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Nebraska Chapter's new house in progress



Kappa Chapter is building a new fraternity house to meet the ever-changing needs of its collegiate members.

He said the new house should be ready for occupancy in early August 2013. The foundation oversees the fundraising for the project.

"We are making good progress," Kappa Chapter's AGR Foundation chairman Roger Wehrbein said.

The demolition of the former structure has been completed and construction began in July 2012.

"The house was about 60 years old," Wehrbein said. "The furnace was old and it needed many fire-and-life-safety upgrades. The foundation found it was more efficient to tear it down and build new."

The new house will eliminate many of the shortcomings of the old house and allow AGR to move forward as one of the leading fraternities on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus.

"It's designed to accommodate 64

members of AGR with possibilities of expansion, if needed, in the future," Wehrbein said.

There will be a mix of two-men, three-men and four-men rooms as well as a dining hall, housemother's quarters, parlor, and commercial kitchen, Wehrbein said.

The Kappa Foundation Board, along with local developer WRK and Sinclair-Hille architectural firm created the design of the new house. Heartland Construction is the general contractor for the project.

Although it will sit on the same property as the former AGR house, Wehrbein said it will have a new address, 1420 Idylwild Dr.

"We're looking forward to being active on campus into the future, just as we have for the past 100 years," Wehrbein said. "With the Innovation Campus (fairgrounds) development, there appears to be many opportunities in agriculture."

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Just 13 years ago, Tennessee-Knoxville alumnus Brad Collett was an honors student, working on his bachelor's degree in ornamental horticulture and landscape design. He's now an assistant professor of plant sciences and interim chair of the university's graduate landscape architecture program.

"I always had thought that at some point in my career I would seek an opportunity to share my passion for landscape architecture with aspiring professionals," he said. "To have the opportunity to do this here at UT, a place about which I am equally passionate, is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

Collett joined the faculty in 2011 to help grow the new master's degree in landscape architecture, an interdisciplinary program of the College of Architecture and Design and the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. He brought to the position a broad professional experience gained from six years as a senior associate at a firm in Orlando, Fla. There, he managed master planning and landscape architecture projects and helped direct the firm's sustainable design initiatives.

"What inspired me as student in the landscape design program is quite similar to what now drives me as a member of the landscape architecture faculty – a passionate belief that through responsible planning of landscapes and creative, innovative design of the built environment, we can have a profound impact on quality of life and the sustainability of



natural resources," Collett said.

Collett said he arrived at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville in 1997 without any idea of what field he wanted to study. He credits the insight of "excellent undergraduate advisors" who helped him discover and cultivate his interests.

He earned his master's in landscape architecture from The Ohio State University in 2004.

UT's landscape architecture program began in 2008 after years of work from the campus community and professionals across the state. The Landscape Architecture Accreditation Board (LAAB) granted the program full accreditation last August, making it the only accredited landscape architecture program in the state.

Collett said the accreditation means a bright future for the program.

"We seek to continue to grow our program by attracting even more exceptional and passionate students," he said.

The program's faculty and students have been a part of several inspiring outreach programs and collaborations such as the New Norris House, the Living Light house, and Plan East Tennessee, a regional community planning initiative.

"Brad also has supported a culture of service learning with students engaged in providing input on storm water issues in Knoxville and Knox County, thus positively impacting our community," said Caula Beyl, dean of the college.

Brad and his wife, Nicki, have two young children and enjoy visiting family in Ohio and North Carolina.

Collett was initiated by Alpha Kappa in 1998.

Information courtesy of Tennessee Today

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Thirty-two fraternities were represented at the "Big Man on Campus" event Friday night, but only one came out as the winner.

The Elliott Hall of Music was packed as excited spectators got in their seats to cheer for their favorite fraternity.

Fraternities and sororities have been preparing for BMOC since October 2012 when representatives for each fraternity were chosen.

ZetaTau Alpha coordinators Rochelle Claire and Alexia Filippini announced that a total of \$136,000 was raised to support research to end breast cancer by the fraternities and sororities.

The talent show included various creative live acts such as singing, dancing, rapping and other events such as the Harlem Shake.

After deliberation from the judges, Chase Enyeart, Purdue undergradu-

ate, was chosen to be the winner of the 2013 BMOC.

Enyeart's act involved members of his fraternity and a few women from Glenwood Cooperative doing a country line reenactment of a dance scene from the movie "Footloose" and a chair stomp.

"I was very nervous," Enyeart said. "The contestant dance before the actual acts got rid of a few butterflies in everyone's stomachs, but it was still very nerve-wracking because everything happens so fast and your act is over before you know it."

"We were very proud of our performance regardless of if we won or not; we thought everyone did great, and it goes to show that hard work pays off no matter what," Enyeart said.

Enyeart was initiated by Delta in 2010.

Information courtesy of the Purdue Exponent

Upcoming events...

April 12-14, 2013:

AGR Barbecue

Lebanon, Tenn.

June 21-22, 2013:

Adviser Forum

Kansas City, Mo.

Aug. 9-11, 2013:

Leadership Conference

Kansas City, Mo.

Nov. 6-7, 2013:

National Board Meeting

Columbus, Ohio

Feb. 14-15, 2014:

Leadership Seminar

Memphis, Tenn.

Feb. 21-22, 2014:

Leadership Seminar

Kansas City, Mo.

Feb. 28-March 1, 2014:

Leadership Seminar

Reno, Nev.

March 7-8, 2014:

Leadership Seminar

Philadelphia, Pa.

Aug. 1-4, 2014:

National Convention

Indianapolis, Ind.