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## Consul's Corner

Anthony DiLoreto

*Consul*

The Alpha Gamma Chapter has experienced tremendous growth in the last academic year, crossing 15 excellent new members. The chapter continued their hard work over the summer working concessions at 11 Detroit Tigers games. This strong fundraising effort coupled with upcoming Lions games has allowed the chapter to update many areas of the house and expand its continuing rush program. With a strong showing at Nationals the chapter has found a strong sense of commitment to raising its own standards for this upcoming year. The chapter kicked off the school year with two service projects and the first annual car smash in the month of September. The car smash marks the first significant Philanthropy event for the Alpha Gamma chapter and helped raise \$500 that will be donated to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The chapter has acquired a new faculty advisor, Dr. Benvenuto, who plans bring enthusiasm and campus experience to our chapter. The chapter is looking forward to the upcoming fall rush season just getting underway. The chapter has been working hard on updating the chapter website, eventually including chapter info and media as well as an Alumni Section for alumni to stay connected and share their stories about the Alpha Gamma chapter. The chapter looks to use this improved website to enhance faculty/public relations as well as a tool for rush. Finally, the chapter's Alumni Corporation is going strong into its second year of operation, helping foster the relationship between our young alumni base and the active chapter as well as helping, when possible, with the active chapter's events. The Alumni Corp. currently manages all aspects of the chapter house with the hopes of soon becoming the owners of it. For more information about the brothers of the Alpha Gamma chapter visit <http://es.udmercy.edu/~kappadeltarho/Brothers.htm>

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## KAP Takes a Commanding Lead in Intramurals Once Again

Dave Hoppe

*IM Chair*

The intramural sports season started out with a bang. Junior Mark Fazi competed in the annual softball homerun derby and won easily with a total of 17 homeruns, second place was not even close. The next event was a sand volleyball tournament. After a shaky first round the brothers battled back to get to the championship game. However, in the third and deciding game, they were defeated, and finished in second place. The big sport going on right now is the IM football season. After losing many of the starters from the championship team last year, our season started a little slow. However, we put together a solid streak of wins and are currently preparing to head out for States at Lawrence Tech.

# Another Year of Growth for Alpha Gamma's Assets

Doug Biske

*Quaestor*

Providing the financial support to grow and improve as a chapter while investing into the future of this organization. This is the result of the great effort this past summer fundraising at Comerica Park. Working concessions in stand 213 on an 11 game schedule allowed us to have the same site manager and develop good relations with Sports Service. There were record setting attendance numbers at Comerica Park this season, resulting in record profits for the brothers of KAP. Motivating brothers to work a drudging fundraising event was done by promoting the brotherhood, fun, and shenanigans that make working a game enjoyable. Hopefully this attitude will continue with our newer and future brothers.

Now in the school year, the bulk of fundraising has been complete as we manage and save the money we have earned. In my second year as Quaestor, the experience definitely shows off in acquiring money, planning short/long term, and emphasizing the advantages to following a budget, and a new money market account has been opened to promote saving. A few notable expenses this term are matching the money generated at our philanthropy event, the car smash, and purchasing a new stereo system for the house.



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# Recruitment in the Fall of '07

Alex Gallegos

*Senior Tribune*

This fall's rush was once again deferred. All Greek rush events were held in the month of October. The message everyone got across to the freshmen and upper classmen was to go Greek. This worked out well because people got to know the other organizations before the official rush events, and with events like Volleyball+Barbeque in front of Shiple, they attracted many freshmen. Rush finally started on October 1<sup>st</sup> with the traditional barbeque in front of Shiple. This had the most attendance for obvious reasons. The most standout event, besides the barbeque, however, was Xochimilcos. There were 10 people in attendance as well as an interest in KAP. All the rush events were pretty standard events but we tried something different this year. KAP decided to do a service event as a rush event because service is a very important part of this fraternity, and we wanted to show that. Even though there wasn't a big attendance to that particular event, it was still good PR for campus and good for the fraternity. A lot of the rushing was done outside out the actual events. People got to know the rushes more on a personal level and it turned out to be a very effective rush tool. There were nine bids given out this fall semester, and six were accepted. As a whole this fall's rush was pretty long and time consuming, but was well worth it in the end.



Brothers Tim Hooper and Josh Gallihugh greening the city of Detroit at our first Service/Rush event.

# The Party Scene

Jon Lezotte/Rob Reagle

*House Manager/Brother*

The foam party, our annual crowd opener, was a huge success. The set up was very efficient with so many of the brothers helping out. The party went smoothly and the crowd was in the hundreds. After all, who doesn't like foam and hot music?

The Beach Party was a great success. The Kappa Delta Rho house band, also known as the Brobots, began playing at midnight. They played a variety of songs including their infamous rendition of R. Kelly's "Remix to Ignition". They played two originals called "River in a Raft" and "Sodomy". They ended their set with a request session which entailed "Big Girls Don't Cry" by Fergie and "I Believe in a Thing Called Love" by The Darkness. After these two songs they played "Hey Sandy" which is the theme song from Pete and Pete (Nickelodeon). After the awesome show, the party continued as usual with music and a circling up for songs at the end of the night.

The No-Theme party was our final party before the notorious Halloween party, and it rounded up the constant Saturday parties held at the Kappa Delta Rho house. This was the first party that was held on the newly sealed floor and it went off without a hitch. The turnout was excited and ready to party.



## Smashing for Cash: KAP Hosts its 1<sup>st</sup> Philanthropy Event

Robert J. DeCoste III

*Pontifex*



We hosted a car smash event on Kassab Mall on September 27, 2007. The car was donated by the Detroit Police Department and all proceeds raised were donated to the Make-A-Wish foundation. The price was \$1 per hit or five hits for \$3. There was a great turn-out and support from both students and faculty. Our new faculty advisor, Dr. Benvenuto, came out to take a few of the inaugural hits on the car as well. During the event, Fox 2 News came out to get some video footage for the five o'clock news that evening. We made a substantial amount of money, with the fraternity matching the contribution of the students and faculty. After over 2,000 hits, the car was missing two doors, the trunk, the hood, a bumper and most of the metal siding.

# Improvements at the KΔP House

Jon Lezotte/Rory Dorow

*House Manager/Praetor*

There have been many improvements going on at the Kappa Delta Rho house this year. The house was thoroughly cleaned at the beginning of the year. The spring-cleaning involved painting the second floor kitchen, the second floor stairwell, and the basement walls. Shelving was added to the second floor kitchen and the laundry room to allow for more organization. A lot of the big improvements took place in the basement. The floor was cleaned and then painted with a sealant and a new sound system was purchased for the basement. The sound system included two new JBL Speakers, a new QSC amplifier, and a crossover. With the new system, the sound quality in the basement is excellent. The attic was organized again and the archives were organized as well. On the first floor a pantry (right) was added on the stair well between the first floor and the basement. Also the kitchen and the trim on the entire floor were painted over the summer. Furthermore, all the cabinets on the first floor have been cleaned out providing lots of new storage that was originally full of clutter and garbage. The deck in the backyard has additionally been stained on both the first and second floor. The house is continually being improved and is looking better everyday.



New 1<sup>st</sup> Floor pantry

# Giving Back to the Community

Alex Repeck

*Service Chairman*

On Saturday September 21<sup>st</sup>, eight brothers showed up for the first service event of the new school year. The project was a yard cleaning for a member of the UDM library staff. For three hours, the brothers cleaned, raked, chopped, mowed, and swept the faculty member's yard to near perfection. However, they were not able to scrape and paint his porch for lack of supplies so they promised him that they'd be back to finish what they'd started. On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>, six brothers showed up in painting attire to completely scrape and re-paint the porch. They also promised to plant flowers come springtime.

On Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup>, more than 14 brothers woke early to trudge through the freezing October morning to make it out to a combination Rush/Service event. The brothers, accompanied by three rushes, headed out to a small elementary school just north of campus where they were taught how to properly plant trees by a group called Greening of Detroit. After a scramble for tools, the KDR's were set loose on the neighborhood planting trees around every corner. After the project was complete and five blocks of Detroit had been thoroughly greened, the brothers headed back to the KDR house for some well deserved barbeque.

In the future, the brothers of Kappa Delta Rho are planning to participate in the campus wide Safety Street event on October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, Angel's Night on October 30<sup>th</sup>, and the campus wide blood drive in October. We are also currently working on a joint KDR/APO canned food/clothing drive party to be scheduled in November.

Half way through the semester with three service events finished isn't bad. Knowing that three more service events are already planned makes it better. Knowing that all the brothers will put in at least six hours of service makes it great.

# State of Affairs – My Outlook on the '07-08 Year for Alpha Gamma

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The 2007-2008 calendar school year brought on many effective changes to the Alpha Gamma Alumni Corporation. With some changes to our budget and an increase in alumni donations, the Alumni Corporation is now moving in a positive direction. Also an increased presence of alumni at active member events can be noticed. Increased alumni participation at general business meetings, parties, rush events, and just alumni being involved has seen a very steady up-swing this semester. Many alumni, who feel they haven't been as involved as they would like, have stepped up their activity to show that they still feel very strongly about Alpha Gamma, for both its active and alumni activities. This reflects positively on both Alpha Gamma active chapter and the Alpha Gamma Alumni Corporation and shows that both organizations are raising their standards for improvement. With some events in the making, the Alumni Corporation looks to maintain and increase this level of participation from its alumni base. With many of the Board members going through some very large events in their personal lives (weddings, home purchases, etc.), their dedication to the Alumni Corporation shows as it is still business as usual to keep this positive direction going. This dedication is starting to catch on for the entire Alpha Gamma alumni as we look to gain even more momentum going into 2008.

# KΔP

For more information on the Alumni Corporation and its upcoming events, visit the website at:

<http://kdr-ag.org>



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