

## REPORT OF THE KAPPA CHAPTER

### I MEMBERSHIP – PLEDGING STATISTICS

	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester	2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester
Number Rushed	54	22
Number Pledged	14	5
Number Initiated	6	13
Number of Active Members	36	43
Number of Faculty Members	1	2

### II RUSH AND PLEDGING

#### A. Rush Methods and Procedures:

The whole active chapter gets involved in the rushing process. We have rush functions every week. Freshman cannot pledge until after the tenth week of classes, therefore we get to know our rushes before we decide who gets a bid. We feel our current rush strategies are very successful, we have one of the largest houses on campus.

#### B. Pledging Methods and Procedures:

The pledges are required to learn the Pledge Manual. The Information Kit is given to the pledges as soon as they are received so they can start studying the material. Our pledge period is ten weeks long. It consists of nine pledge courts, where the Chapter meets with the pledges formally, and they take a test. Then they are required to attend help week where we quiz the pledges all week. The pledges are also required to attend academic study tables on Tuesday's and Thursday's for two hour sessions all during the pledge period.

#### C. We have had a little problems retaining pledges, the one's that quit left for good personal reasons.

### III MEMBERSHIP

#### A. Membership problems and their solution:

We have good membership, with no serious problem.

#### B. Membership attitudes toward rush and pledging:

We as a chapter feel that we all have to get involved in rush and pledging in order to have a successful rush program and to continue our strong membership.

#### C. Membership attitudes toward the Chapter and School:

We as a chapter have good relations amongst each other as well as with the University.

#### D. Membership attitudes toward the National Fraternity:

We as a chapter look towards the National Fraternity for encouragement and support.

#### E. Membership relations with the alumni chapter:

We have strong ties to our alumni chapter. They are continuously striving to support us in our trying to build a stronger brotherhood.

### IV. FINANCES

#### A. Assets and Liabilities:

See attached form 16

- B. Typical House Bill:  
See Attached Budget
- C. Building Fund Assets:  
Alumni handles the building fund, see their report.
- D. Do you use promissory notes for delinquent members:  
All of our members are required to sign a promissory note at the beginning of each semester.
- E. Financial Problems  
We have a little problem with the high amount of receivables out, but we have the delinquent members on payment plans, so we are receiving a steady amount each month.

**V. HOUSING**

- A. Type of Chapter Quarters:  
Type of structure: Two-Story house with a basement.  
Maximum Occupancy: Rooms 18 people  
Renovations in past two years: New doors, Gutters  
Outstanding needs: Fix the crack in the basement foundation, replace and repaint deck.
- B. School Rules:  
Our house is located off campus, therefore the school does not set any rules, except when holding social events.
- C. Housing contract set by Alumni Association
- D. Housing Problems:  
The cleanliness of the house was not a huge concern because of close monitoring by the house manager and frequent work weekends.

**VI. RISK REDUCTION**

- A. The Risk Reduction chairman discusses issues every week at the house meeting
- B. The chapter discusses the Fraternity Risk reduction Policy at the beginning of every school year.
  - Does the chapter have a fire emergency plan? Yes
  - Is it practiced? Yes, once a year
  - Does the chapter have smoke alarms in every room? Yes
  - Are fire escapes adequate? Yes

**VII. SCHOLARSHIP**

- A. Overall grade point average of the Chapter: 2.85 / 4.0  
Overall grade point average of all men: 2.77 / 4.0
- B. The Chapter has academic files in the library of the house. They are stored in filing cabinets, and are used frequently. We have found this to be a good rush tool.
- C. We have a scholastics chairman that operates study tables, and plans professional practices. If a brother obtains a grade point average of 2.25 or lower, he is required to attend study tables for four hours a week. They are held in the University Engineering

Building and are monitored by the scholastics chairman. We feel our system works fairly well.

- D. We as a chapter believe that scholarship is the only reason for our existence at the University. We strive to help each other in any way to become better academically.

### VIII. GENERAL

- A. -Tri-State University has no attitude toward dual gender organizations.  
-The Chapter does not have a problem with dual gender organizations, but will not support Sigma Phi Delta becoming a dual gender.  
-There are no limitations on women visiting the house.
- B. We held Three Professional Practices last year  
-We attended a speaker for the secret "Skunkworks" whose name was Jerry Lutz, and also happened to be a TSU and Sigma Phi Delta Alumni.  
-The brothers all attended an ASME meeting.  
-The brothers attended a seminar on investments for the future.
- C. Special Activities:  
-Athletic Programs: We were once again champions of Mid-Winter Blowout  
-Intramural Sports: We participated in football, basketball, and volleyball, and placed in every one.  
  
-Social Activities: We held a Halloween Party, St. Patrick's Day Celebration, Rush Dinner, Thanksgiving cookout, Christmas dinner, and various camping trips.  
  
-Inter-chapter visits: We took our pledges on a walk out to Delta Chapter
- D. We have no Rip-off Trophies at this time.
- E. Our members expect the National Office to be supportive and encouraging.
- F. Our by-laws are being revised currently.
- G. We have no house computer, but most brothers have their own personal computer. The computers in the house are all networked through a hub, which will hopefully be upgraded soon.