Alumni Association Newsletter

Fall 2014 Rush - ARE YOU IN?

297 in MO

KC Area: 33
St. Louis Area: 111
Springfield Area: 14
Jeff City/Rolla: 15
Rest of the State: 124

The Rush list is out and the Actives are working hard to schedule rush interviews with prospective members and their parents; and coordinate house tours with the prospective’s Pro-day. The graphic shows how 400 prospects from the call list are distributed across the US.

ARE YOU interested in participating in or hosting Rush activities? Do you have ideas for Rush activities? Reach out to us and share those ideas. We encourage you to be involved.

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Alumni Work Weekend / Rush Workshop

It was a great weekend for Actives and Alumni. Alumni made the trip to the Chapter House to either help complete house improvement projects or provide guidance to help kick start the rush effort (in some cases both). Thanks to all brothers who helped make the weekend a success and got a lot of great work done!

Clockwise from top: One of our brand new doors. Brother Scott Brit (AUΨ436) replacing broken tiles in the Annex. Brother Drew Davids (AUΨ440) brought his oldest son Jordan for the weekend to help out. Brothers ROTC Rob Schmitt (AUΨ329) and Jeff Zeiger (AUΨ326) catch up while applying fresh coat of stain to one of the new doors. Brothers Rob Schmitt (AUΨ329), John Meyer (AUΨ433) and Jeff Lister (AUΨ347) share stories with Active Andrew Castillo (AUΨ592) during the lunch break. Brother Nick Ereckson (AUΨ494) and Active Lewis Buchanan (AUΨ579) taking a break from the day’s activities to enjoy some of Alex’s finest pizza. Group of Actives Brendan Daly (AUΨ593), Chris Lee (AUΨ595), Joe White (AUΨ591), and Dan Cannon (AUΨ586) collaborating for Rush over Alex’s Pizza. Thanks to all for a great weekend!

SAVE THE DATES!!

Pro-Days
5 APR 6 JUN 20 APR
26 APR 9 JUN 16 AUG
3 MAY 13 JUN
18 April
Initiation
29 April
150th Anniversary Nationwide Celebration (7 Cities)
17 May
S&T Spring Commencement
Now - End of Summer
Rush Events / Rush Interviews in KC, St. Louis, Springfield and Central MO regions
17-18 October *UPDATE* Homecoming 2014 / AUΨ 65th Anniversary

PUT THEM IN YOUR PHONES AND/OR ON YOUR CALENDARS!
GET YER 2014 St. Pat’s GREEN!

Thanks to all of you who helped us meet our goal of $250 raised through the sale of St. Pat’s sweatshirts. Contact AVF of 02’s St. Pat’s Board (yep, I said Board) representatives Brendan Daly (AV593, 314.943.1424, bdaly.p@gmail.com) and/or ‘Mini-Steve’ Banks (AV569, bankster440@aim.com) if you have specific questions about your order, or special instructions. They are finalizing the details on the orders thus far and intend to ship them out in the next week or two.

It’s not too late to get your St. Pat’s Green with 02 Greeks on it. Sweatshirts are $25 (+ $6.00 shipping and handling/sweatshirt). There may be discounted shipping rates on orders for more than one sweatshirt. To expedite your order send checks for at least $31.00 (per sweatshirt) made out to ‘Theta Xi Fraternity’ and mail along with shipping address information to Theta Xi Fraternity at Brendan’s or Mini-Steve’s attention at 1605 Pine Street, Rolla, MO 65401.

Thank you Alumni for your Support!!

Snake Invasion: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l8mELc1pYjA
Street Painting: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tGE5ups7lgQ
Parade: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QWs_PFQeMOw

Enjoy these YouTube videos of St. Pat’s Activities!

1. Brother Michael Greenway’s (AV541) kids enjoying Rolla’s St. Pat’s parade
2. Brother Brian Klenklen (AV419) spent his St. Pat’s working on his new house! When is the housewarming party?
4. Brother Bob Diefenbacher (AV515) snapped this picture of the winning float in the Lee’s Summit Parade.
5. Brother Tim Speer (AV317), pictured right, did some volunteer work at St. Stephens Catholic Church.
6. Brother Brian Crawford (AV354) took in a STL area St. Pat’s parade with his bride Bette.
7. Brother Chris Essig (AV466) catching a rare sighting of the famous Fitz on this side of a camera.
8. Brother Eddie Noonan (AV576), pictured far right, participated in the Cambridge Csk Craigfest.
9. Brother Landon Goldstein (AV581) enjoying some quality time at the Urban Chestnut in STL with bride Brittany.
10. Brother Dylan Crowder (AV584) serving up some green beer at Somewhere Else Bar in Rolla.
13. Brother Sean Scott (AV384) and four legged friend Maggie found a friend in Anderson, SC.
14. Brother Ken Goeke (AV503) and his bride Rachel enjoying a family vacation to Disney’s Magic Kingdom.
15. STREET PAINTING!
16. Brother Josh Warner (AV580) escorting a St. Pat’s Queen Candidate
17. Brother Brian ‘Bequel’ Massey met an old friend in Lynchburg, TN on a detour while taking a trip to Huntsville.
18. Brother Gabriel Olivo (AV583) enjoyed this view in Monterey, CA over his St. Pat’s.
19. Brother Jim Poulsen (AV409) taking in some rays on vacation over his St. Pat’s.
20. Brother Tom Weible (AV378) and bride Gretchen looking beautiful together at Top Fir in Atlanta, GA.
21. Brother John Meyer (AV433) and family at St. Louis Cardinals’ Spring Training facility in FLA.
22. Brother Chuck Petit (AV431) chilling with Al Einstein in Vail, CO.
24. Brother Devin Simms (AV539) and wife Tori enjoying local St. Pat’s festivities in Huntsville, AL.
25. You can take a Theta Xi out of Rolla, but you’ll never take Rolla out of a Theta Xi! We hope you and yours had a safe and happy St. Pat’s!
House Improvement Projects - UPDATE

Thanks to many of you and the Alumni Association’s Property Upkeep Committee (PUC), we raised enough capital to purchase the materials for multiple house improvement projects prior to the Work Weekend earlier this month. These projects were:

1. Final phase of the Paint & Doors project to replace majority of the frames and doors for the sleeping rooms in the Annex (approx. $3,400).
2. Replace broken tiles in Annex Entryway (approx. $200).
3. Repair the rock face of the Pine Street facing wall of the house.
4. Repair the fascia and trusses above the Annex Breezeway Entrance.

Unfortunately bad weather and Rush priorities prevented us from being able to complete all of these projects. We were able to get enough work done on the first one to ensure the project would be complete before St. Pat’s weekend.

began on 13 March. Brothers Scott Britt (AΨ436) and Jeff Zeiger (AΨ326) replaced the broken tile at the work weekend and installed transition bars to provide added protection to the tiles adjacent to the carpeted hallways.

The Actives stripped and re-waxed the tile floor in the New House over Spring Break. All of the materials necessary for the other projects are purchased and ready for work to start. If any of you have experience with these types of projects and the availability to help us out on weekends or over the summer, please feel free to do so.

Another bit of good news is the Alumni Association officers, who attended the Work Weekend/Rush Workshop decided we should invest some PUC funds to remodel the New House. We want to modernize the dining room and stage area to give the Actives a proper workout space, and nice place to eat chapter meals and entertain prospective members, their parents, alumni and their families. It would be great to complete the two remaining projects and the New House Remodel before the start of the Fall 2014 semester.

NEW HOUSE RENOVATION

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<td>• Add AC</td>
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<td>• Convert half stage to workout area</td>
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<td>• Drywall (walls and ceiling)</td>
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<td>• Replace ceiling fans in dining area and one in the kitchen.</td>
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<td>• Replace fluorescent lighting in dining and stage areas</td>
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<td>• Replace wooden stage railing and posts with a half-wall (drywall)</td>
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<td>• Resurface Bathroom and Kitchen Floors</td>
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<td>• Purchase new tables and chairs for dining area</td>
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<td>• Replace/Update shelving for kitchen storage area</td>
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<td>• Install ‘hanger’ for pots and pans above Stove hood</td>
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<td>• Wall off/cover furnace &amp; hot water heater</td>
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<td>• Purchase double door freezer</td>
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We are looking at a maximum budget for this renovation of $10K, so we will secure quotes for all of the work, prioritize the above list and accomplish as much as we can.

The Active Chapter and the Alumni Association always need Alumni support - support in the form of guidance/mentorship/partnerships; in the form of expertise and skills and expertise participating in house improvement projects; and of course financial support in the form of donations. If you are willing and able, we invite you to become part of our alumni support mechanism. Contact your Alumni Association to collaborate on our efforts.

There are different ways to make financial donations in support of the house and thanks to recent developments all of them should be 100% tax deductible. The first way is to write a personal check and send it to us in the mail. Please write your preference for specific designation of the funds if applicable on the memo line (i.e. Rush, Property Upkeep, St. Pats).

Make checks out to THETA XI FRATERNITY and mail them to:

Alpha Psi Alumni Association
1605 Pine Street
Rolla, MO 65401

OR

Alpha Psi Alumni Association
1751 Chestnut Farms Court
Fenton, MO 63026

The second way is to make a secure donation online to the Alumni Association Paypal account.

Username: alphapsi  Password: puresoul
Select the donate button and fill out the information fields to send your secure donation to the Alumni Association today. Currently all donations online default to the PUC account, so if you prefer to designate it for something else please email us (info@alphapsialumni.org or alphapsithetaxi@gmail.com) and let us know what that designation is. For your convenience, you can sign up for automatic withdrawals for monthly donations and provide financial support the house every month without thinking about it.

The next ways are to invest in the educational and professional development of our undergraduate brothers through donations to either the Theta Xi Foundation or the Miner Alumni Association. Donations through both of these means have always been 100% tax deductible and must be designated specifically to our chapter/fraternity when filling out the donation forms (online or hardcopy). Donations to the Theta Xi Foundation can help pay for actives to attend leadership development seminars sponsored by National Headquarters or fund scholarships for undergraduates of our chapter. Go to www.thetaxi.org and click see the Foundation drop down menu for more information.

Don’t forget to designate your donation for the Alpha Psi Chapter when giving. Donations to the Miner Alumni Association fund a scholarship to an undergraduate member in good standing selected by the Active chapter each semester. The amount is equivalent to 2.5% of the account balance, which currently equates to a $500 scholarship each semester. Click here to be directed to the Miner Alumni Association website. Don’t forget to designate it for Theta Xi Fraternity Scholarship when making your donations. Brother Nick Ereckson (AΨ494) is very familiar with giving through this method if you should have any questions or concerns.
I was rushed by a two-man team of an active and an alumni. The team had a great interaction with my parents, and followed up effectively invited me to visit the house when I visited campus. The rush team ensured I spent considerable time at the house on my trip to Rolla. The actives that were at the house went to great lengths to make me feel at home. I was interested in activities the house was involved – spelunking, and the active brewery was interested in activities the house was involved.

Condolences

We grieve with Brother Maurice Singleton (Ψ5356) and his family on the loss of his father.