



Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity loses house

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The Ashland University fraternity Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) received the news in late January that they will no longer be able to live in their house due to the low number of residents. According to TKE member and junior Tyler Watson, the residency of the Greek houses is controlled by a point system. It is one point if two members room together. If a member buys out a room then that is also one point. Out of all of the fraternities that

Ashland has to offer, TKE is the smallest of the four which can make meeting the point system very difficult along with recruiting. “I wouldn’t say there’s a reason guys don’t live here. Rushing can be challenging with all the other fraternities and they are all well rounded,” Watson said. “So I believe anyone who joins Greek Life is looking for the same thing we all offer. Rushing is always an action we take. Always trying to get new guys to join. But like I said, it can be hard especially when people have so many other commitments. That’s usually a reason someone

doesn’t join.” The TKE fraternity currently has 27 points with the current number of guys living there but they needed to have 31 points by January 2 in order to keep their fraternity house. “We’re working this semester on recruitment and already looking into next semester to see a huge jump in numbers,” TKE president Josh Johnston said. This recruitment can be seen around campus through the posters that are advertising different events being held at the fraternity house while they still have it, and

for students to come see their fraternity. While there is no one is residing in the TKE house, Resident’s Life is planning on turning the house into another living learning community in fraternity circle. A Living and Learning Community is a group of students who take several courses together, live near one another and participate in group activities together during their first year on campus. Losing their house is not going to let this close-knit group of guys drift apart or lose their motivation that their fraternity has given

them. They are continuing their traditions even outside the house. “Next year we’ll all try to room next to each other in a dorm,” Watson said. “But until we have the points needed we are not allowed to move back in.” TKE has been at Ashland University since 1978 with their philanthropy being the Alzheimer’s Association and St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital which the host the “TKE Tub Tug” to raise money for. “It’s really upsetting cause a lot of the guys work really hard around here,” Watson said.

Women win 71st straight game

Advance to second straight Elite Eight

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March Madness was alive and well March 12 at a packed Kates Gymnasium as the Ashland University women’s basketball team played host to Drury University in the NCAA Division II Midwest Regional Championship. The No. 1 Eagles (34-0) outlasted the No. 3 Panthers (31-3) by a score of 79-73 that came down to the wire in the final minutes of the contest. “I give my team a lot of credit, it got close, and we found ways and made plays,” head coach Robyn Fralick said. “And we made enough plays at the end to win the game.” Early on, Ashland showed that they were the best team in the tournament by leading as much as 15 points at the media timeout in the second quarter.

Drury was able to chip away at the lead but the Eagles fought back to head into halftime with a 47-36 lead. Through half of the third quarter, the Eagles held Drury at a reasonable distance still leading 53-40. However, Drury was able to work it back down to a seven point deficit of 53-46 inside the four-minute mark of the third quarter. The teams fought back and forth in the second half but the Panthers were slowly able to chip away at the Ashland lead and eventually tied it up at 73 with 1:57 left to play in the contest. Senior forward Laina Snyder hit two free throws to give the Eagles a 75-73 lead but neither team was able to find the bottom of the net as the Eagles came up with a huge steal with over a minute left to play. With under 20 seconds left to play, Ashland forward Andi

Daugherty went up for a mid-range jump shot and was fouled as the shot clock was expiring. After the play, Drury head coach Molly Miller picked up a technical foul due to her unhappiness from the play. As a result, Daugherty nailed four free throws to give the Ashland Eagles a definite 79-73 lead

and an ultimate victory in the Regional Championship.



AU ATHLETICS

The AU women's basketball team defeated Drury 79-73 to win their second straight Regional Championship.

Free tax preparation offered at Ashland

Dauch College of Business and Economics to provide new service

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Tax preparation and electronic filing are being offered for free on Tuesdays and Thursdays through April 15 in the Dauch College of Business and Economics. Students and members of the community can get assistance with their taxes from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Dauch room 107 on Tuesdays and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursdays in Dauch room 106. According to Dr. Vicki Kaskey, chair of AU’s Accounting and Management Information Sys-

tems Department and organizer of the event, participants should bring their social security card, a photo ID, and all of their other tax documents. This could include papers such as W-2s, 1099-INT, 1099-DIV, mortgage interest, and real estate tax payments. The filing is prepared by students who have been trained and tested on the material, and Kaskey checks them before they are sent off. All filing is done on a first-come, first-served basis. The program was organized through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program

in an effort to serve the campus and local community. “This is one of the ways we can give back,” said Dr. Elad Granot, dean of the Dauch College of Business and Economics. “Providing the community with an opportunity to do their tax returns while inviting our students with an opportunity for them to practice their craft.” Granot said the idea came up during a Dean’s Council meeting, and Kaskey was asked to take on the project. “It is a long process to get involved,” Kaskey said. “You have

to start that process back in November, and it actually culminates back in February.” She said there was a lot of paperwork to fill out for the IRS and that a local agent helped get the project started. After that, the students are properly trained on how to file tax returns. “We’ve been training for two and a half weeks,” Kaskey said. “The IRS has supplied us with all the materials that were needed to become equipped, for the students to be able to prepare tax returns. The students had to be able to pass three exams to prepare these tax

returns for the community.” To be eligible to continue the project next year, Kaskey and her team of students have to complete 50 returns. Kaskey said she was optimistic about reaching those numbers. “From an instructor’s point of view, is while I’m super excited to help the community, my focus is more on the students,” Kaskey said. “And any time to get some experiential learning activity that’s hands on, they don’t even realize how much they’re learning when they’re in this type of environment.”