

To my fellow club members,

Hello and happy Friday! My name is Shawn Frierson. I am the Vice President of this wonderful OU club of ours. Recently, I have been handed the duties of President due to Mr. Cooksey's departure. Glynn played a very important part in setting the foundation of this club. His work has been impeccable and we owe him a great deal of gratitude. We are lucky to have had him. I want to wish him and his family safe travels to their new home and the best of luck in their endeavors. By the way, good luck with that burnt orange 'problem' down there. I heard it was some sort of epidemic in that area 😅. All jokes aside, thanks again for everything. We will be holding the fort and keep it moving forward. The next Pres will have some pretty big shoes to fill...

Ok, on to club matters:

- 1 Our first and foremost priority is going to be finding a new place to gather for games and meetings (mostly games though). If you haven't heard...it came as a shock to us to find The Greene Turtle in Greenbrier Mall has closed. As all the officers arrived for the handover meeting last week, we were met with a sign on the door stating that the main location has been moved to Hampton. This is sad because it was a great location due to all the TVs available and the private space we often used during our events. In the next week or so, the officers will be getting together to begin the search for the new lucky place. This is where I will request your help in this matter. We will be looking for places that are set up like the Turtle (lots of TVs, decent food and drinks, family friendly, etc.) If you have any suggestions on such a place, please send them in. This is important because we will need to let the Alumni association know so they can put this info on various correspondence sent to us and the wider alumni base in the area. Thanks in advance for your input.
- 2 As mentioned in Glynn's letter, the club officers are myself (Vice/stand-in President), Jason Kmet (Communications), and Sharon Swift (Treasury). Special mention goes to Joe Sallee as he has been

heading up our scholarship committee. Glynn also mentioned that we will be having our biennial (every two years, consider it your word of the day) elections this upcoming year. Btw, the new club year starts on Aug. 1 (correct me if I'm wrong, Glynn). So get your dues in. We will have elections sometime in the middle of football season (OU/Fexas, I'd assume). We're in need of a Secretary, if anyone is interested.

- 3 The scholarship committee has been hard at work this past year and was able to hand out our first of many scholarships to come. I want to congratulate them on a job well done. The lucky recipient is a fellow by the name of Wyatt Dunlap of Grassfield High School in Chesapeake, VA. He will be attending OU this semester to study American History. The committee and I will be trying to get in touch with his parents to invite them to one of our social gatherings. This is very exciting and I know it will just get bigger from here.
- 4 Lastly...At the start of the new club year (and every one after), will be releasing a sort of 'year in review' letter discussing just that. One thing we will show is where has all the club dues and donations have been going. I appreciate looking at that sort of stuff. It shows how much we've grown over the course of the year.

That's about all I have. I look forward to taking in all the suggestions for where we can meet. Also, if you have any suggestions on the daily happenings of the club, please don't hesitate to speak up. We are always looking for ideas to grow the club (I have a suggestion, or two, myself 😊). And with that said, thank you for being a part of this. We're not club without you. Thanks for your time and enjoy the weekend. We'll be in touch.

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Shawn