



Spring 2010

Smith Notes

Of Smith. By Smith. For Smith Alums.



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A Note from Anneliese

The director would like to thank the Alums for their support this year and for such a successful 50th Anniversary Celebration in October 2008. You are invited to stop by for a visit any time you are in Manhattan. Please consider what you can do to support a new generation at Smith!

We have asked the new president of Kansas State, Dr. Kirk Schulz, to speak at a reception her at Smith on April 28th, 2010, at 6:00PM. If you have questions or would like to attend please contact Anneliese at 914-413-7760.

Smith Graduates – Dec. 2009

We are pleased to announce four successful graduates in December 2009!

Frank Male graduated Cum Laude in Physics and Political Science with Spanish minor and will soon leave for the Max Planck Institute in Germany to continue his studies in Physics. He will then begin graduate school in Physics.

Shawn Turner graduated Magna Cum Laude in Agricultural

Education with Horticulture minor.

He completed his student teaching internship in the Ag Ed Dept. of Girard High in Girard, KS. He also coached the National Champion FFA Agricultural Communications Team from Kansas. Shawn is now working at Turner Flowers in Ottawa, which he co-owns with his parents and plans to teach high school in fall 2010.

Patrick Gitchell

graduated Cum Laude in Computer and Electrical Eng. and has accepted a position with Garmin Int'l in Overland Park, KS.

Ryan Marshall

graduated in Industrial Engineering and has accepted a position with AGP (Ag. Grain Processing) in St. Joseph, MO.



House Mgr Travis Dick serves as Goalie for Smith Intramurals

use later in his years of teaching. This semester Pedro is student teaching a first grade class in the Blue Valley School District, Kansas City, KS.

Adventures in the Orient

Fourth year Smithy and Student Body Presidential Candidate Samuel Brinton traveled to Shanghai China in summer 2009. He is a dual major in Nuclear Engineering and Vocal Performance Music. The trip to China began with a trip to the Olympics. He studied at the prestigious Shanghai University, taking classes in Chinese languages, politics, history, and business, among others.

Sam participated in an International Arts Festival (the Chinese version of American Idol) and placed 2nd in the opera division...which found his face on a variety of posters and billboards around Shanghai and on a television broadcast in front of millions.

Several short trips were also made to Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, and Japan.

A brief stint to Switzerland allowed Sam a chance to speak at an International Congress on Nuclear Policy. Sam loves the city, and his life has changed forever thanks to his travels and experiences...from walking on the Great Wall and beyond.



Brinton in China

A Passion for Education

Fifth year Smithy Pedro Miller, from Kansas City (and originally Brazil) became active with the Upward Bound program at K-State, an enhancement program for economically/educationally disadvantaged high school students.

His experiences with Upward Bound make up one of many lessons which he will



Three of Smith's Finest ring in the New Year by wearing girly tiaras.

House GPA: 3.639

Someone must be studying...

Good Neighbors

Smithy Sebastian O'Connor was recently hired as the Student Coordinator for the Good Neighbors Program, funded by Kansas State through a City of Manhattan grant. He organizes four events per semester, ranging from informational sessions to social activities and community service projects. Sebastian finds this job rewarding as well as challenging as he motivates students and the neighborhoods involved. Along with Tyler Crow and Justin Prelogar, Sebastian was a 2009 Putnam Scholar. He plans to attend graduate school in fall 2010, possibly in California.

Progress – Facility Renovations for Today and Tomorrow

Perceived economic struggles and a fear of progress have not prevented Smith from moving forward to keep Smith House a safe, comfortable, and dependable structure. Electrical systems in the house are still underpowered and wiring is in need of replacement.

The living room of Smith received new wiring and walls in summer 2009, and now is the time to continue moving forward. Though part of the house is much improved, we need to bring the rest of the house “up to snuff.”

We are pleased to announce that the first round of renovations is PAID IN FULL, and that Smith is careful to not incur a mountain of debt as some group living

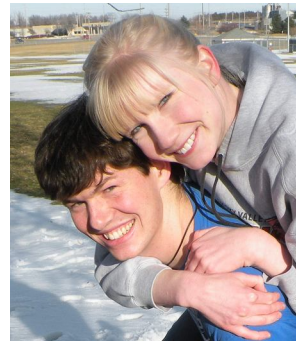


Renovations in living room, summer 2009.

organizations have done. Please consider what part you might play in helping to complete this project and keep our books in the black!

North...to Alaska!

Shane Oram traveled to Alaska in summer 2009 with K-State's Campus Crusade for Christ on their Juneau Summer Project – Project Foxtrot. The trip was focused on gaining and sharing an appreciation for nature, fellowship and the Christian faith. They had several excursions into the wilderness, camping trips, spiritual missions, and building of relationships, as well as a bit of sightseeing and fun on the side. Shane was forever changed by the trip stating, “All in all it was an amazing adventure and a stepping stone for the rest of my life.”



Jesse & Bristen

The Brag List

Several Smithies are doing COOL things, and we would like to take this opportunity to showcase a few of them!

Jesse Riggs (Journalism, Peabody, KS) – Jesse, our president, has discovered a new way to support his writing habit, as he is recently engaged to Miss Bristen Krinhop, esteemed May graduate in Chemical Engineering.

Erik Stalcup (Physics, Wellington, KS) – This Putnam Scholar recently enjoy seeing his paper go to print... “*Dissipation Mechanisms in Ionic Liquids.*” He will begin graduate school in the fall in Physics and Astronautical Engineering.

Tyler Crow (Accounting, DeSoto, KS) – This third year Treasurer of Smith has done an excellent job with the books and has placed Smith in a safe financial position while

continuing to move forward with necessary house improvements. His diligent work goes unseen but is very much appreciated!

Tyler Nickoley (Milling Science, Topeka, KS) – This third year kitchen manager has continued to be under budget while providing excellent meals for the Smithies. His success comes with thanks to our top notch dietician, Tracy Sabo.

Travis Dick (Agricultural Technology Mgmt, Mountain Lake, MN) – This first year House Manager took the helm from Shawn Turner in fall 2009. He has done an excellent job in scheduling house jobs and improving systems of organization around the house.

Justin Prelogar (Pre-Law, Political Science, Philosophy, and Int'l Studies, KC, KS) – Justin is the new Vice President of Smith

and traveled to England over Christmas Break to visit his father, who lives there. Justin is fresh breath of air and solid logic that has proven quite valuable to Smith!

The Shields Challenge – Double or Nothing!

Dr. Tom Shields has generously challenged Smith Alums to a Matching Contribution Program. For any gift made to Smith House, Dr. Shields will offer a matching gift, up to a total of \$5000. Dr. Shields has met his end of the bargain by submitting a \$5000 check, and is ready for alums to complete the challenge. Please contact Anneliese if you would be willing to donate part or all of the remaining \$2250. Your generosity will help Smithies of today and tomorrow to achieve their goals of excellence in Scholarship, Leadership, and Fellowship!

That's all the news that is news here at 331 N 17th!