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Smith Notes

Of Smith. By Smith. For Smith Alums.

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A Note from the President of Smith

Greetings! My name is Shawn Turner. I'm a sophomore in Agricultural Education from Ottawa, Kansas, and am the third generation on the family farm. I'm proud to be serving as president of Smith House for the Spring 2007 semester.

I'm very excited to see all of the successes made by the Smithies this year, and I'll be sharing several of their stories with you throughout this publication. Our morale as a house is at an all-time high. We have an outstanding group of freshman that has been very willing to become involved in house leadership. Our numbers are up. There are 29 men residing at Smith this year – a three year high! Our retention is up. We are anticipating a 69% retention rate for Fall 2007. Our achievement is up. The average house GPA is over a 3.22, high in comparison to other men's houses and high considering that 15 Smithies were new men last semester!

Those Smith Alums for whom we have a current phone number can look forward to a call from a Smithy who would like to visit with you about

your days at Smith. If you don't think we have your current number, please send it to us!

Please review our successes, events, and recognitions in this newsletter. If you have questions, comments, stories to share, etc. I would be delighted to visit with you. My e-mail address is sturner3@ksu.edu and the phone at my desk is (785) 395-4693.

Parents and University Faculty Visit Smith

During K-State's regularly scheduled Family Weekend, Smith men proudly hosted their parents for tours and lunch at Smith. Mothers checked that their sons were clean behind the ears, our Putnam Scholar and house leadership were introduced, and families were then able to

converge upon campus to see the sights.

The first Sunday in December found over 100 guests to the Smith House Christmas Tea. Professors and deans from almost every campus department came to see their students in a more homely environment, tour the house, enjoy music from a donated string quartet, and be graced with the vocals of freshman Smithy Samuel Brinton, an Iowa native who is dual-majoring in Nuclear Engineering and Vocal Performance, and who has more octaves than I care to shake a stick at. Samuel is serving as state president of Skills USA and will be traveling to Japan in April to present a paper he wrote with an advisor in the Nuclear Engineering Department.

Mark your calendars for the

Annual Smith Alumni Weekend

- ❖ April 14th, 2007
- ❖ In conjunction with Kansas State's Annual Open House
- ❖ Great conversation and fun!
- ❖ Please call with any questions or requests you may have!
- ❖ Find the enclosed card for more information.
- ❖ Call Anneliese with questions at (785) 395-4686 or e-mail her at awaelder@yahoo.com

Ten Smithies Achieve High Honors

Ten Smithies were recognized for outstanding GPAs and performance in the house during our Family Weekend last fall. To achieve this honor they had to have a minimum 3.8 GPA, and many ended the fall semester with a 4.0! Our Putnam Scholar was Brian Sardou, sophomore in Mechanical Engineering from Olathe, Kansas.

Others attaining high honors were:

- ❖ Patrick Gitchell, soph. Hutchinson, Kansas
Computer Engineering
- ❖ Frank Male, sophomore Eudora, Kansas
Physics/Political Science
- ❖ Shawn Turner, sophomore Agricultural Education
Ottawa, Kansas
- ❖ Samuel Brinton, freshman Nuclear Engineering and
Vocal Performance
Perry, Iowa
- ❖ Tyler Crow, freshman Computer Sciences
Olathe, Kansas
- ❖ Brian Jilka, freshman Electrical Engineering
Westmoreland, Kansas
- ❖ A. T. McFall, freshman Business Administration
Manhattan, Kansas
- ❖ Sebastian O'Connor, freshman, Political
Science and Int'l Studies
Hartford, Kansas
- ❖ Erik Stalcup, freshman Physics
Wellington, Kansas

Smithies Earn and Save

Smithies participated in several fundraisers last school year, including many clean-ups of Bramlage Coliseum. They ended the year with earnings over \$1500. Three of the scheduled fundraisers are included in the annual house budget. The remainder is put

into an account that can be allocated as needed by a majority vote of the Smithies at a regular meeting. Similar fundraising totals are speculated for this year, thanks to the efforts of fundraising chair Ryan Marshall, junior in Industrial Engineering.

It was realized by Smithies and the Smith House Alumni Operations Board in Spring 2006 that the floor in the dining room was in dire need of replacement, which required removal of the old wood floor downstairs. Eight Smithies took a weekend out of their summer to participate in this demolition effort, saving the house \$2500 in demolition costs!



Brazilian Smithy Up North

Fortaleza, Brazil, is where Pedro Miller calls home, but he's lived in the Kansas City Metro Area since about 2001. The past several summers Pedro has served as a canoe guide over the Boundary Waters of Minnesota and has built several trails through the Minnesota forests. He's able to do this through a program similar to the CCC that is sponsored by Boy Scouts of America. Pedro will be going back this year for his last summer in the program.

Physics Students Shine in Germany

In Summer 2006, Frank Male was invited – as a freshman – to spend time working and conducting research with other K-State Physics Students at the Max Planck Institute in Germany. He learned a great deal and represented us well. This summer Frank has invited back to Max Planck, and joining him will be Erik

Stalcup, freshman Smithy Physics student from Wellington, Kansas.

A Thank You for Service

This school year marks the third and final year as Smith House dietitian for Ashleigh (Rogers) Mengarelli, daughter of Smith Alum Dr. Danny Rogers and his wife Bev. We at Smith would like to sincerely thank Ashleigh for her dedicated service to Smith these past three years and wish her luck in all her future endeavors. Ashleigh, you've truly left your mark on us all!

Pending Celebration: 50 Years of Smith!

September 2008 will mark the fiftieth anniversary of Smith Scholarship House. The Smithies are very excited about this milestone and we'd like to do something special to celebrate. What would you like to see at Smith? What would be a draw for you to join us at the celebration? We have a committee in place but would really appreciate your thoughts on an appropriate way to celebrate. Please e-mail sturner3@ksu.edu with your ideas!

A Note from the Executive Director, Anneliese Snyder

As you can see great success is being had by the Smithies. It's truly a joy for me to be able to work with them each and every day! Let's continue to make great things happen at Smith House. Your gifts, no matter the size, make an impact. Please take a moment to review the past year and plan a gift for Smith.