



KAPPA ALPHA AT OLE MISS

ALPHA UPSILON CHAPTER
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KA Triumphantly Returns to Ole Miss !

In 1997 when our Chapter was suspended from Ole Miss, the suspension was for a period of five years, with the proviso that we could petition for reinstatement early at the end of 1999.

With the outstanding help of the Kappa Alpha National Office, we took advantage of our opportunity and petitioned for early reinstatement.

The word came in early June that our petition was allowed and we could return to Ole Miss in the fall of 2000 . . . To participate in RUSH for the first time in three years.

This story is told at greater length, but when the smoke cleared on Monday morning, October 23, we had a new Alpha Upsilon Chapter of about 85 members! A truly outstanding and triumphant return to the Campus.

The return was the result of the labors of Eric Eilertsen, Art Spratlin and Ron Applewhite, for the House Corporation, and Chip Brownlee and Larry Wiese out of the National Office.

They, together with Knight Commander Jim Estes all came to

Ole Miss to appear before the Committee on Student Organizations



Knight Commander Jim Estes (center) flanked by Executive Director Larry Wiese and House Corporation President Eric Eilertsen with House Corporation Secretary Art Spratlin and Director of Chapter Development Chip Brownlee, rally in Oxford to support the reinstatement petition for

to demonstrate Kappa Alpha's support for reestablishing the chapter at Ole Miss. Their labors proved to be worth the effort — as is related more fully in this newsletter.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- EIGHTY-FIVE NEW MEMBERS SIGN UP!
- CHAPTER MAKES 2.727 GPA
- FIFTY-SEVEN NEW MEMBERS TO BE INITIATED
- "NEW MEMBERS" SCORE SECOND HIGHEST GPA ON FRATERNITY ROW



The Story of Rush —



Jon Turner runs rush!

*“When I met the core group, I would have been delighted had I been told ‘This is the new Alpha Upsilon Chapter’”
David Dogan,
Province
Commander*



*Knight Commander
Estes speaking at Rush*

Editor’s Note: During Rush I sent several e-mail reports detailing the progress we were experiencing at the time. The following is edited from

Thursday Night

those emails.

I have just gotten in from the first night of Rush at Ole Miss.

Our chapter is back! We have a core group of about 30 sophomores and above and there are many years in the past when getting just that group would have meant a sensationally successful rush!

And that does not include the potential freshmen (and others) who are going through Rush.

There were six parties tonight. The first was a little slow, but about half way through the second, our new members caught on to what they were supposed to do and did it in spades. I think we will have a great group when the smoke clears on Monday.

There are nearly 700 going through Fraternity Rush so just those number alone auger for a potentially good size group.

However, we are also seeking quality, and we must be achieving it since several LARGE fraternities were quoted as being amazed at what we are doing.

It's not too late to come join us! Parties tomorrow at 3 and again at 5:30; Saturday at

Sunday Night — Monday Morning

noon and 5; and Sunday at 5.

It is early Monday morning and this is an interim report on Rush at Alpha Upsilon Chapter.

This was the first rush KA has had at Ole Miss since 1996. There was no Active Chapter to carry it out. There was the core group -- only 3 or 4 of whom are initiated KA's -- who will form the basis of the new chapter.

They have been recruited by Jon Turner, Kendall Gregory, Tim Angle, Jimmy Rester and others over the last month or so. Sam Cole of Jackson was the first to declare himself and become a member of the “core” group!

Additionally, there were about 60 alumni of Ole Miss and a number of other chapters who participated.

AND there were Active members from all the Active Chapters in Mississippi as well as from the University of Memphis who gave up all or part of their weekend to participate in this event.

And the Knight Commander made a special trip to Oxford to speak Sunday night. There were 690 men going through rush.

When the dust settled after the first round of parties, there were 283 who accepted our invitation to come back to the second round of parties.

And then for the third and last round of parties (three

parties) 96 accepted our invitation to return.

These numbers in themselves are staggering!

It is possible we may have a very large group that will be added to the core group which will become the petitioning group . . . but as of this minute, we do not have anything definite.

I will let you know after tomorrow night. In the meantime, I wanted to give you a heads up to let you know that things seem to

Monday Afternoon

have gone very well.

We don't know all the names yet, but we have been informed that of the 96 rushees who came back to the KA House last night, 53 have accepted our invitation to membership. This is in addition to the "core" group of upperclassmen -- and about four KA transfers -- who will form the new chapter. That means we will be starting with a new group

Afterword

of about 85 men!

AND SO IT WAS . . . And at age 100 and still counting, Kappa Alpha is restored to Ole Miss in better shape than it left. It is now up to us, the Alumni, to be sure that it stays that way.

By Dick Wilson,

Remember: March 17!



A Report from the Chapter

Editors note: *The following is an email received from Paxton Little, one of the new members of the Chapter and its No. IV. It is the first of a series of periodic reports of the chapter's activities. It was received about December 10, 2000.*

Dear Alumni,

Here is a brief rundown of this past semester since Kappa Alpha rush.

The first big event that took place was definitely "Anchor Splash" held by the Delta Gamma's. In our first competition as an active fraternity against other fraternities, we not only won first place for the "Best Banner" and were not counted for finding the "Anchor", we won the entire event of "DG Anchor Splash" and got 1st place overall. This

stunning victory ended a ten-year strangle-hold on the title by Sigma Chi!

We also attended church at First Baptist Church as a chapter during November.

Kappa Alpha Christmas Party was held on November 30. The jazz band was incredible and added to the enjoyment of the party.

The Pledge Retreat took place on December 2-3, and was a success. All present enjoyed themselves and grew closer as a group as well. We met in small groups and discussed topics on a personal level and as a Chapter. Many great ideas were passed around concerning possible fundraisers, answers to several potential challenges, etc.

And finally we had our first swap with the DG's. The

theme was "Dazed and Confused". We had the "Rebel Ride" trolley pickup both KA's and DG's from the DG house and transport them from there to Dan Fax Market where the swap was held. Cherry Bomb was the band and played many great 70's and 80's songs. The party was definitely a great first swap.

I apologize for not sending this email sooner. The emails will be much more frequent in the future, and much more detailed for each email. I hope this has helped all of you catch up on any events you weren't sure took place or did not know the outcome of. Please email me for any questions.

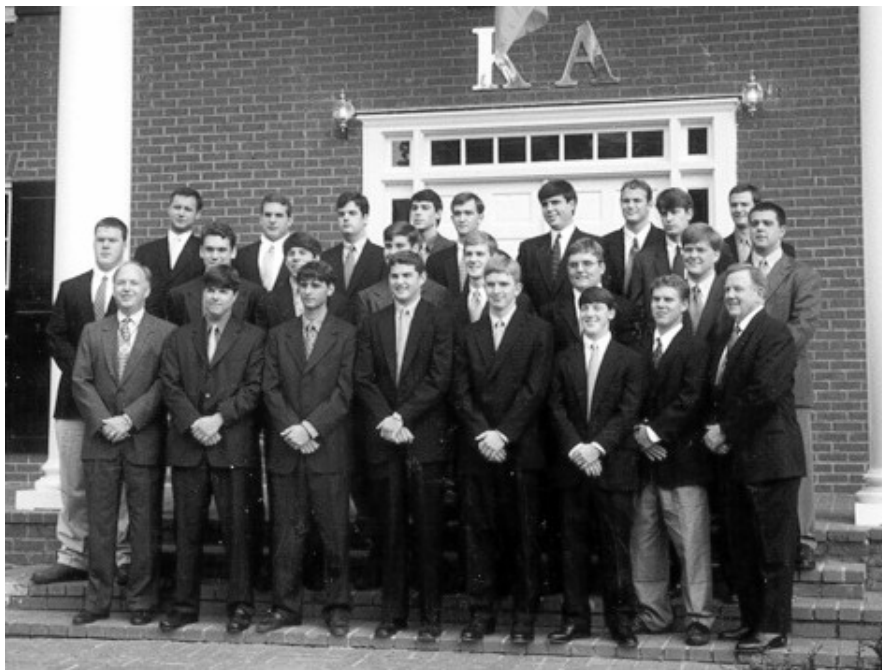
Sincerely,

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Special Thanks!

There are many to whom special thanks are due for the success of the first Rush after Restoration. The first name is that of Jon Turner who gave selflessly of himself and his time to cause the "plan to come together." Tim Angle also contributed markedly and hosted rush functions at his home. Kendall Gregory helped supervise Chapter House repairs. John Batte made a substantial contribution to the redecoration of the house early by contributing and lending furniture in time for rush. Jimmy Rester participated in numerous rush functions. Carey Johnston, Doug McKinnon and Al Luckey, took a major part in rush as well as some forty others. Chip Brownlee and Kenny Wright from the National Office were also present. And David Dogan and Art Spratlin made outstanding speeches and David, as Province Commander, provided leadership and support throughout the process. These brothers truly showed that Kappa Alpha is a lifetime experience.



Most of the "Core Group" on the last afternoon of Rush, with Province Commander David Dogan (front left) and Knight Commander Jim Estes (front right).



Meet the New Members !

Factoids about Alpha Upsilon

Alpha Upsilon was chartered at Ole Miss on January 21, 1900. A century later it is being rechartered for the new Millennium!

The first Chapter house for Alpha Upsilon was occupied in 1937; it was remodeled and doubled in size in 1956-1957. The "new house" was built in 1972 and added to in 1987.

Alpha Upsilon is one of a scant handful of KA Chapters with its own endowment fund! Concerned brothers from Alpha Upsilon created the Alpha Upsilon LEAP Fund within Kappa Alpha Order Educational Foundation about ten years ago. Originally it was known as the Centennial Fund. It has now grown to more than \$17,000 and will be used, among other things, to provide financial assistance for Brothers attending the National Leadership Institute.

No doubt you are interested in the membership of the new chapter. Here they are in alphabetical order with hometowns, class and field of study.

Brian Ables (Brian), Belzoni, MS, Sophomore MIS

John Michael Allen (Michael), Quitman, MS, Freshman International Studies

William D. Armstrong (William), Galveston, TX, Graduate Student Business

Will B. Bardwell (Will), Brandon, MS, Sophomore Journalism

William Barron (William), Clarksdale, MS, Freshman Education

Brad E. Batte (Brad), Jackson, MS, Freshman Business/Marketing

William C. Blackard (Chad), Brandon, MS, Junior Bus. Management

James Brendan Bledsoe (Brendan), Jacksonville, FL, Sophomore undecided

Russell Brooks Boylan, Jr. (Brooks), Birmingham, AL, Freshman Psychology/Religion

William M. Branton (William), Fort Worth, TX, Freshman undecided

Chandler R. Brown (Chandler), Dallas, TX, Freshman Business

Jeremy H. Bruss (Jeremy), Oxford, MS, Junior Business

James Isaac Byrd (Isaac), Louisville, MS, Freshman Business

Michael S. Carr (Mike), Boyle, MS, Sophomore History

William Raymond Carter, Jr. (Ray), Tupelo, MS, Junior Leisure Management

Ben Claxton (Ben), Dublin, GA, Sophomore History

Jon Claxton (Jon), Dublin, GA, Junior Exercise Science

Samuel W. Cole (Sam), Jackson, MS, Sophomore Biochemistry

Christopher Ford Coleman (Ford), Germantown, TN, Freshman

Robert S. Conner (Rob), Cordova, TN, Freshman Business Studies

Francis Javier DeRossette (Javier), Jackson, MS, Senior MIS

Paul C. Destefanis (Paul), Cordova, TN, Junior Exercise Science

Clay A. Deweese (Clay), Clarksdale, MS, Freshman Business

Jacob A. Dickerson (Jake), Southaven, MS, Sophomore History

Dennis D. Donato, Jr. (Dennis), Memphis, TN, Junior Business

Josh C. Edson (Josh), Dallas, TX, Freshman Finance

Bennett Blake Elder (Blake), Martinez, GA, Freshman International Business

Taylor Etheredge (Taylor), Dallas, TX, Sophomore Exercise Science

Vance H. Exley (Vance), Atlanta, GA, Freshman Political Science

Michael D. Ferris (Michael), Tupelo, MS, Freshman Accounting

Cruse B. Flowers (Cruse), Birmingham, AL, Freshman Journalism

Richard French (Richard), Meridian, MS, Sophomore Managerial Finance

John L. Fuller (John),

Jackson, MS, Freshman undecided

David H. Gale (David), Marietta, GA, Freshman Business

Davey W. Gernhauser (Davey), New Orleans, LA, Freshman Journalism

Correy Woodruff Gex (Correy), Waveland, MS, Senior History

Benjamin M. Glenn (Ben), Germantown, TN, Freshman Civil Engineering

William Brent Goodman (Brent), Nashville, TN, Freshman

David W. Grantham (David), Madison, MS, Sophomore MIS

Michael C. Griggs (Michael), Charleston, MS, Freshman Accounting

Jordan Guidry (Jordan), New Orleans, LA, Freshman Business

Tyler L. Harris (Tyler), Columbia, MS, Freshman undecided

John Eric Hester (John Eric), Jackson, MS, Freshman Psychology

Justin L. Hill (Justin), Oxford, MS, Junior Accounting

Houston C. Hoskins (Houston), Boyd Tavern, VA, Freshman History

David D. Johnson (David), Scott, AR, Freshman Criminal Justice

Tyler P. Johnson (Tyler), Olive Branch, MS, Freshman Psychology

Rickey G. Jones (Rickey), Hollandale, MS, Junior Exercise Science

Kevin P. Kennedy (Kevin), Jacksonville, FL, Freshman MIS

Adam King (Adam), Ackerman, MS, Freshman



undecided
Layton K. Kolb (Layton),
 Richardson, TX, Freshman
Lee G. Langston (Lee),
 Birmingham, AL,
 Sophomore Journalism
Wade Paxton Little
 (Paxton), Oxford, MS,
 Junior Engineering
David P. Lynch (David),
 Gulfport, MS, Sophomore
 Biology
James Howard Martindale
 (Howard), Dallas, TX,
 Freshman Business
Michael P. McLaughlin
 (Michael), Ridgeland, MS,
 Junior International
 Business
Parke Miller (Parke),
 Tuscaloosa, AL, Freshman
Robert J. Patrick (Beau),
 Covington, LA, Junior
 Business
David Peden (David),
 Nashville, TN, Junior
 Journalism
Nathan E. Richardson
 (Nathan), Marietta, GA,
 Sophomore Secondary
 Education
Thomas J. Richtmyer
 (Thomas), Lyon, MS,
 Freshman Accounting
John Paul Rowan (John
 Paul), Savannah, GA,
Chad A. Rutherford (Chad),
 Prosper, TX, Freshman
 Business
Walker S. Rutherford
 (Walker), Mobile, AL,
 Freshman Engineering
Josh P. Sanders (Josh),
 Franklin, TN, Freshman
 undecided
Virgil L. Sandifer III
 (Trey), Greenville, MS,
 Sophomore Business
Stuart M. Saunders (Stuart),
 Charleston, SC, Freshman
 Banking
William M. Schmitt, Jr.
 (William), Germantown,

TN, Freshman Business
Byron Darrington Seward
 (Darrington), Yazoo City,
 MS, Senior History
Jason D. Simmons (Jason),
 Clarksdale, MS, Freshman
 Biology
Charles A. Smithers (Chas),
 Grenada, MS, Freshman
 Civil Engineering
Chris Stadler (Chris),
 Spring, TX, Freshman
 Business
Ryan Stegall (Ryan),
 Houston, TX, Sophomore
 Engineering
Thomas M. Taff (Tom),
 Coral Springs, FL,
 Sophomore History
Richard M. Tanner, Jr.
 (Richie), Lucedale, MS,
 Freshman Pharmacy
Hunter G. Todd (Hunter),
 Chapel Hill, TN, Freshman
 Computer Science
Jeffrey J. Waller (J. J.),
 New Port Richey, FL,
 Freshman Business Admin
Steven C. Warren (Steven),
 Nashville, TN, Freshman
 History
David Welch (David),
 Harrisville, MS, Senior
 Managerial Finance
Thomas G. Welch
 (Thomas), Harrisville, MS,
 Freshman Pre-Optometry

Ford S. Williams III (Ford),
 Germantown, TN,
 Sophomore Business
 Management
James H. Wood, Jr. (Jay),
 West Point, MS, Freshman
 Chemistry
Doug Zeigler (Doug),
 Wilmington, OH,
 Sophomore

*The following are Ole Miss
 KA Initiates who are still
 in school but are not
 technically part of the new
 group but have been
 helpful to it in various
 ways:*

James Kelly English
 (Kelly), Baton Rouge, LA,
 Senior Hotel & Restaurant
 Mgmt
Reagan Lee King (Reagan),
 Ackerman, MS, Senior
Chris Lawson McAnally
 (Chris), Huntsville, AL,
 Senior Engineering
Frank Levon Smith IV
 (Lee), Natchez, MS,

Chapter Officers:

- I. Correy Gex
- II. Taylor Etheredge
- III. Sam Cole
- IV. Paxton Little
- V. Blake Elder
- VI. Darrington Seward
- VII. Mike Carr
- VIII. Beau Patrick
- IX. Ford Williams

Prudential: Davey

Gernhauser

Alumni Relations: Lee

Langston

Social: Michael

McLaughlin & Beau
 Patrick

Rush: Chris Stadler,
 John Eric Hester, Clay
 Deweese

Scholarship: Will
 Bardwell

Chaplain: Nathan
 Richardson

Webmaster: David
 Grantham

House: Richie Tanner
 (House) and Michael
 Allen (Food)

Philanthropy: Cruse
 Flowers


Remember: March 17!

ORDER HAS RETURNED

KA

FALL RUSH 2000

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*This advertisement announcing the return of KA to Ole Miss
 ran in The Daily Mississippian a few times just prior to rush!*



Grades! Grades! Grades!

Fourteen of the “new members” were on the Chancellor's Honor Roll and four more were on the Dean's List!

Upon the initiation of the New Members when the Charter is restored to Alpha Upsilon, the total of initiates and affiliates of the Chapter will exceed 2000!

In selecting the men for the restored chapter, a special effort was made to pick those who knew they were at the University for an education and had the wherewithal to keep about the business of getting the education they had come for.

KA National, in granting a provisional charter, also imposed certain academic requirements on the chapter before it could be rechartered including a GPA — either for the semester of cumulative — of 2.25 to be eligible for initiation and to continue to serve as an officer and a combined chapter GPA in

excess of the All-men's average at Ole Miss.

When the semester was over, more than sixty of the new members had achieved the required GPA of 2.25 AND the chapter had a combined GPA of 2.727!

With this chapter GPA, KA “pledges” ranked second among all fraternities on the Ole Miss Campus: only Delta Psi with ten pledges ranked higher.

And overall, KA ranked sixth among all fraternities, but that ranking was based solely on the 2.727 GPA of the “pledges”! In other words,

there were no Active members with grades to compute in the overall Grade Point Average!

And the Chapter's 2.727 GPA for the semester exceeded not only the All Men's Average (2.515) but also the All Fraternity Average (2.645) and the All Pledge Average (2.477).

So the Chapter has qualified academically for chartering under the stringent requirements imposed by Kappa Alpha Order!

And even with these stringent requirements, 62 have made their grades!

Congratulations to all

Kappa Alpha no longer has “Pledges”! What used to be called “Pledges” are now called “New Members” or, more technically in the KA Laws, “members awaiting initiation.” The term “pledge” is, of course, still used as a colloquialism, but the new terminology was adopted several years ago in an effort to stamp out all vestiges of hazing.

With such outstanding academic achievement among the new members of the Chapter, there were a number who qualified for special academic recognition.

To be named to the Chancellor's Honor Roll, one must obtain a GPA of 3.8. The following are on the Chancellor's Honor Roll:

- Michael Allen
- Brooks Boylan

Academic Distinctions!

- Jeremy Bruss
- Issac Byrd
- Jake Dickerson
- John Fuller
- John Eric Hester
- Adam King
- Stuart Saunders
- Chas Smithers
- Tom Taff
- Hunter Todd
- J.J. Waller
- Steven Warren

Additionally, other members of the chapter qualified for the Dean's

List, which requires a GPA between 3.6 and 3.79. They are

- Will Bardwell
- David Gernhauser
- Ben Glenn
- David Lynch

These new brothers have done much to bring approval to Kappa Alpha.

Special Congratulations to them!

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Where now? And When?

Well, what's next for the Chapter?

Alpha Upsilon was re-created as a Provisional Chapter of Kappa Alpha in late October. By the end of the Semester, it had accomplished almost everything required of it to be chartered! There are a few technical requirements still remaining at this writing such as conducting a fund raiser and depositing funds for Initiation Regalia with the National Office, but that should be accomplished in due course.

Although it is not yet "writ in

stone," **March 16-17** has been set for Initiation and the Installation of the Chapter — and by the way, it looks like 65 have made their grades and will be qualified for initiation!

It will also likely be a time for a major celebration of a Century of Kappa Alpha at Ole Miss!

All Alumni would be welcome for these events and when details are firm, another announcement will be forthcoming.

But as of this writing, the Knight Commander and members of the Executive Council have that

weekend on their calendars! Why don't you put it on yours!!!! It would be a great time for a reunion.

The four other chapters in Mississippi, plus at least one from outside the state, will participate in the initiation. It should be outstanding.

And that is right, for Alpha Upsilon has accomplished in a scant few months what it usually takes a year to do . . . That is move from

Remember: March 17!

... We need help!

We have a list of about 1350 presumable "current" addresses of Alpha Upsilon Alumni, and another 150 or so of "lost" brothers. And there are about 450 or so deceased or presumed deceased brothers.

Won't you help us keep this list current by furnishing the up to date information requested to the right, giving both your home and business addresses, etc, and mark the one where you prefer to receive mail.

E-mail is a great tool for keeping in touch. I have about 200 e-mail addresses and much of the information in this newsletter has already gone out by email! Add your e-mail address and keep informed. And I don't reveal e-mail addresses!

Alpha Upsilon Alumni Information Update Card

Name _____	Birth Date ____/____/____
Business _____	Init Date ____/____/____
Title _____	Init Chapter _____
Address _____	Transfer Chapter(s) _____
City _____	Degrees Earned and School _____
State _____ Zip _____	_____
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Where do we go next ?

On the expectation that our chapter would return to Ole Miss, the House Corporation hired Ron Rietdorf & Associates of Knoxville, Tennessee, to make a survey of the possibility of successfully conducting a major fund drive to bring the House up to today's standards.

Ron Rietdorf has had a very successful track record in assisting a number of fraternities raise significant amounts for housing. He was instrumental in helping the Alumni of Alpha Gamma Chapter at LSU raise nearly \$2 million to replace the KA House at LSU which had burned. In Mississippi Ron

assisted the Beta Tau Alumni in raising funds for a complete renovation of the KA House at Mississippi State.

Ron has conducted his survey and presented the results to representatives of the House Corporation. He interviewed a number of alumni and an even larger number participated by questionnaire.

As a result, at a meeting in early December, the House Corporation voted to conduct the fund drive and hired Ron Rietdorf as its consultant in conducting the drive.

When you are called upon, we hope you will listen to the story,

remember your good experiences as a KA at Ole Miss, and be generous to support this grand old chapter that means so much to so many and can mean so much to so many more!

Fratres usque ad aram fideles!

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