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From the Master Alchemist

Dear Brothers,

Greetings from Gamma Theta. The semester has progressed smoothly, but for those who will be graduating in May, sometimes not quickly enough. As keeping with the tradition, the Spring semester is proving to be an exceedingly active time for Gamma Theta.

The service committee has been diligently organizing the chapter's various service projects, including Girl Scout and Boy Scout day along with the various other demo shows for the local school districts. A new project that the service committee has been planning has AXΣ members serving as teacher's assistants for the advanced chemistry class lab at the Kirksville High School. Members will be preparing a lab, on a quasi-periodical basis, that is correlated with the material that the teacher is covering in class, and then we will visit the school and work directly with the kids. This is a great opportunity for AXΣ to reach out the community and share the love of chemistry along with providing those who are interested in the teaching profession some hands on experience.

Dr. Moody is on sabbatical this semester, so Dr. Eric Patterson (a.k.a. Sven) has taken the position of interim-chapter advisor. Sven has done an excellent job, and as a bonus, he provides an entertaining and uplifting aspect to executive board meetings with his random readings of inspirational quotes from his day planner.

Dr. Roald Hoffman, Nobel laureate, was one of Truman's distinguished visiting scholars. AXΣ members were privileged to be invited to join him for lunch, and approximately 25 students took advantage of this time. Dr. Hoffman's lectures were well attended by members along with the general public.

This semester has seen a relatively large pledge class—with 19 pledges. I was very pleased with the interaction of the actives during rush week. Since approximately 30 AXΣ members will be graduating in May, the number of active members will drastically decrease, so I was delighted to see the importance that

the present actives placed on recruiting new members to strengthen the chapter.

We will again be hosting a Professional Induction Ceremony (PIC) and a spring banquet. Please keep in touch with Gamma Theta, and if you have yet to look at the webpage, visit it since our webmaster has been working diligently on the updates and there is now an alumni corner.

Yours in the Double Bond,
Jen Hargrave, Master Alchemist



Spring 2001 Executive Board & Committee Chairs

Master Alchemist	Jennifer Hargrave
Vice-Master Alchemist	Kevin McWilliams
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From the Vice-Master Alchemist

Dear Brothers of the Gamma Theta Chapter:

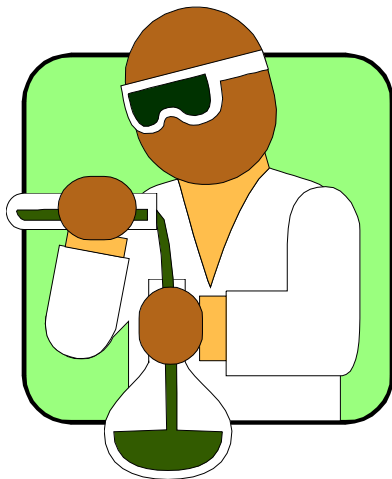
I hope everyone is having the best possible time wherever this letter may find you. (Except you Tim Paul. For God's sake, change out of those sweatpants!!!)

I am pleased to say that we carried out a very successful campaign to recruit new members to our ranks. Since there are so many seniors graduating in May (THANK GOD!) it was our goal at the beginning of the year to gather as large a pledge class as possible. And low and behold, the skies split, and God created the freshmen. And there was much rejoicing. We had a number of freshmen chemistry majors peppered with a few biology majors and upperclassmen.

Our total pledge class numbered a bountiful 19 pledges, and includes Eric Patterson (no relation to Sven), Colleen McDaniel, Joel Brockmeyer, Jon Hoffman, Rebekah Koch, Nick Harbison, Julie Rogers, Justin Paschall, Tom Everett, Stephanie Tiemann, Cory Koch, Anna Sineni, Amanda Becker, Leslie Blanchard, Sarah Dorn, Peter Kelsey, Nathan Calkins, Erin Beppler, Marian Adjei-Tawiah, and Moira Truesdell.

This class will, without a doubt, kick some serious AXΣ.

Yours in the Double Bond,
Kevin McWilliams, Vice Master Alchemist

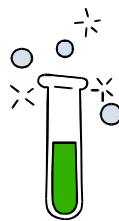


Webmaster

There has been a lot of effort put into updating the webpage, and making it spiffy. The address is <http://axe.truman.edu/>. BUT I am working on a huge project and I need your help. First I need everybody's email address that is or was in AXE. Even if you think we have it, we probably don't, so please send it. You can write to axe@truman.edu (A new email address I have procured) or axegt@hotmail.com. I will get either one.

I am also looking for feedback on a few ideas. I would like to include actual addresses and phone numbers on the web page. It will be in a semi-secure (if someone really knows what they are doing they will be able to see the info) area, accessible by putting in the name of the character who guided you through initiation; you should all know who that is. I am also looking into a way of being able to update your information online. If you don't want your information posted please email me, otherwise I will assume it is ok by you. You can currently see a list of all alumni names and what few email addresses I have, along with previous Alumni Newsletters. They are in .pdf format. When you come visit please sign the guestbook. Thank you for your help.

Sam Valenti, Webmaster



Professional Representatives Committee

Hi, I was recently put on a committee to determine what professional representatives' jobs should be, and I want input from our professional members. The specific question that has come up is why aren't people staying in touch with a professional branch (if there is one in their area)? Do you think it would be feasible to have professional members greet new graduates in the area or should graduates be responsible for trying to find a chapter? If you have any thoughts on these or other stuff regarding PR's please email me at samvvalenti@hotmail.com or axe@truman.edu.

Thank You,
Sam Valenti



Calendar of Events

- January 27 - Girl Scout Day
- February 17 - Science Olympiad
- March 24 - Pledge Social Brett Stone's House
- March 25 - Beat the Pledges Butts in the Rec Center
- March 30 - Pledge Service Project at a grade school
- March 31 - Initiation
- April 8 - AXE vs. BBB Soccer
- April 18 - Nominations
- April 20 - Party at Misha's 9ish
- April 21 - AXE Bash 10:00pm -1:00am
- April 21 - Paintball with Ag, SPS, BBB
- April 22 - Phi Sigma Pi Co-ed Softball Tourney
- April 25 - Elections
- April 28 - ACS Senior Banquet 7:00pm
- April 28 - Boy Scout Day
- May 5 - 4:00pm PIC & 7:00pm Banquet Ailerons
- August 13thish - ResLife Tie-Dye?????

**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://axe.truman.edu/>

Email: axe@truman.edu



Fall 2000 Initiates

Gale Adair	Deanna Jackson
Christine Gould	Paul Lightner
Kurt Hoeman	Julie Strandquist
Jennifer D. Hulsopple	Nathaniel Woodrum

Spring 2001 Initiates

Marian Adjei-Tawiah	Peter Kelsey
Rebekah Koch	Corey Koch
Colleen McDaniel	Justin Paschall
Eric Patterson	Julie Rogers
Anna Sineni	Stephanie Tiemann
Moira Truesdell	Erin Beppler
Leslie Blanchard	Joel Brockmeyer
Nathan Calkins	Sarah Dorn
Tom Everett	Nick Harbison
Jon Hoffman	

**We would like to congratulate our new
members!**

Family Tree Project

One of our brothers, Pat LaShell, has organized a project focused on putting together a family tree for the chapter and he needs your help. It would be greatly appreciated if you could send as much of your family tree as you know. To help us out, email the information to axe@truman.edu with "family tree" as the subject. Thanks for your help!

Advisor Report

Greetings from the desk of the Interim Faculty Advisor! Anne Moody is on sabbatical this semester, leaving us without her energetic leadership, albeit temporarily. During her time off, she is focusing her energy on writing an organic chemistry textbook in collaboration with her former mentor. The book will be used for CHEM 320, or any other situation where only a single semester of organic is required. I'm sure the chemistry community will benefit greatly from this new contribution.

As you all know, we still plan to renovate Magruder Hall in the coming years. We have a nearly finalized now-we-can-start-talking-seriously-about-this plan. In other words, we think we know what's going to go in the new building, about how big everything will be, and more-or-less how the construction will be phased. But, there are still many details to be worked out. With any luck, you will be reading about groundbreaking by this time next year. We are all looking forward to the new facility, which will be about 50% larger than the sum total of our space in Magruder Hall and Barnett Hall combined.

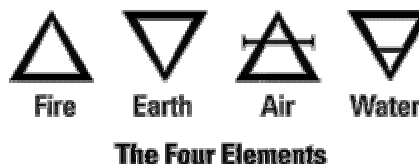
Many of you may not have heard about significant departures from the chemistry program. Griff Freeman and Yinfa Ma have both announced their resignations. Griff has been on sabbatical this year, and will not be returning. He has assumed a position with Surromed, located in Palo Alto, CA. Yinfa will leave us at the conclusion of this academic year to join the faculty at Missouri-Rolla. In addition, Bob Libby is taking his long-planned retirement at the end of this academic year. All will be dearly missed.

This is indeed a time of great change for Gamma Theta. We are graduating a significant number of actives this year. More than half, I believe! To fill the gaps, we have managed to recruit one of the larger pledge classes in recent memory. We have 19 new members on the books, many of them freshman. We are also in the process of updating our bylaws to more accurately reflect the way we do business, an effort which is being led by Sam Valenti. There is also an initiative underway that will establish a formal relationship between Gamma Theta and Kirksville High School. We will be assisting with labs for the advanced chemistry course. My thanks to Jen Hulsopple for spearheading that effort. What a great outreach program!

The future looks bright. In closing, I invite you all to visit our new website (<http://axe.truman.edu>) for up-to-date information on all that is going on, or send us e-mail at our new address (axe@truman.edu). Continue to live by the Objects. Stop by any time!

C=C,
Eric Patterson, Interim Advisor

A Quick Review:



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, email them or send us the info at axe@truman.edu or amood@truman.edu Thanks for your help!

Tammy Bivens, Christine Buckus, Suzanne Bumlikes, 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