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### A Word from the President

The house continues to thrive, and Brotherhood morale and motivation are higher than ever. It encourages me to see quality work being put into the planning and involvement of Brotherhood activities, rush, scholastic activities, and social events from the Brothers. It is my hope that the amount of work that was put into these areas last term will set a new standard for the future. I believe that if we keep our expectations and standards high for Brothers, officers, and Associate Members, we will prosper into not only the largest Fraternity on campus but also the highest contributor to our community and college.



Rush this last term went as well as any of us could have expected. Our Rush Chair, Matthew Hulka, raised the bar for future chairs by changing the strategy of rush. This term, we focused more on smaller, personal events rather than large, formal events. The large events such as seafood dinner, go-karts, and day at the beach were still successful;

however, the focus on informal events is where we saw large improvements. Bringing freshmen to sporting events, dinner, and Spike's nights in a relaxed setting was where we really got to know and befriend this year's Associate Member class. Another strategy implemented was to make as many events as we could non-mandatory. The logic behind this was to get the motivated people involved instead of having unenthusiastic members forced into something they don't want to do. This new outlook on rush helped us usher in 15 Associate Members. Unfortunately, not all of them have reached our requirement of a 2.7 GPA. Our goal is to keep in touch with the Associate Members that did not make grades in hopes that they will increase their GPA's to 2.7. This is part of our initiative to keep standards high. While Kettering's Interfraternal Council recently lowered the required GPA for joining members to 2.5 GPA, we will continue to set a higher standard by requiring Associate Members to have a 2.7 GPA.

On the topic of grades, I am proud to report that our house's average term GPA has reached the 3.0 mark for the first time since I have been at Kettering. We recently implemented a scholarship program that rewarded the top 5 GPA's in the house with a lower house bill. In addition to this, we strip away voting rights from members that are not above a 2.7 GPA and the scholarship chairman holds personal meetings with those that are not above 2.7 GPA.

As I'm sure you all know, school term is not just about getting good grades. Our Social Chairman, Josh McDonell, brought back a tradition that has

been dead for quite some time now: The Ox Roast. Brothers and Associate Members together spent the night before cooking. The next day, the festivities continued. It was exciting to see many of the Associate Members helping out with the roast and having a good time. I look forward to what Winter Term has in store for us. If you are an alumni reading this, remember that you are always welcome at the house, and you can email me if you want to stop by for dinner or any other time. We're always up for some good stories and sound advice  
YITB,  
Bryce Koizumi, KΣ 1324

## Graduation Announcements

Sometimes we get so wrapped up in having fun, we (almost) forget why we're here. It is always necessary to congratulate those who have done their time and graduated on to their Eternal Work Term.

**Brandon Adams**, KΣ 1290, an Industrial Engineer from East Bethel, Minnesota, was initiated in the Winter, 2007 term. He has held several different co-op positions, most recently with Innotec of Zeeland, Michigan. He has served the house as Secretary, Social Chair, Vice President, and President of the house. His direction and dedication towards the house has been extremely helpful and influential.



**Eric Poole**, KΣ 1292, a Computer Engineer from City, Michigan, was initiated in Winter, 2007. He co-oped for the FBI since a freshman, and now joins their ranks. Eric graduated Cum Laude at the end of the Winter, 2011 term. At the house, he has held Kitchen Steward, House Manager, and Scholarship Chairman Officer Positions. Dedicated



to the house, he has strived to encourage everyone to be more scholastic-minded.

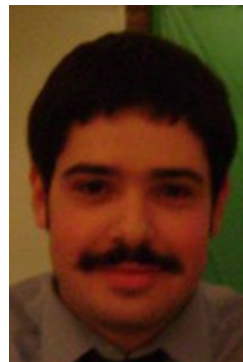
**Donald Yochim**, KΣ 1298, an Electrical Engineer from Armada, Michigan, was initiated in Winter, 2008. He has worked for Motor City Electric since he was a freshman and now joined them as a full time employee. Don graduated Summa Cum Laude at the end of Summer, 2011. He has served the house through being the Comptroller, Treasurer, and President. As Comptroller and Treasurer, he helped remove the house from outstanding debts and get the house on the right track for financial stability.



**Ryan Felts**, KΣ 1343, was initiated Winter, 2011. A "late bloomer" to the house, he was initiated in the winter and graduated at the end of the following term. Nevertheless, he helped by contributing a brotherly attitude and a good moral compass for others to follow. He graduated at the end of Summer, 2011. Ryan is employed at Magna E-Car.



**Joshua McDonell**, KΣ 1345, another "late bloomer", was initiated Winter, 2011, and graduated in the Summer, 2011. Despite his late entrance, the house has probably never seen another Brother so dedicated to learning and trying everything he could. He made an active point to serve on every committee, and was Social Chair for the Summer term. While Social Chair, he brought back the Ox Roast, which was enjoyed by all who came. Josh co-oped for Honda, and is currently employed at Geometric Global.



Thanks for all of your hard work and dedication to the house, it's bittersweet to see you all graduate. We look forward to seeing you all visiting in the future!

## Recruitment

Summer 2011 Recruitment hit the ground running! While keeping traditional fun and successful events, we also added more that placed a heavier focus on informal efforts that helped create bonds with potential new members- freshmen and upperclassmen alike. Even getting rained (and hailed) on during our Canoe Trip couldn't dampen spirits. Brothers felt like they were hitting the beaches of Normandy when we got ready to jump in our canoes and tubes and started getting hailed on. Everyone kept a positive attitude towards the Theta Xi and Recruitment. This would not have been as successful of a recruitment term if not for everyone's hard work.

YITB,  
Matthew Hulka, KΣ 1299  
Recruitment Head  
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## New Members

Alumni, we would like to take the time to invite you all to our Initiation Night. As of now, it is scheduled for the evening of Friday, February 24, 2012. If you are interested in attending or would like to know more, please contact Brothers Matthew Hulka, Membership Educator, at 989-891-7808 or [hulkam@gmail.com](mailto:hulkam@gmail.com), or Bryce Koizumi, President, at 707-208-9161 or [bryce.koizumi@gmail.com](mailto:bryce.koizumi@gmail.com). Let's help make an already memorable night even better.



So drop a line  
Call the house at 810-875-9832 to see what's up.

**Alumni Note:**

Is there anything recent going on in your lives you would like the Growl to announce? Wedding announcements, job announcements, or other? Let us know, we'll get the word out! Want to join us for an evening dinner and reminisce? Contact one of our officers or committee heads about us hosting you for a dinner. Formal dinners are 6-6:30pm, Monday through Thursday, although special arrangements can be made. We hope to see all of you sometime. Don't be strangers in your old house!

Feel free to contact any of the following Brothers  
the following Executive Council or Committee Heads:

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