



FarmHouse Fraternity

University of Arkansas FarmHouse Fraternity

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President's Address

Association Meeting

- **Saturday, November 3**
- **Lunch 1:00pm**
- **Association Meeting 3:00pm**
- **South Carolina Game 7:00pm**
- **Questions? Call Kris Bunnell (918)-698-1058**
- **We encourage your attendance and ask that you please RSVP as soon as possible**

With one semester under my belt, I'm kind of getting used to this President thing. Although I was timid at first, I'd have to say the past semester was fantastic. It was a busy one, though. Competing in Greek Week, participating in Greek Sing, living through Row Week, and laughing to Ryan's performance during the Greek Man Pageant, I'm surprised anyone had time to go to class. But we did, and we posted the highest GPA among all fraternities. We also took second place at the Order of Omega Awards Ceremony in both Greek Sing and Greek Week. All of the Brothers were happy when summer rolled around.

We kicked off the semester with a visit from the International Office. Chad Harris, Marc Hildesheim, and Seth Zilverberg made the journey down from Kansas City, MO to go over some of the issues facing our Chapter in the Chapter Award of Excellence. It was a long, yet educational Saturday afternoon in the living room. We highlighted several strengths in our Chapter, pointed out some weaknesses, and focused on a strategy to bring the Chapter up to par for the next Chapter Award of Excellence.

The Chapter Award of Excellence, if you don't know, is an application process that all FarmHouse Chapters must participate in through the International Office. It scores the Chapter on various areas, including Recruitment, New Member Education, Leadership, Scholarship, Community Service, and Physical Development, to name a few. We have posted scores well into the 80th percentile over the past few years, but fell short this year with a score of 68%. Yet with the help from the International Office, and the hard work of the officers of the Chapter so far this semester, there is no reason we shouldn't pass it this year.

I am happy to say that all of the brothers of FarmHouse have been working hard this semester with hosting the Panhellenic recruits at our house, community service projects, philanthropy projects, and Chapter business in general. Formal Rush is now over, and so far we have 3 Pledges signed. We have already begun looking ahead at a few folks for the spring semester. Homecoming is around the corner, and the brothers are looking forward to the festivities. Like last semester, this semester looks like it will be a busy one.

Grant Hunt

Scholarship

What an exciting last semester! Everyone's hard studying paid off. The house was able to accomplish a 3.25 G.P.A. This put us at the top of the fraternities and fifth out of all Greeks. This semester looks promising too. With nobody on academic probation and a promising new pledge class to help out, we should be able to pull it off again this semester.

Nathan Brown



Laser tag at Locomotion

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Social and Brotherhood

We have been as social as possible. Last semester, we had a successful social year. We held a dinner for our sweetheart, Kelly Parker, as well as a dinner for the National Panhellenic Conference, or NPC. The ladies enjoyed themselves, the food, the courtesousness of our Chapter, and, of course, the sweet tea. We tried our first annual FH Fish Fry in May as a philanthropic and social duo. While the numbers of attendance were a little lower than hoped, we managed to have a lot of fun and get our name out across campus. Our campout also went off without a hitch. This semester we are planned to be very active amongst Greek and University affiliations. We hosted all NPC recruits as they used the house as a rest area during their rush. Over 700 girls came through the house at least twice and were very impressed with our southern charm, attentiveness, and the absolute cleanliness of the house in general. One young lady said, "This is the cleanest house I have EVER been in!" We are completely booked for the pep rallies being paired with at least one sorority and another fraternity. We are going to homecoming with FIJI, Omega Psi Phi, and Tri-Delta. Our annual Hayride has been set for the first weekend in November and is being heavily anticipated by the Chapter and friends. We hope to host an etiquette dinner and yet another NPC dinner. And finally, we put together a first time function for the house called Block Party. We are going to pair up with Alpha Omicron Pi, our new neighbors, and Pi Kappa Alpha and do some grilling, volleyball, and typical partying.

Ryan Siebenmorgen



Mocktails for GAMMA



Brothers Brown and Chaney
collecting money at Fish Fry



Roller Skating with
Kappa Kappa Gamma

Risk Management and Programming

When I was first elected to this office two years ago, risk management had been a role of the Social/Brotherhood Chair. Risk management was not made to be a big issue until the new offices mandated by the international office made risk management a separate office with its own responsibilities. One of my first actions as director was to create a risk management plan. Based on the samples provided by the international office, this plan was adopted by the chapter in January 2006. It was then revised in February 2007.

Last semester, the chapter passed the Drug, Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms Amendment (DATFA). This amendment to our chapter bylaws clarified the policies and punishments related to the use or possession of said items and consolidated them into one amendment. It also provided for a set procedure for dealing with fines and penalties related specifically to violations of those policies. This semester, the chapter passed Amendment II, an amendment providing for a structured procedure for dealing with fines and penalties related to the violation of all house rules and bylaws.

Also this semester, many brothers have donated their time and money to improve the landscaping around the house. More improvements are planned for the spring semester including redesigning the outline of the flowerbeds, planting more flowers, and adding new mulch.

A new web site for the chapter is about to be under construction. The current site is out of date and could be better designed to meet many more needs of the chapter than just publicity. To this end, an entirely new web site will be built with pages to include: information on the chapter for the public and prospective members; a page for chapter specific resources, much like the one on the International web site; and, a page for alumni relations to include a form with which alumni can update their information on the alumni database.

My hope is that all of these things will serve as an example to members and alumni of what a big difference a little time, effort, and yes, sometimes a little money, can do. God bless.

Marcus Looney

Recruitment

To get our name out to the incoming froorientations. Along with the orientations, letters were sent out to all incoming male freshmen of the Dale Bumpers eshmen as soon as possible, we attended all incoming freshmen summer College of Agriculture. We also had a summer recruitment event at Beaver Lake where three potentials attended. Ken Dunk was kind enough to come out with his boat and take us tubing. One of the potentials pledged this fall and another plans to pledge in Spring 2008. During the fall we also had several other recruitment events, one at Locomotion and one skeet shooting on a T.J.'s farm in Greenland. We took part in IFC Formal Rush for the 4th year as well. It was considered by far the best year so far. We have 3 pledges currently and are looking forward to having a large spring class.

Michael May



Grant Hunt speaking during IFC Rush



Relaxing after rush with the Xbox



Chris Scarborough delivering a riddle



Goofing off at Shake's after some frozen yogurt

Lost Alumni and Potential New Members

Name: _____

Circle One: **Alumni** or **Potential New Member**

Street Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Any news about yourself, your family, or comments for the chapter.

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Alumni Relations

Hello once again! It's almost time for Homecoming. However, the association meeting will not take place on the morning of Homecoming. It will be held November 3rd. I apologize for the short notice. If you haven't been to campus lately, you might be amazed with some of the changes. A new residence hall, Maple Hill, and a new building for classrooms and offices, J.B. Hunt Building, are now finished and in use. The Chemistry Building has finally been reopened after extensive renovations. Old Main is still having work done on its north face, but the view from the house is much improved since the scaffolding has been removed from the front of the building. We also have some new neighbors in the Phoenix House. After the chemistry department was moved back into the Chemistry Building, Alpha Omicron Pi, the most recent sorority to join this campus, moved in. We have thoroughly enjoyed each others company. There has also been another fraternity join our campus. Phi Iota Alpha held its first recruitment efforts this fall. The Sigma Nu house has also been completed and is located on Stadium Drive. I would like to thank all of the alumni that attended Founders' Day and helped out with the house renovations. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Homecoming and the association meeting.

Kris Bunnell



We are going to be selling shirts to any alumni that would like one. The design above will be on the back. It will be a green shirt with a colored crest and the hill and people silhouette will be black. The cost is \$12.00. If you would like to order one or get more information, please email Ryan Siebenmorgen at siebenm@uark.edu.



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