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Smith Note

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A Note from the Editor

Howdy! My name is Shawn Turner. I'm a junior in Agricultural Education and Horticulture from Ottawa, KS, and I'll be back next fall for my fourth (and final) year as a Smithie.

During my tenure at Smith, we've had our typical highs and lows, but this has started out to be a truly incredible year. We again have a strong class of freshman thanks to last year's recruiting chairman, Frank Male. They have become very engaged in house and campus leadership. Thanks to the efforts of our new dietitian, Tracy Sabo, Smith meals are better than ever!

I hope you enjoy reading about our current Smithies as much as I enjoy living with them. Feel free to contact me with questions and comments anytime. My e-mail address is: sturner3@ksu.edu

Three Smithies Share Putnam

The 2006-2007 school year yielded a 0.150 increase in house GPA to a 3.370, which is high considering an all-fraternity GPA of 2.958. In addition, three Smithies were named Putnam Scholars with perfect academic records for the School Year!

They are: Samuel Brinton, Sophomore in Nuclear Eng. and Vocal Music from Perry, IA, Tyler Crow, Sophomore in Accounting from DeSoto, KS, and Sebastian O'Connor, sophomore in

Political Science from Hartford, KS. **Room "101" Undergoes an "Extreme Makeover"**

Smith Alums who slept in the Room 101 sleeping dorm are left with nothing but memories, and may not recognize the room the next time they visit.

This past summer, Smith students removed the wall dividing the sleeping dorm with 101, converting it into a larger, six-man study room with new paint and carpet. Room 101 has again become the house "hot spot" because it looks so much nicer and its

residents have worked fervently to keep it new and tidy!



Brinton, O'Connor, & Crow



Several Smith and Smurths pose for a picture before the 2008 Formal at the Union Train Depot

Mark your calendars for the...

Smith 50th Anniversary Celebration!

The Smith Scholars & Alumni Board would like to cordially invite you and yours to the grand celebration of Smith's 50th Year, October 10-12, 2008.

- Friday Evening Welcome Reception with Refreshments
- Saturday features special tours, activities.
- Saturday night will be the Formal Banquet at the K-State Alumni Center. Social hour at 6pm, Dinner at 7pm, program and dance with live band to follow, childcare provided by ladies of Smurthwaite.
- Sunday morning farewell brunch.

We encourage you to contact your old Smith housemates and plan a reunion to meet up at the Celebration in October!

The Smithies hope to see you there!

R.S.V.P. by **August 1st, 2008**, to Shane Oram, shoram10@k-state.edu

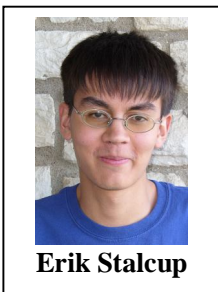


First Place in Intramurals!

In May 2007, Smith House was awarded with the High Points Status for Independent Intramural Teams. At the helm of in Intramural Squad for the 2007-2008 school year is Jonathan Greene, sophomore in Business and Secondary Education with Coaching Certificate from Argyle, TX. Greene referees soccer and basketball games for the university and has been given a top officials rating.

Return Trip to Germany's Max Planck Institute

A sophomore studying physics from Wellington, KS, Erik Stalcup has been invited abroad during the Summer of 2008 to study at the renowned Max Planck Institute in Germany. Erik has proved a great asset to Smith, with his quiet demeanor, strong work ethic, dry humor, and incredibly strong academic performance. Joining him will be Smithy Frank Male, Junior in Physics and Political Science from Eudora, KS, who will be making a third trip to Max Planck. Frank is sure to continue to represent Smith well in Europe, as he has the past two summers.



Erik Stalcup

Let's Get Social!

You may have favorite memories of Smith social events, and let me tell you, they're a good time! This year we've fulfilled the childhood dreams of our social chair, Tyler Crow, by hosting a variety of events.

In the fall, we held a 50's Sock Hop, and the number of leather jackets, poodle skirts, and greased hair-do's was honestly disturbing. (But LOTS of fun!)

Early in the spring we hosted a formal with Smurthwaite. The dance's theme was "masquerade" and was located at the old Union Train Depot in eastern Manhattan.

After returning from Spring Break, Smith will again be joining

forces with Smurthwaite to host an old-fashioned barn party, complete with two-stepping, sack races, and a barbecue. The dance will be located in a barn at Cico Park in Manhattan.

Smithy Snippets: What are they all up to?

A Smith Scholar, as you all well know, is much more than just a student; more than just a kid who goes to class, eats, sleeps, plays video games, and wants to be where the girls are on a Saturday night.

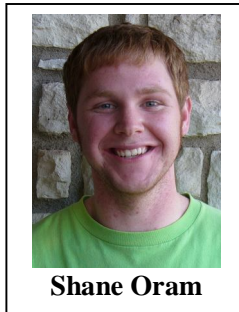
Smithies take initiative, get involved in their community, and explore their world. The following should help you get to know a bit more about a few of the Smithies and what they've been up to.

House fundraising events are a popular activity and allow the house to earn money for some extras. Events include catering jobs on campus, as well as cleaning up Bramlage Coliseum after basketball games.

This year we enhanced the social budget and, along with the assistance of a donation from alumni Michael Curtain (currently of Seattle, WA), were able to replace our 12-year-old television set with an LCD projection screen and surround sound. This addition to the TV room has, as you might imagine, increased the popularity of movie nights with Smurthwaite.

A tradition of community service has continued at Smith House, and we again participated in the Halloween Auction and Cats for Cans. Along with Smurthwaite's assistance in dressing us up, we collected over 425 lbs. of non-perishable food items for the Flint Hills Bread Basket.

Our community service chairman, Sebastian O'Connor, traveled this past summer to South Korea to serve as a staffer in an international and inter-religious Sports Festival.



Shane Oram

Shane Oram, freshman in Pre-Vet/ Animal Science from Greeley, KS, was recently named state president of the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council.

Jesse Riggs, sophomore in journalism from Peabody, KS, recently was the assistant director for a play at a local Manhattan Middle School. The pirate-themed play made a huge splash, and Jesse avoided walking the plank.

Trevor Fousek, sophomore in Mechanical Engineering from Leavenworth, KS, spent his summer working at K-State's Advanced Manufacturing Institute (AMI) in Manhattan. Through the school year he is very involved with K-State's Formula SAE racecar team and traveled with them to the national competition. Trevor is also the team leader for ergonomics in the car this year and is serving as House Manager at Smith for 07-08.

Samuel Brinton, aforementioned sophomore from Iowa, will be heading abroad to Shanghai, China, for Fall 2008.

Jordan Lemmons has recently returned to Manhattan after spending two years with his family in Hungary where his parents work as Christian missionaries. He is currently freshman majoring in Secondary Education with a focus in Spanish.

Aaron Weiser, freshman in Biology, Chemistry, and Pre-Med from Chanute, KS is also a C.N.A. (Certified Nurse's Asst.) In addition to his rigorous class schedule, he's taken on a job caring for another boy, also named Aaron, who has Cerebral Palsy. Weiser provides home health care for the boy three nights a week and some afternoons.

Ryan Marshall, senior in Industrial Engineering from Lenexa, KS, is our current recruiting chairman. We've had many tours and applications take place this year, and the New Man Selection Committee will be making final decisions during the first week of April.

That's all the news from 331 N 17th!