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A word from the president

As the 2018-2019 school year is coming to a close, our leader, Ashley Roy, is also finishing up her first semester as the president of Kappa. It's been a whirlwind semester, but she loves every second of it. She wasn't even planning on running because she assumed that someone else would

do it. But she changed her mind when slating forms came out.

"It was intimidating a little bit...but it's been super rewarding," Roy said.

With summer around the corner, it's time to start thinking about rush and welcoming home PC '19! "I'm excited to get a new pledge class of course," said Ashley. This will be her third year in the recruitment process but has new responsibilities to take on this time around. Her main goal as president focuses on the rising sophomores.



Ashley Roy posing for South x South Oval during work week 2018

"I want make sure that [PC '18] feels loved with the house," Roy said.

With the renovation beginning in May and the incoming sophomores living in Cross, the new chapter council sat down and talked about goals for next year. Priority No. 1 is making sure that the sophomores get the best experience possible in Cross and make it feel like home. As for plans for the fall, Ashley is open to suggestions. "Just because something always been done a certain way doesn't mean we have to keep doing it that way. I want people to bring in new ideas," said Ashley. She has done nothing but great things for Kappa this semester and everyone can't wait for what's to come in the fall!

Meet the 2019 rush team

With summer around the corner it's time to start thinking about formal recruitment. This year's rush team has been announced and Kappa could not be more excited for the amazing team that has



Pictured from left to right: Sally Merrill, Elizabeth Clarke, Mary Kate Feighny, Kate Thompson, Ryan Lewis, Taylor McClain, Lauren Jeldy, Katie Witte

been assembled! Work week will begin July 31 and Recruitment will begin on Aug.

8. Ryan Lewis, a sophomore, is one of the party coordinators for this year and sophomore Katie Witte is serving as a reference chair.

"I love to plan events and I thought I had some good new ideas to help especially because this year is going to be more difficult," said Ryan.

Since the house is getting redone, we will be rushing out of Kappa Hall for all of the rounds with different decorations for each of the days.

"Luckily, we have Kappa Hall to work with. To make it the best it can be we are changing up the decorations and trying to make every day look different," Lewis said.

The Rush team will be meeting with decorators and alumni May 2 to discuss ideas. Of course, everyone is excited to get a new pledge class!

"I'm excited for it to all come together and how all of our hard work will pay off," Witte said.

Everything will be done differently this year, but everyone is up for the challenge and is hopeful that the PMN's (potential new members) will love Kappa as much as we do! Bid day (the best day of the year) can't come soon enough and we can't wait to love on PC'19!

Looking back on freshman year like

As the best year of college comes to the end, freshmen Kappas are reminiscing on their time as freshmen at OU. Kaki Glibier, a freshman Kappa member, looks back on Kappa with fond memories.



"Even though it was the first day of officially being a Kappa, bid day has been the greatest day. Everything was so new and exciting, and I got to meet so many people that I was later going to become best friends with," Glibier said.

Academically, Kaki recently changed her major from journalism to public relations. She wanted to do more than writing and reporting and liked the idea of representing people. Because of this, she is considering minoring in sports management, and hopefully will work in sports media or represent a sports team. While she struggled with time management at the beginning, as the year progressed, she got a schedule down. If she could give herself advice before moving in, she'd say to not pack nearly as much as you think you'd need. It's best to take things with you when you go home

because the dorms tend to get really cluttered so be sure to take things home that you don't need anymore. As for what she's excited for next year, she's looking forward to getting to know her with the pledge class better.

“I’m excited to live together as a pledge class. It’ll help us bond more since we are all living our separate lives in the dorms,” Glibber said.

Even though it’s bittersweet to go home for the summer, she’s looking forward to what sophomore year brings and the memories that Kappa will bring to her.

Behind the scenes of Cross...

It’s no secret that a long overdue makeover is happening at the Kappa house. Construction starts May 11, 2019 and will open back up in August 2020. Since the house will not be ready in time, the current freshman pledge class will be living all together in Cross next year. In light of this, the



president decided to appoint two freshmen house chair representatives to be a liaison to the house chair and a voice for the freshman class. Grace Schrimsher and Alyse Jones were recommended for these positions. Schrimsher accepted the position because

“[She] wanted to see what it takes. Like behind the scenes of what it takes to make Kappa possible.”

Over the past months, Kappa has been fundraising to help pay for the renovations. We have received donations from alumni, parents of current members and others. Old furniture and décor will be sold with the money going toward the renovation as well. Items in the house that are being kept will be either put in Kappa Hall or storage. Current chapter members will not have additional charges on semester dues to help cover the house. However, the rising sophomores living in Cross will have to pay \$3,000 more than they would if they lived in Kappa. To help with the communication between Cross and the parents, the house board held a meeting on Mom’s weekend with the freshman class and their moms. There were Cross representatives and house board members. The meeting was very informative, giving information on costs and other amenities with a question session at the end.

“It’s sad because we won’t get the experience that everyone has had in the years before us but exciting because the pledge classes to come are going to have such a beautiful house,” Jones said.

While the freshmen don’t get to have the experience of living in the house, it feels rewarding knowing that they are a part of something to better the sorority and keep Kappa on top.

Senior Spotlight: Meghan McCollum

One of our seniors, Meghan McCollum has taken her entrepreneurship aspirations to the next



level. She, along with her partner, Lindsey Czechowski, have started a small business called “Sol Bows.” Sol Bows makes hand-made açai and smoothie bowls topped with home-made granola. Both are entrepreneurship majors and their new venture development class had the students create a small business and execute it. Last week, they did a test launch selling their bowls outside of Kappa Hall. It was a HUGE success and they sold out every day!

“The first day we knew it would be figuring out kinks, but it was crazy and then we realized we needed an extra set of hands,” McCollum said.

Throughout the week, Meghan and Lindsey gained more foot traffic and had an efficient system. Now that the trial run is over, the ultimate goal is to open up a shop here in Norman. With no açai places in the near area, Meghan and Lindsey are destined for success.

“I like the idea of creating a space bring people together and give them good food,” McCollum said.

Many people have asked if they will be opening up a storefront. They answer with, “Stay tuned!” Kappa has played a huge roll in their success: Using Kappa Hall to sell the bowls and the immense support and social media pushes coming from chapter members. Everyone is so excited to see where this opportunity takes her. We are hopeful that we will see a Sol Bows in campus corner in the next couple years!