

GAMMA-KAPPA OF KAPPA SIGMA



FALL 2021 NEWSLETTER



AS MANY IN-PERSON ACTIVITIES THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY UNAVAILABLE BEGIN TO RETURN, OUR CHAPTER HAS BEEN THRILLED TO BE PROVIDED WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECONNECT AGAIN. WITH THE SIGNING OF OUR FALL NEW MEMBER CLASS, THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT. WE HOPE TO CONTINUE OUR PATTERN OF RECENT SUCCESS, AS WE GROW ON CAMPUS WHILE ALSO BUILDING STRONG RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR ALUMNI.



FALL NEW MEMBER CLASS

With the academic semester now in full swing, our chapter has been very excited to welcome in its New Member Class for Fall 2021. Thanks to the tireless efforts of Recruitment Chair Derrick Doggett ('19) and the rest of the chapter, we were able to sign a very high-quality group of 48 potential new members.

With this being his second consecutive stint as Recruitment Chair, Doggett described his experience as being "a great experience, meeting a lot of new guys and bringing the best to our chapter." To add to this, Doggett also discussed some of his thoughts on how recruitment went, relative to what he hoped for: "This year for recruitment we were hoping that there would be more guys rushing but, overall, there were almost 50% fewer rushees than there were two years ago. This presented a challenge when it comes to signing higher numbers in the New Member Class. I believe that, although we had to work around the challenge of significantly fewer guys rushing, we did a great job getting the ones we wanted and now have potential to make our chapter better."

Finally, Doggett was asked what he sees this New Member Class contributing to our fraternity going forward. He responded, "So far this New Member Class has already grown tremendously close to each other, which is one of the most important aspects of our chapter. I believe that this group has a lot of potential to make our fraternity better and continue to grow it in the coming years."

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To view things from the other end of the table, new signee Wes Sheets was asked about his experience going through recruitment and interacting with the chapter thus far. Sheets, a sophomore Supply Chain Management major, is currently the New Member Class President for our Fall 2021 Class. Prior to this year, he served our country as a member of the Marine Corps.

To elaborate on his role in the military and what kind of perspective that gave him as he begins pursuit of his bachelor's degree, Sheets stated: "While in the Marine Corps I worked within various teams to facilitate the planning, preparation, and execution of strategic mobility operations. By utilizing commercial and military assets, I assisted with the transportation of personnel, supplies, and cargo equipment via mixed modes of travel such as highway, maritime, and airlift. After being a part of something bigger than myself, it helped me understand and foster a teamwork mentality. Also, this helped me gain a better perspective on being a contributor within the community and productive member of society."

When asked what made him want to join Kappa Sig, Sheets responded: "When making the decision to come to the University of Oklahoma, I knew I wanted to be part of a strong brotherhood and a group that gives back to the community. After going through rush at the beginning of the semester, I knew Kappa Sigma was going to be home. All of the guys in the chapter are very tight-knit and I knew that was something I wanted to be a part of. Also, the 'Military Heroes Campaign' is a great mission in which the fraternity aims to give back to the community."

Finally, Sheets was asked how the experience has been so far, interacting with the members of Kappa Sig and the rest of the New Member Class. He responded: "My experience with the New Member Class and members of Kappa Sig has been great so far. Everyone I have met has similar values and holds themselves to a higher standard. I have grown closer to all the guys and hope to continue growing the brotherhood for a lifetime."

We look forward to seeing what Sheets and the rest of this group contribute to our chapter.



ALUMNI TAILGATES

With the return of in-person activities this fall, our chapter is pleased to announce that we plan to host several tailgates geared towards increasing alumni attendance. Our next tailgate is set to take place this Homecoming Weekend on Saturday, October 16th at 3:00. On September 25th, prior to the Sooners' win against West Virginia, we hosted a combined Parents Weekend and alumni tailgate. The event was a great success, with very large numbers of alumni attendance having been reported.

Chapter Alumni Chair Jayke Flaggert described the tailgate as being "really beneficial because, for many, this was the first time seeing the house since we rebuilt. It was also a great opportunity for our alumni to see the current state of the chapter and how, although times may change, the standard that we hold Kappa Sigma members to is still the same."

Flaggert also added that with future alumni tailgates, he "would love to see more Alumni come around the house—even if it is just to hang out and share some stories. If any alumni are ever in Norman, please send me a call or text and we would love to have a member show them around the house."

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The members of our Rah! Rally team from 2019



HOMECOMING

For Homecoming this year, our chapter is paired with the Alpha Chi Omega sorority as the football team prepares to take on the TCU Horned Frogs. In Fall 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the University of Oklahoma had to cancel its usual homecoming festivities aside from the game itself. These festivities typically include Rah! Rally, a dance competition between different student organizations, as well as the annual float building competition. The last time these competitions were held, our chapter took home the first place trophy for excelling in the Rah! Rally dance competition. Leading the chapter in its efforts to add an additional first-place trophy to its collection are Spencer Simon ('19), Zach Murphy ('19), Braden Wadley ('19), and Matt Hawkins ('18).

Simon provided some detail on the current status of our homecoming situation:

"We started to work on homecoming a bit later than we had hoped to but once we got it going it things have gone pretty smoothly. The women of Alpha Chi Omega have helped out a lot—whether that be through pumping and helping with the float or through the dance aspect. I think everyone has gotten along well with the theme (the Flintstones) and I think all of the directors have done a good job communicating with one another and staying on the same page."

With last year's festivities having been canceled, Simon described the transition from being a young freshman contributor two years ago to now holding one of the chapter's primary homecoming leadership roles: "The change from helping out with homecoming freshman year to now being one of the directors is different than I anticipated.

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Freshman year I only really saw the basics of what homecoming was and now I know every little detail about it. There is a lot more that goes into homecoming than what most people end up seeing. I was very disappointed about homecoming being canceled last year because I was excited to get back to campus and do something normal, but in the long run I believe it was the right move by the university and hopefully we can make this one amazing to make up for last year."

To conclude with what his expectations for homecoming are this year, Simon stated: "I really don't have any expectations for homecoming this year because it truly is my first one. With that being said I hope that we can make the float, dance, and everything else involved with homecoming amazing and make it a great experience for all of the alumni coming back that will see all the hard work we have put into it."

Under Simon and the rest of the homecoming leadership team's guidance, our chapter is confident it will perform well this year.



Fall 2021 University Sing Cast at Auditions

UNIVERSITY SING

Coming off a second-place performance last year, our chapter is excited to be paired with the women of the Pi Beta Phi sorority for University Sing. With auditions having already taken place, we are ecstatic to have been selected to compete in the final competition—set to take place the weekend of November 11-13. Zac Cowger ('18), Kenny Cervantes ('19), Dylan Garcia ('20), and Brock Bossert ('20) have taken the initiative to help lead the cast as directors this year. For more information on University Sing, click [here](#).

Brother Cervantes is currently in his second year of directing and competed in the show as a freshman during the Fall 2019 competition. He described the experience with Pi Phi this year as being "nothing but great! I am excited that I get to work with an insanely talented cast and set of directors this year."

With this year returning to more of a normal setup compared to last year's socially distanced competition, Cervantes described the transition from last year's distanced show to this year's show as being "pretty smooth so far. To be honest, last year had us scrambling more to figure out the new order of procedures but now that it is back to normal our team has been able to remain on track and create an awesome show."

Cervantes spoke a bit more on he and the rest of the directors' added confidence this year, having been apart of winning the second place Trophy last year:

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"Coming off of winning the second place trophy last year, expectations are definitely high from both myself and the other directors. I am grateful for my past experiences in U-sing these past two years, both as a cast member and a director. I think these experiences with both a cast that placed and one that didn't has helped us shape an idea of what a great show can be."

To describe his expectations for this year's show, Cervantes stated: "We're shooting for gold here, and with the talent and energy that everyone in this cast and set of directors we're working with brings, I expect nothing less."



TOP DAUG TOYS



Oklahoma Poster Company



INTEGRATED BUSINESS CORE

Throughout the past several years, the members of our chapter have put their drive and commitment to excellence on display in a variety of ways outside of their great efforts toward improving our chapter. Members have started very successful businesses, participated in rewarding internships, and posted excellent grade point averages. That level of creativity and hard work has continued into this semester, with several of our talented brothers participating in the First Fidelity Bank Integrated Business Core (IBC) program. The IBC program allows students to develop a product and build a business plan, to be presented in front of a bank in order to request a loan for funding the product. Once the product has received funding, students market and sell the product while managing all business processes associated with it. At the conclusion of the program, all profits are donated to charity. For more information on what the program entails, click [here](#).

Brothers Dillon Martin ('19), Will Zaleski ('19), Liam Pipes ('19), and John Soter ('19) are all participating in the program this year. Martin and Zaleski are paired together through their business, Oklahoma Poster Company. Pipes is selling dog toys with his business, Top Daug Toys. Soter is working with Sooner Chilled, selling slim koozies.

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Martin provided some additional information on he and Zaleski's business, **Oklahoma Poster Company**:

"Oklahoma Poster Company strives to foster the spirit and culture of the University of Oklahoma through launching a successful business by creating a high quality and affordable product while promoting philanthropic efforts.

Our product is a \$20 30x13 inch Gaylord Family Oklahoma Memorial Stadium poster of the OU Stripe the Stadium game against Western Carolina where we beat them 76-0. Our poster commemorates the 20th Anniversary of September 11, 2001. Key features of our product are the visuals of numerous OUs in the stadium, the band formed in an interlocking OU on the field, the patriot of the game shown on the north end zone screen, the American flags lining the top of the stadium, the 13 stripes in the stadium that represent the 13 stripes in the American flag, and a great view of campus in the background including Price College, the Oklahoma Memorial Union, the Engineering Quad, and the OU water tower.

All profit from our company will be donated to Folds of Honor which is an Oklahoma-based charity that provides academic scholarships for spouses and children of those who were wounded or have fallen in service to our country. Our company hopes that through our product we can ensure that the events that occurred during and after September 11th are never forgotten."

To view their website or purchase a poster, click [here](#)

Brother John Soter's business, **Sooner Chilled**, is selling OU-themed slim koozies. View their website or purchase their product by clicking [here](#)

Brother Liam Pipes works with **Top Daug Toys** selling OU-themed dog toys. View his business's website or purchase one of their products by clicking [here](#)

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