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Better Men for a Better World

“TKE is making its way to the top! Our men are driven and determined to make TKE the top fraternity on campus. It’s a great feeling knowing that when I leave in the spring, the chapter is in great hands!”

~ Former Vice-President Garrett Niemeier



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FALL INITIATION 2018

On the morning of November 3rd, Tau Kappa Epsilon welcomed eight new men into our fraternal brotherhood. Peyton Nicks (sophomore, 19, journalism major), Aman Patel (junior, 20, chemistry major), Joe Ford (freshman, 18, Spanish education major), Akkul Sood (senior, 21, financial services major), Eric Heidenescher (freshman, 18, marketing major), Tucker Schwebach (freshman, 19, sports management major), Brady Fritts (freshman, 19, business administration major), and Connor Thompson (freshman, 18, political science major) were initiated to become full brothers. Each of these men knelt at the altar and stated their fraternal vows. After the vows, each man had the honor of writing in his name and scroll number on the scroll. These gentlemen learned the rituals for Tau Kappa Epsilon and were officially welcomed into the fraternity. Tau Kappa Epsilon grows stronger with each of these young men and will continue to do so as we add members in the future.



ACADEMICS

Going into finals, the chapter is tracking towards a semester GPA of 3.06. The members that were actives at the beginning of the semester have a semester GPA of 2.99, and the new actives of the fraternity have a semester GPA of 3.17. This semester is lower GPA-wise than last semester so far, but last semester we were the #2 fraternity when it came to GPA overall. With the next closest fraternity having performed 0.15 points below us, we appear to be well positioned to remain in the upper echelon of fraternities academically.

We have a GPA competition between members called The Battle of the Fraters. It has the beginning-of-semester actives divided onto two teams where they try to get a higher average GPA than the other team. The teams were split evenly based on last semester's cumulative averages and were with 0.01 GPA points of each other. Currently, Team 1 (consisting of Garrett Niemeier, Andrew Goff, Pratham Mitra, Clayton Bruer, and Peyton Lewis) is winning and Team 2 (consisting of Nate Meeker, Aarib Shaikh, Ben West, Daniel Gonzalez, and Kaleb Odle) is trying to keep up. Going into finals, Team 1 is leading by .20 points, but a lot can happen during finals week! The winning team will be treated to a free pizza night by our chapter advisors.

ELECTIONS

On December 2, 2018 new officers were installed for the Delta- Nu chapter in a ritual ceremony.

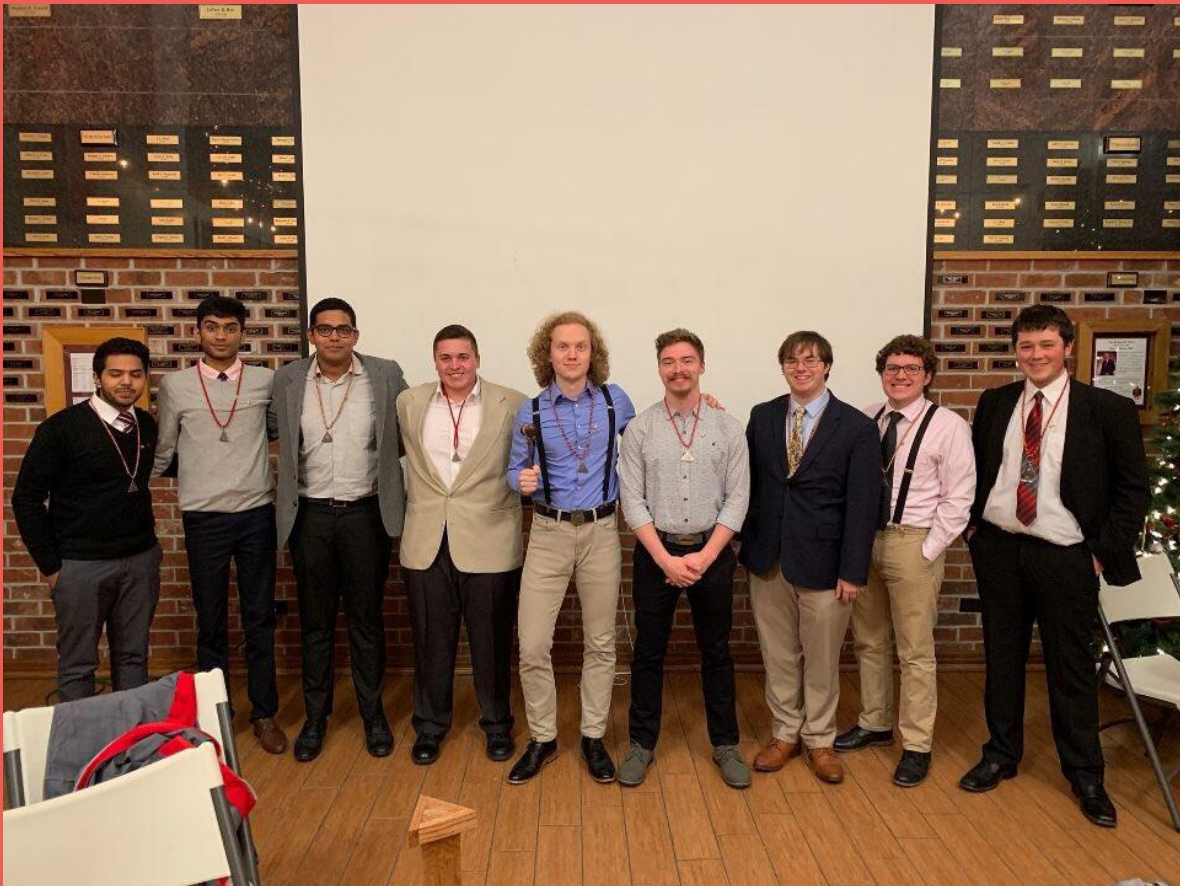
The elections took place over the prior two chapter meetings, with the Prytanis and two Epi-Prytanis' elected first, and the remaining offices elected the following week. The new Executive

Board has a lot to offer to the chapter. They have already met to draft goals for the upcoming semester and they enthused about taking the chapter to the next level. Our new Executive Board:

(Left to Right) Akkul Sood (Treasurer), Aman Patel (Risk Manager), Prat Mitra (Historian), Brady

Fritts (External Vice President), Ben West (President), Kaleb Odle (Internal Vice President), Connor Thompson (Secretary), Joey Ford (Chaplain/Academic Leader), and Peyton Lewis (New

Member Educator)!!



Social Activities

The Delta-Nu Chapter started having mixers this semester and so far they all have been very enjoyable. We held mixers with ALPHA SIGMA ALPHA, ALPHA DELTA PI, PHI MU, SIGMA SOCIETY AND SIGMA KAPPA. All the attendees were really impressed with the house. Since all mixers are dry, we instead engaged in various activities like a lip synch contest, a snowball battle, and service-related work like making Christmas items for the elderly. All of the sororities expressed their support for our continued growth and success.



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CHAPTER FINANCES

We started the year with a financial goal of preserving our reserve fund at its starting level and relying solely on dues and fundraisers to cover our chapter expenses this year. So far, we are on track to do so, although some adjustments to planned expenditures are necessary to make this happen. Specifically, while everyone has paid their dues on time, the amount of dues to be collected in the spring will be lower than originally budgeted because our Fall recruitment efforts yielded fewer men than we planned. We've been able to make up for part of this with a fundraiser, and the remainder will be offset by lower expenses than originally budgeted. Bearing in mind that this is our first year of budgeting with the new chapter, we appear to have over-estimated how much we would spend each month on miscellaneous things like social activities, intra-murals, philanthropy, food, etc. By adjusting our remaining budgeted expenses to be more consistent with our experience so far, we should be able to achieve our goal of covering all expenses with dues and fundraising. Importantly, we have paid all TKE HQ expenses before the deadlines. This includes annual risk management fees of \$210 per man, annual membership fees of \$162 per man, as well as \$500 for the chapter membership fee, and a variety of other fees required by TKE HQ. No one can remember the last time we've been ahead of the game on all obligations to HQ. Bottom-line: so far the finances have been quite manageable, but we've had to adapt some to make that happen.





"The men of TKE would like to extend best wishes for the holidays to all of the alumni who have supported us as we re-established the TKE name on campus."