthy. The ACS is implementing a new requirement for biochemistry for its accredited degree, so all of our majors are required to take that course now. This requirement is pushing us to examine our chemistry curriculum, and hopefully to continue to improve it. Many of you are far enough out of our pipeline to realize what was helpful in your degree requirements, as well as what you wish you had learned more about. If you have insights on our undergraduate curriculum that could help us, please let us know your thoughts and insights.

The new Liberal Studies Program (i.e. the "core") is being implemented at Truman too, including the requirement that students take a "Junior Interdisciplinary Seminar" or JINS course. To satisfy this requirement, we are offering the "Chemistry of Art," which will be taught by John O'Brien in Spring and again by myself in Fall. If you'd like to take a look at the syllabus, it is on our web-site for your perusal. If you have other ideas for JINS courses that our faculty should offer, we'd love to hear them. We all know that chemistry is a component of every aspect of our lives, and the JINS courses are an opportunity to connect our perspective with others.

One final note, I continue to be amazed at the number of opportunities that our chapter has to promote chemistry to the general public. We are giving presentations regularly, especially to primary and secondary school-aged

people. The schools and other groups (like Scouts, etc.) often sponsor these presentations. We are (finally!) working on a notebook detailing how to prepare for each demo that we do that includes what kinds of chemistry issues can be explored or explained with the demo. If you have a favorite demo, let us know your recollections about presenting it. Don't forget to pursue these opportunities with schools and groups in your own area. Chemistry is such a valuable perspective to have about the world that our young people need to hear and it is a great way to meet new people and learn more about your community.

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Attention Gamma Theta Alumni!

We are still working on updating our alumni list and are missing the addresses of some of our brothers. Contact your brothers and ask if they received this newsletter.... We think that we might be missing some of their names on our list! If you know the addresses of anyone listed below, and you think they would want to hear from us, please email them or send us the info at axegt@hotmail.com or amood@truman.edu. Thanks for your help!

Tammy Bivens, Christine Buckus, Suzanne Bumlakes, Jeremy Bunch, Natasha Carter, Rani Chohan, Traci Davis, Jo DePogh, Amy Edmundson, Edward Fischer, Jr., John Forsyth, Mary Foster, Drew Fussner, Diane Galletly, Jennifer Gooch, Jill Gregory, Kristina Henry, James Kueck, Jason Lamping, Charles Leland, Robert McWerts, Timothy Meacham, Angie Miller, Kerry Moore, Mary Peters, Matthew Alan Pieper, Lynette Riddlespriger, Neal Sharp, Jr., Darlene Tad-y, Amy Tramel, Andy Weber