



ALPHA PSI NEWS



SIGMA CHAPTER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

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Membership

This was a great year for Alpha Psi membership. Membership jumped from 20 to 36 members! We have raised our dues back to \$20 to have a jump-start on money for food and events. We plan to increase members even more throughout the year and continue to keep people interested. This year we have changed our name to a social/service fraternity, trying to give more time back to the community.

Community Service

We are still improving our Meals on Wheels for animals program by taking in new clients and new volunteers to distribute the food. We are currently having the Thanksgiving canned food drive for Second Harvest. We also plan to have a "Kiss the Pig" contest in the spring. "Kiss the Pig" entails having three professors each with a collection jar. The professor who finishes with the most donations will have to kiss a pig at our annual open house. Students and the public will have the opportunity to donate the prior week. All of the donations will be divided between two animal charities, to be decided at a later date.

Social Events

We started the semester with a rush event at Toddy's providing a small bar tab to get everyone started for the night. We had a huge turnout from all the classes and had a wonderful time. Our most recent party was at a member's house where we had the largest turnout in a few years. Around exams we are inviting the school to come bowling to relax before the hell week starts. We hope to continue the fun throughout the year.

Treasury Report

We are currently selling hats, t-shirts and bumper stickers. We have established three accounts for our funds: general, charity, and scholarship. The general fund covers meetings, social events, and events for the school. This way donated money can be placed in a separate areas.

SCAVMA/AΨ Auction

Auction this year was a success although our profit has decreased because we are no longer splitting it evenly with SCAVMA. We are now getting the percentage of money we bring in, but no less than 20%. The 2003 auction brought in \$500, which was a big help since our numbers were low last year. This year we are already thinking of ways to increase our profit, including asking more people for donations. The auction this year is scheduled for the evening of February 6, 2004 in conjunction with the UTCVM Continuing Education Seminar Series. If you have anything you would like to donate, from veterinary items to objects around your house, please let us know.

National Conference

Since we have a larger membership this year, we are hoping to get a big group to the annual Alpha Psi conference. This year the conference is in Virginia during Martin Luther King Jr. weekend. It will be good to get some input from other chapters and to get a break from school.

Symposium 2004

This year the SAVMA Symposium will be here in Knoxville. Alpha Psi is thinking of ideas to bring all the members together that are coming to the symposium. We will most likely have a party at a bar one night, but if anyone has any good ideas please let me know.

AΨ Alumni

We have contacted some Alpha Psi alumni here at school from UT and other schools and are working on getting them involved with the chapter. So far we have heard from Dr. Lane, Dr. Hopkins, Dr. Millis, Dr. Hicks, Dr. Adair, Dr. Cole, Dr. Roerbach, and Dr. Gompf. There are a lot more out there, so we are working on updating that list and hoping they will be interested in interacting with Alpha Psi this year.

Featured UT Alumni

*Dr. David Hicks Class of 2000

As many of you probably know, David was the vice president of Alpha Psi when he was in school. After he graduated UT, he did an internship at the Animal Medical Center in New York City. He then worked at a general practice for two years before returning to UT. Currently, he is a graduate student pursuing a Masters Degree in Comparative Orthopedics and Orthopedic Surgical Fellowship under supervision of Dr. Darryl Millis at UTCVM. David has been a big help this year with new ideas and advice for the current alpha psi members.

Please send me a note about what you are doing now, so your fellow classmates can read about you in the next newsletter.

New Officers 2003-2004

President- Christi Heflinger
President-Elect- Ryan Ayres
Vice president- Sean Sparkman
Treasurer- Heather Francis
Secretary- LeeAnn Stocks
Rush/ Social- Bethany Cole
Meals on Wheels- Sarah Quatman
Philanthropy- Sarah Alexander

House Fund

We have decided that the house fund is not a reality at this time and there is not a good location for an Alpha Psi house. Instead, we will use different member houses for our events.

Alpha Psi Website

The Alpha Psi website is up. To take a peak, go to:
www.vet.utk.edu/about/students/alphapsi.shtml
Please let me know if you have any suggestions or input for the website.

Scholarships

Last year we branched away from SCAVMA and gave our own Alpha Psi scholarships, because of the low monetary fund we had to cut back and give only one \$250 scholarship and one \$50 community service award. We would like to have more scholarships for involvement with Alpha Psi and the community and possibly VBOT money for students in the future. We are dividing 25% of donated money for the general fund and 75% in a separate account for scholarships, unless otherwise specified on the donation. We would also like to have a scholarship committee consisting of 4 or more alumni and 4 students, so the alumni are more involved. If you are interested in being on the scholarship committee, please fill out the form below.

Help!

Alpha Psi has learned that in order to have a strong future, we need to remain connected to the past. That's our Alumni. There are a number of projects in the works and we need your input. Please fill out the coupon below and let us know what you're up to. We would like to feature alumni and what you are doing now in the next issues. Got an idea for something in the newsletter, fundraisers, or an event? Drop us a note! We are interested in having an Alpha Psi reunion at the CE conference in the spring here in Knoxville; please let me know if anyone is interested.

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We would love to hear from you and what you are doing now for our featured alumni section of the next newsletter. If you have any ideas or suggestions for our chapter, please also include that in your response. Any donations are greatly appreciated and will be allocated depending what you indicate below.

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