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FROM THE HOUSE CORPORATION



David Hitt III '11, Epsilon Eta Educational Foundation treasurer.

Hi Brothers,

It's my pleasure to write to you today with a quick update about the House Corporation and the active chapter.

Our annual BS Open golf tournament was a success. If you didn't attend, we expect to see you next year. Also, thank you to

the alumni who attended our work day. We got a lot accomplished, including a full remodel of the shed. We're already working on plans for the next work day.

It's also exciting to note that we have made progress in keeping contact with EH alumni through our newsletter and email blasts. This wouldn't have been possible without our board's effort to make House Corporation more efficient. We are, however, looking for volunteers to join the board to fill an open secretary position. Meetings are held quarterly, with every other meeting being a teleconference. (What a change!)

There's also major news with regard to campus housing policy. As you know, it's crucial to ensure brothers can live at 1803 Live Oak. Unfortunately, a campus policy enacted years ago prevented freshmen and sophomores from living in any off-campus housing. This was a large burden on the active chapter and crippled their ability to keep the shelter at or near full capacity. Which makes it very hard to sustain the expense of the shelter.

But Ray Keck, a supporter of the Greek community, assumed the role of campus president after Dan Jones left us. **Rene' Griffin '75**—in his wisdom—had the great idea to approach President Keck and request an exemption for all current/future Delts from housing contracts if they wanted to live at the shelter. With Rene's recommendation he agreed and quickly enacted a Greek housing exemption to on-campus housing, which has been greatly beneficial to the chapter.

As a final closing note, please consider

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SPOTLIGHT: Alfred "T-Bone" Kuzov

Editor's Note: For this edition of the newsletter we're shining the Spotlight on **Alfred "T-Bone" Kuzov**. From the hometown of Aubrey, Texas, Kuzov graduated with a BS in business administration and a BA in art, graphic design. Currently working with Vende Social Media as senior account manager, he helps clients with their digital marketing strategies. As an active member of the chapter, he served as president, VP, IFC president, pledge class president, and director of risk management. Since graduation, he has served as assistant chapter advisor, and has served as chapter advisor since 2009. His dedication was recognized, and he was recently honored with the Rock Award and the Bill Fraering Award. He also supports JDRF, the Type 1 diabetes charity, and is involved with his church, the First United Methodist Church Dallas, as the Goodrich Gallery chairman. In his free time, he enjoys scuba diving, geocaching, and escape rooms. Alfred and his wife, Candice (Gamma Phi Beta—TAMU-C), share two children, daughter Aurora (7), and son Alfred (4).



Alfred after being honored with the Bill Fraering Award.



Where is Weston? He probably took the picture.

What did you enjoy most as an active member?

As an active, I enjoyed the experiences of brotherhood. The social aspects, brotherhood events, and parties were a blast,

but especially those moments when we were there for one another and showed the true meaning of brotherhood when a member was in need of help, guidance, or support. Those were the moments that brotherhood was created.

After graduation, what inspired you to go back to school?

Through my entrepreneurial experience, I found that I did not know enough of business operations and I needed to further my education to build that knowledge base. Learning accounting principles and expanding my education opened up my ability for a more diverse career path and exponentially improved my future.

What do you enjoy most about your career today?

The opportunity to listen and provide valued insight to my customers. I get to hear about their business struggles and successes as well as their goals. Through these conversations I am able to offer my insight to their marketing and advertising

to help them achieve these goals and improve their businesses.

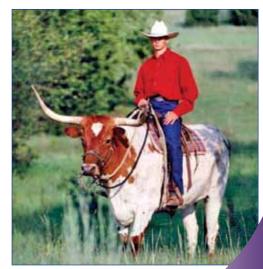
How does being an entrepreneur encourage new ideas for you?

I'm always absorbing information and identifying challenges. Through these challenges are solutions that provide opportunities for new ventures. It's in the details that you can discover those "new ideas."

Outside of work, what do you for fun?

I have two amazing kids that I am completely addicted to and enjoy being with. So, my wife and I spend our

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The Original T-Bone (1988-2012)

Chapter News

FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT



Greetings Brothers,

I've come to report to you all that the chapter has continued running above par. Last spring, I mentioned that we have big plans for our finances and budget and I'm proud to say that we've met our goal of getting out

of debt and are now acquiring enough revenue to host bigger and better events.

Our Delta Upsilon pledge class is looking terrific—with formal rush of fall 2018 having come and gone, it's left us with an extremely successful bunch. We came out on top once more with 17 men, and quite a few of them are already eager to move into the house and fill the empty seven spots. The house has already begun to be THE place to be. Whether it's for studying, eating, or movie nights on Wednesdays or Thursdays, our pledges, along with actives, are making the house a vibrant place to be both day and night.

Intramurals are just getting started, and when it comes to Ultimate Frisbee, we've already set the tone for the season, beating Pikes 13-0 and forcing



Running of the Hill Delts.

the mercy rule early on in the game. Moving on to academics, we still hold the highest GPA among all fraternities, with a semester GPA of 3.01. However, we still aren't satisfied. To top it all off, this year at Karnea, we received a Hughes Award for Ritual Excellence!

We're excited for the rest of the semester and are extremely content with how far we've come financially. We thank you all for your continuous support and hope what we've accomplished so far brings you all joy. As always, it's a great day to be a Delt!

Fraternally,

Kevin Keefer

CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT: Jose Ontiveros



Editor's Note: Special congratulations to **Jose Ontiveros** for being selected as the fall chapter Spotlight! Jose shared a few details about his college experience with us and how being an Epsilon Eta has impacted him.

At left: Jose and his girlfriend, Emma, at tailgate.

Hello, my name is Jose Ontiveros and I'm from Lewisville, Texas. This is my fourth year here at Commerce. I'm working toward two degrees in political science and criminal justice and will graduate in 2020. In the chapter I've had the position of philanthropy chair, pledge ed assistant, IFC secretary, finance committee, and IFC president. For clubs, I've been a part of IFC exec as both secretary and president. I work at Bunker Industries packing and lifting doors. For hobbies I like to read, play video games, and board games.

When I first arrived at Commerce I had no intention of ever joining Greek life and my roommate freshman year, **Spencer Nelson**, went ahead and rushed Delt fall '15. Through him I was able to hear stories of all the fun he was able to experience with Delt and when I finally decided

that I wanted to go through rush, Delt was already at the top of my list. I wanted an experience like no other for college and felt that Delt could give me that.

As a member, I've enjoyed being able to have fun and



Jose and one of his closest brothers, Matt.

relax from my everyday routine. The brotherhood aspect isn't just something that people say; it's truly been an experience to have fun and be able to share strong memories with men I normally wouldn't be around if I didn't go Greek.



Jose (first row, second from right) and the brothers he met at Karnea.

Through Delt I've been able to achieve many leadership positions I wouldn't normally be able to obtain if I wasn't in Greek. With those leadership positions, when I do eventually end up running for office in my later years, I can successfully thank Delt for helping shape me as a leader and also giving me the fire to continue to live my life in accordance with excellence.

Outside of school I've really enjoyed being able to go to the Delt house whenever I see fit and be able to have fond memories with my brothers. I also enjoy hanging out with my girlfriend, Emma, and binge-watching movies as often as time permits. I've also had an amazing newfound experience in traveling as often as possible to see what the world has to show me.

Alumni News

Danny W. Ellison '70—Our grandson, Colby Siegley, entered fall rush at Texas Tech this fall with another legacy, Heath Hood. Both from White Oak. Both are top prospects.

James L. Richardson '72-Retired after 34 years as head of Dallas Academy. Have three grandsons ages one, three, and five ... potential future Delts!

Have Alumni News? We want to hear from you! Send your personal and professional news, achievements, travel updates, and anything you are proud to share to our Account Manager, Kasey Breedlove, at kbreedlove@elevateims.com. We'll include your news and photos in the next edition of the Delts of ol' ET!

HOMECOMING

Homecoming 2018 at TAMU-C was a great success this year! The attendance from Delts was strong, and if you didn't show up you missed a lot of fun. Tailgating at Homecoming is a very large event with sponsors and plenty of entertainment. You're even allowed to bring your own coolers with adult beverages to the tailgating event. The active chapter provides canopies and cornhole at the tailgating as well.

Next year, we want to see even more of our alumni in attendance, and we plan on setting up a grill and doing hot dogs (quality all-beef) at the tailgating event. We will have a meet and greet at the Shelter as well. Texas A&M-Commerce defeated West Texas A&M 41-16 at Homecoming this year, with 9,168 people in attendance.

TAMU-C is currently ranked 16th in the country in Division II. The two teams that beat them are ranked No. 8 and No. 12. They are currently ranked No. 6 in Super Region IV, with the top seven teams going to the playoffs. If they can beat UT Permian Basin and Angelo State, they should be playing on the road when the playoffs begin on November 17. The National Championship game will be played in McKinney on December 15, 2018, in their 12,000seat stadium that just opened this year.

Join us in 2019 for another great event!

TAMU-C WELCOMES NEW PRESIDENT

By Rene' Griffin '75

I have had the pleasure of meeting our new president, Dr. Mark Rudin, who started his tenure last week. His previous position was vice president for research and economic development at Boise State University, where he served for 11 years. Everyone I talked to thinks that he will be very good for the university, and



Dr. Mark Rudin

his background in research will certainly help.

On a personal note, when I heard him enthusiastically talk about Boise State beating Oklahoma in a bowl game a few years ago, and how it turned around their football program, I am confident he will be good for our TAMU-C athletics program.

Thanks to all who contributed to the work day earlier this month. The storage building has been repaired and is now in a useable condition. Other minor repairs were accomplished, and we are ready for the new semester.

















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time going to their events and activities (soccer, dance, gymnastics, theater, and school events).

How has becoming a parent changed your life?

Simply put, in every way. My patience has increased dramatically, that's for sure.

How do you stay in touch with your fellow DTDs?

Being the chapter advisor, I have found it easy to stay in touch. Facebook has certainly been a great way to not miss those little things that happen in our daily lives and keep up to date.

What advice can you give the alumni and young actives about the importance of brotherhood?

To my fellow alumni, recall that moment, that single moment that you knew you had made a decision as a young man to be a part of something greater than yourself. You chose to take on a new adventure with others who were sharing in this adventure to bring about new experiences and prepare for a future you had dreamed of. I ask that you come to the shelter, come back home, and look into the eyes of these young men and see that spark in their eye and



T-Bone with wife Candice and their two children, Aurora and Alfred.

share your stories with them. Share your brotherhood. To my young brothers, keep an eye on your futures and know that the sacrifices you make, of your time and talents, today not only improve your chapter for tomorrow but will echo throughout the chapter for decades to come. Leave behind a legacy, become someone who the members years from now will admire. The paved road before you was created by those who came before you.

House Corporation

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contributing to our organization by either a onetime, re-occurring, or estate gift. There are many projects we want to accomplish this year but it's always our goal to be prepared for the next major renovation, which is tentatively scheduled

for 2025. Your support is also essential to ensure we have the funds to continue our newsletter and communications program.

Fraternally,

David H. Hitt III '11

Treasurer, House Corporation



Delts proudly supporting the Lions football team.

Buy a Brick in the Alumni Brick Garden

It's not too late to buy your brick for the Alumni Brick Garden. Several brothers have bought one so far this year...join your fellow EH Delts who have bought a brick in the chapter garden

walkway. Create your own lasting message mine reads "Rene Griffin Delta Tau Delta." You'll even get a \$125 donation write-off on your taxes!

To purchase, please go to www.tamuc.edu and click on the upper right corner, "Alumni and Community," then upper left, "Alumni Relations," then lower right, "Leave Your Mark on Campus."

IN MEMORIAM



We just learned of the passing of Fred (Buster) M. Tubeville Jr. '61. He passed away in December of 2016.

Fred was a Cavalier and one of the original EH brothers. He grew-up in Greenville, Texas, and attended Greenville High

School (home of the Greenville Lions, where Fred is considered a "Lion for Life.")

After graduating from college, he became an ensign in the United States Navy and completed his U.S. Navy aviation officer training in November of the same year. He was later designated as a naval aviator, with his father doing the honor of pinning on his gold naval aviator wings. Fred's aviation career spanned 23 years and included being an assistant professor of naval science at Rice University.

After retiring from the Navy, Fred enjoyed a career in sales, spending time with his wife of 53 years, Deane, and their three children, Trey, Chris, and Deanie. Fred, you will always be remembered.

Chapter Eternal

We are saddened to learn of the passing of the following brothers - our sympathies to their friends and family:

> Lowell Robbins '61 Lynn A. Williams '61 James R. Boaz '63 Bobby N. Lawdermilk '63 Sherwin B. Yocom '63 Thomas N. Long '64 Elbert O Pruett '64 Lvnn D. Green '66 Leslie L. Beard '76