

# Total Membership Education

## Programs

- “Three Strikes” Etiquette Dinner with Kappa Delta Sorority in March 2002, where guests would listen to an Etiquette seminar then hold a dinner to practice the skills just learned. Any member caught violating the rules three times is dismissed from the meal.
- Gentlemen’s Lessons are delivered by the VP of Membership every week. This short lesson helps our chapter reinforce our image of being the “Gentlemen on Campus.” The VPME also enforces the gentleman’s lessons by assigning house hours to those who did not exhibit this principle of FarmHouse that week. Members will also use the new “Hardly FarmHouse” award to point out bothers in violation of the Gentlemen’s Code.
- After an incident of poor sportsmanship occurred at an intramural basketball game in February 2002, the chapter took the initiative to implement the “Sportsmen on Campus” policy. This policy was designed to repair our reputation and relationship with Intramural Department members and the entire campus community. Members were educated on the futility of arguing with referees and taught the benefits of positive reinforcement of team members.
- Our Halloween party was held with a traditionally black fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha, to help promote good relations with IFC and NPHC, but more importantly it gave our members a chance to interact with members of another race that they normally would not be presented with.
- Encourage 100% of membership to participate in international programming.
- Association President, held an information/question and answer session concerning our corporation board, alumni association, and future plans. Many topics were addressed such as what our rent payments pay for, what the responsibility of the corporation board is and the difference between the association and corporation board, and what the future plans are for building a new house.
- To increase and improve communication between members, minutes of the chapter meeting are e-mailed to all members of the fraternity on the night of the meeting. There is a message board in the middle of the house where campus events, intramural schedules, cleaning duties, “thank-you” cards, by-law amendments, and other important issues are posted. A monthly event calendar is mailed to all members and is updated weekly.

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## **Speaker Topics**

- Alcohol Awareness
  - Safe Sex
  - What Women Want (Relationships)
  - Campus Involvement
  - Developing resumes.
  - Time Management
  - Scholastic Excellence
  - Spiritual Development
  - Current news and events in agriculture
  - Diversity awareness
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- During the spring semester of 2001, educational seminars were offered to the chapter members on the topics of AIDS/HIV, presented by the ISU Student Health Center, and Alcohol Awareness, presented by Department of Public Safety Officer.
  - At the all-chapter retreat during the first weekend of the Fall Semester, Brian Dunn of the ISU Student Health Center returned to give a seminar on basic First Aid and CPR skills.
  - During the all-chapter retreat, a “Dress for Success” presentation to the chapter regarding both business and casual clothing selection.
  - Men’s Outreach Director of the ISU Sloss Women’s Center, presented a seminar on inter-gender communication issues in October. The program was presented to the men of the chapter and the women of Pi Beta Phi.
  - Had Alumni come to speak at chapters about various topics including: History of FarmHouse chapter and Prestige of FarmHouse International
  - Brothers attended meetings with Dr. Mahmoud Al Halwagi, Director of the Muslim Student Associate to promote awareness of the Islamic culture and religion.
  - Attend University sponsored events. Holocaust speakers, musicians, multi-cultural festivals, study abroad fairs, and diversity programming were all advertised and members were encouraged to attend.
  - Held a food safety seminar to show importance of food safety, and how to properly handle food with minimal exposure to harmful bacteria