

**Board of Advisors Epsilon Sigma Chapter**

**Tau Kappa Epsilon**

**P.O. Box 4092 Edmond, OK 73083**

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Dear Frater:

This note is not to alarm you, but to advise you of a concern and to ask you to help your chapter during a difficult time.

With the help of our alums and a growing chapter, we built and opened the new Epsilon Sigma chapter house in Sept. 2005. Since, we have had enough men in the house to pay the bills. We've even reduced the mortgage by almost \$25,000!

However, due to chapter turnover, young and often inadequate leadership, and a breakdown in rush and rush emphasis, we open the 2008 school year with only 13 actives and only four or five men living in the house (the remaining actives have already lived their required time in the house and can't quickly move back in due to signed leases and obligations elsewhere).

Just to operate the house, we need around 13 residents, or a bare minimum of about \$5,000 per month to pay house expenses.

Your board of advisors has worked hard to train and motivate the undergraduates, even more since last Spring, once foresaw the problem we now have. However, we now have our fourth Prytanis since the start of last school year, and a very young, small chapter that failed to grasp the importance of recruitment.

We, the board of advisors, believe the ship can be righted. However, it'll take some time. We're considering all options to keep the house and the chapter. This may include such drastic actions as recolonizing and keeping only the cream of the existing group, or renting rooms to non-tekes. We've also asked the international headquarters to help us salvage the chapter.

If these and other emergency actions don't take, we could lose the house, and the fraters who guaranteed the loan will be saddled with huge loses none can really afford. Due to market conditions, the house current value is much less than the mortgage payoff. Thus, selling is not an option, and no other Greek group is in a position to lease the facility.

Thus, we ask your help to buy us enough time to build and ensure an adequate and well trained quality membership base to get back to sound financial footing.

***We need 100 fraters to step up and kick in \$50 per month, possibly through the entire 2008-2009 school year (September, 2008 thru May, 2009 - up to 9 months). This gives us time to do what we must. We ask this commitment only for as long as it takes to turn things back around, or to the end of the school year.***

This is a notice we never wanted to send you, and a request we believed we'd never have to make. But we don't want what we *all* worked for for 52 years to vanish overnight. We don't think you want that either. Please help with any amount you can.

If you have questions, call Board of Advisors Chairman Jon Tankersley at 405/387-3105. A constant update of our progress and need will soon be posted at [www.tekehouse.com](http://www.tekehouse.com)

Please let us immediately hear from you so we can best gauge our next emergency step!!

Yours In The Bond  
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