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At the beginning of the academic year, our chapter was coming off of our third straight semester as the highest fraternity in grades. Hoping to continue our reign of dominance, we got right into the year aiming as always to be the best. We started by recruiting a pledge class of twelve and ended up initiating ten young men into our brotherhood. We held our second annual Norris Pig Dinner with a few of our young alumni present. We initiated six fathers of current brothers into our chapter and into our national Sons and Sires program. We won Homecoming out of the fraternities with a win in lip-sync and placement in a few other contests with the help of the Alpha Phis here on campus. We held a cooperative event with said Alpha Phis called “Move Your Phi’t”, which was a marathon that we helped raise over \$1,000 for each organization. We elected our new cabinet and had a smooth transition from one executive board to the next with the help of both our outgoing and incoming members.

Starting in January our cabinet went to Academy in St. Louis and had a phenomenal time learning more about our sacred ritual, our fellow chapter brothers, and about our senior members. My personal favorite was Mr. Ed Gabe who was very welcoming and helpful as our cabinet helped with the mock initiation for the entire academy audience. We recruited another pledge class of seven and ended the semester initiating six of those young gentlemen into our brotherhood. With the first semester of our new cabinet in full force, our executive board selected a sorority to do homecoming with next year, readjusted our chapter bylaws, restructured and revamped our judicial board, and welcomed our field secretary Josh Moore who came and reviewed our “Tell Me Something I Don’t Know” program with our chapter. We came in second during our universities Greek Week competition with a strong push in the Greek Games, including our third straight tug-of-war championship. A few weeks after that we had our first out of town formal in North Myrtle Beach, which was a bonding experience. We closed out the semester with a large fundraiser for our local American Red Cross station raising around

\$1,650 and with a phenomenal senior sendoff that left all of our members feeling closer as a brotherhood.

Overall we had a solid semester as a fraternity, we stayed above a 3.0 GPA throughout the year, added 16 undergraduate members and 6 graduate members to our brotherhood, and raised somewhere around \$3,000 total in fundraising for our national philanthropy.