

## Upcoming **EVENTS**

### Homecoming

October 9, 2004

Mark your calendars. October 9 is Homecoming at Michigan, and this year is a special one for Phi Delta Theta. We plan on installing the chapter this fall!

#### *Schedule of Events:*

8:30 a.m. - Pregame festivities

4:00 p.m. - Postgame festivities

(Refreshments and food provided for both events.)

Take a moment or two, and come on by. We really think you will be as excited as we are!

Joe ('79) and Julie Fattore  
Homecoming Coordinators ■

### Good News, Bad News

By J.T. (Tom) Buck '77,  
Alumni Board Member

Nine times out of 10, when you read news about the Greek community at Michigan or at any university, it is bad news. Somehow the press has decided that sensationalizing one tragic event, one case of hazing, one case of alcohol abuse, makes for better news than the many thousands of hours of community service Greeks provide in the Ann Arbor community, the commitment to leadership by the many Greek chapter officers, the many social events at which students enjoy themselves without alcohol, and what the responsibility of brotherhood commitment to a Greek chapter means.

Even though lapses of judgment by students occur, it is when these occur in the fraternities that they seem to become most newsworthy. And when they are reported in the media, all chapters seem to be painted with the broad brush of the bad news.

Remember, the bad news portrays a lapse of judgment by some individual or by one chapter on campus. Remember, this is one of 29 fraternity chapters at Michigan and almost 20 sororities. Remember, the story will present something bad about the decision making of one or two individuals at one point in time, but there are thousands of Greek community members who make good decisions every day, every week, all year round. The good news is often hidden; however, it is happening every day. So when you see a headline revealing the poor judgment of the news editors and the sensationalism of the media, don't forget what they haven't reported — *the good news*. ■

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

# THE SWORD & SHIELD

MICHIGAN ALPHA CHAPTER OF PHI DELTA THETA FRATERNITY

ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

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## Alumni

# Report

By Rex Vaughn '74, Alumni Board President

## Back to the Future ...

As many of you know, our international fraternity has made a commitment to alcohol-free housing. The reasons are numerous, obvious and beneficial to the well being of the young men living in our house. The success of such a policy requires commitment, dedication and alumni oversight.

Your alumni association is dedicated to the success of alcohol-free housing and will be putting forth real effort, not just words of support, to attain that objective. How on earth do we plan to do that, you may ask? One tool is something from the past, the venerable position of a live-in adult advisor — yes, that's right, the house mother (or house father in today's gender-neutral society).

Last year we experimented with a live-in graduate advisor who was a Phi and one of the founding members of the new colony. We saw enough benefit in the concept to expand and improve upon the policy for the new school year. Our ideal candidate would be an older Phi graduate student working on an advanced degree beyond the master's level. However, fraternity membership will not be a prerequisite. We will even consider married couples (but we're not sure what we'd do if young children were involved).

We are interviewing numerous candidates, and Rocco (aka **Joe Fattore '79**) is proceeding with the renovations to make suitable living quarters for a house parent. Compensation will include a 100-percent rent subsidy and free parking at the house. The value of the package is close to \$800 per month, based on our survey of rental and parking rates around central campus. If the colony organizes a meal plan for the 2004-05 academic year, we will also consider some form of meal allowance.

The job description is being refined, following guidelines from GHQ, and will involve the support and oversight of many house functions, short of ritual and traditions in chapter meetings. The advisor will be selected by the Alumni Board but will work mainly with the chapter advisory board. The consent of the Chapter Advisory Board will be sought in the candidate selection process. Our job performance expectations are being written, and they will include assuring compliance with the alcohol-free policy. [Editor's Note: As we go to press, the Alumni Board has hired Mr. Nathan W. Emmorey as House Advisor. Please visit the house and introduce yourselves to him and our colony members.]

Please let us know what you think of our plans. Your continued support, especially for our capital improvements, is greatly appreciated. ■



Several 1950s grads met at the house for reunion festivities.

## Many Thanks to ...

- **David Rand** and **Larry Schramm**, chapter advisors, for jumping in.
- **Joe "Rocco" Fattore** for making things happen.
- **Mike Lisull**, for always being there.
- **Rex Vaughn** and the Alumni Board for keeping it going.
- **John Buck Sr.** and **Bill Michaels** for their recent large donations.
- **Will Todd** and the Colony Board Members for being leaders.
- **Charlie Green**, with a supporting cast of **Dave Krupp**, **Doug Roby** and **John Buck**, for running last fall's 1950s reunion. ■

## Alumni Board

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Michigan Alpha '74

## 2004-2005 Colony Officers

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## From the Colony

# Officer

By David M. Rand (Texas Epsilon '85), Chapter Advisor

## Last Year's Successes Lay the Foundation for Current Year

The 2003-04 year was quite eventful for the Phi Delta Theta Michigan Alpha Colony. Last fall saw members move into the beautifully restored fraternity house at 1437 Washtenaw. Everyone was excited to finally return to our chapter home and to start new traditions. The focus of the year was definitely laying the foundation for a successful fraternity. With that in mind, rush, brotherhood events and Greek community involvement took center stage.

Michigan Alpha recruited 14 new members in 2003-04, who will help shape the future of our chapter. Rush Chair **Peter Islip** sought to recruit members who could tangibly contribute through intramurals, social activities and leadership positions. Peter focused on the effective utilization of Interfraternity Council rush events to start the year and then worked hard to subsidize those efforts with recruitment through personal recommendations from existing members. Peter ran regularly scheduled rush meetings to evaluate how best to recruit new members.

Last fall, organized rush activities included a barbecue, game night at the house and a trip to a Detroit Tigers game with existing and potential members. As fall rush neared completion, new members were able to learn about Michigan Alpha at Sunday dinners and social events, open to potential members on an invitation-only basis.

Michigan Alpha also enjoyed a full social calendar of Greek community events, date parties and, most importantly, brotherhood events. In the spirit of starting new traditions for Michigan Alpha, Social Chair **Jacob Bach** and Event Coordinator **Evan Isaacs** planned events designed to unite the colony. Michigan Alpha held regular bowling nights, attended sporting events (University of Michigan football, Pistons and Tigers games) and had dinner for all members on Sundays before chapter.

Date parties also provided the opportunity for colony members and their dates to get to know each other. The colony's major date parties included a barn dance near Ann Arbor, a formal dance in Windsor, Ontario, and a trip to the Second City Comedy Club in Detroit.

As the year wound down, the focus shifted to summer activities and fall rush. The chapter intends to take a more proactive approach with rush in 2004-05. They will hold a continuous rush to build quality numbers, but strived to more effectively market the fraternity over the summer months to provide a base for fall efforts. President **Will Todd** and the Executive Council held regular meetings over the summer to plan rush and other activities.

Michigan Alpha is very excited about the new academic year and is working hard on all aspects of colony management with hopes of earning chapter recognition this year. ■

## Financial

# Report

By Joe Kraus '81,  
Alumni Treasurer

## Finances Holding Steady for Now

Our Association's financial condition is fairly stable. Our revenue is down for the year due to low membership, but alumni donations are up. As of mid-May of this year, we have received \$20,216 in alumni donations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004. We currently have \$34,700 in the operation account and a \$100,000 certificate of deposit in the bank. As you may recall, the Alumni Board took out a \$400,000 loan to make capital improvements to the house during the past two years, and we currently pay about \$1,750 per month in service of this debt.

We continue to look for ways to encourage and help the colony increase membership, and we look forward to the time when the house will again be fully occupied with young men of strong character — men of the new Michigan Alpha of Phi Delta Theta. Until that time, we will continue to pay the bills and try to hold down discretionary spending. ■

## Alumni

# UpDates

### Art Prange '45

(6503 Meadow View Rd., Hillsborough, NC 27278; artprange@mindspring.com) I enrolled in school about a week late. After camping out a few nights with friends of my University of Michigan aunts, I visited the Phi Delt house. President **Bill Lambert** happened to be sitting on the front porch. A few days later, I had a Phi Delt room and a Phi Delt job. I shared a room with **Bob Callahan** (the Bear) and **Jack Carpenter** (the Hog), both football players. I will never forget the hit that Hog put on All-American Army halfback Doc Blanchard one October afternoon in 1946. What suited me best was washing pots and pans for the longtime Phi Delt cook, Red Crozier. When I was more or less on time, right after dinner, songs sometimes struck up between the waiters (led by **Bob Yturria**) and me. Our favorite was "I Can't Get Started with You." I graduated from med school in 1950 as a two-time University of Michigan alumnus. I trained in anesthesiology, served in the Navy during the Korean police action and then trained

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# Update

By Joe "Rocco" Fattore '79, Alumni Board Vice President

## It's a Wonderful House ... Let's Work to Keep It That Way

Our renovations have held up, and the colony members took great care of the house this past year. This is very encouraging, in light of the past few years while renting to other fraternities on campus and even to our own chapter of more than five years ago. It is a new age for us, and we aim to keep it that way.

The alumni are working closely with the colony to keep the house in terrific shape. This also allows us to begin colony-sponsored improvement projects and to continue our work at the Alumni Board level for additional improvements to assure that our house remains exceptional on our campus.

Our plans over the next couple of years include:

- continuing to improve the outside porches, including installing the railing on the north porch.
- updating the laundry and storage rooms in the basement.
- resurfacing the rear driveway and repairing the retaining wall by the kitchen entrance.
- reworking the front driveway for angle parking.



- repairing or replacing the large main-floor windows.
- completing the landscaping.

These projects cost money, obviously. Our loans based on the value of the house have provided the funding to date. We must continue these renovation efforts in the next two to three years in order to keep our house in the leadership position we have attained and to maximize it as the type of respected facility we wish to visit as alumni and that we want as our chapter home.

We have turned the corner! I challenge all of you as our brothers to sponsor the improvements in one of the rooms needing renovation, or the driveway project, one of the porches, or any project that suits your fancy. Many alumni have already stepped up with project-sponsoring contributions, including [Walter Wilson](#); [John, Myke](#) and [J.T. Buck](#); [Dick, Doug](#) and [Bruce Young](#); [John Kraus](#); and others. Join this group so we can pay our debt and make more progress! ■

# Report

By Will Todd, Colony President

## Colony Nearly Ready to Be Restored to Chapter Status

The Michigan Alpha Colony of Phi Delta Theta International Fraternity was installed at the University of Michigan on November 9, 2002. Nearly two years has gone by since the installation, and finally the colony is on the verge of becoming a chapter.

After a poor start to rush in the 2003-04 school year, we managed to come together and finish the school year strong, initiating nine colony pledges and still pulling in more men after the initiation, to finish out the year with a total of 30. Only being five members short of a chapter, the colony has set the bar for itself, desiring a pledge class of 10 to 15 this fall.

The brothers of Michigan Alpha have enjoyed their first year in the beautiful house at 1437 Washtenaw. The house provided a sense of pride and belonging to all the brothers, and we are

all incredibly thankful for the house that our alumni have painstakingly provided for our use. The house is one of our best recruiting tools and, hopefully, with continuing improvements, will continue to be our greatest asset.

The members of Michigan Alpha represent the diverse community of backgrounds that is present at the University of Michigan. We boast members from as far away as Texas and New York, and as close as Ann Arbor itself. Our brothers also cover the numerous backgrounds of education at the university, with majors from art and architecture to communications and pre-med. Due to such a diverse background, the founding fathers of Michigan Alpha can relate to almost any student and hope to attract many more in the future.

Being such a small group of men relative to most fraternities at the

university, we have to operate on a very small budget and have to be very careful with the money we spend. From our small budget, we have managed to stretch our dollars to their maximum.

Our biggest event of winter semester was our date party at the Second City Comedy Club in Detroit. We began the evening by impressing even some of our own members with one of the finest meals of our lives, cooked by Chef Allen of Theta Xi. The house had never looked better, and the air was filled with comments about how great the house looked, with some attendees believing that it could not be a fraternity house.

With events like this, the group hopes to establish traditions of our own and restore the name of Phi Delta Theta to the campus of the University of Michigan. ■

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## Alumni

## UpDates ... continued

in psychiatry at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. I joined the faculty in 1957 and retired 40 years later, having become a Boshamer Professor of Psychiatry and having won several national and international awards for research in neuroendocrinology. And I helped raise four children with Sally Bowen Prange, the Delta Gamma, who some 80 Phi Delt serenaded one October night in 1946. Phi Delt president and All-American halfback **Bob Chappuis** required it. I have flown around the world in a plane, but I often think of Phi Delta Theta.

**Charles W. (Chuck) Walton '46**

(Oro Valley, AZ) I have been a retired corporate attorney since 1992. I have experienced considerable travel in retirement. I am the current president of the Sun City Vistoso Community Foundation and current treasurer of the University of Michigan Alumni Club of Tucson, and I serve on committees of the town of Oro Valley and the Amphitheater School District. I've been married for 56 years to Patricia (Kappa Alpha Theta, 1946). We have three children and two grandchildren.

**Dick Day '49**

(3150 Hopewell Pl., Toledo, OH 43606; prday@daydevelopment.net) I have been married to Nancy for 46 years, and we have six children and 19 grandchildren. I am involved in real estate development with my sons. Every December I meet with contemporary Phi Delt at a luncheon in Grand Rapids, organized by **Doug Wicks**. There are about 50 of us, and we have fun reminiscing. **Jim Johns** and I travel from Ohio. Mich-

igan This include **Bill Souter**, **Dan Tinkham**, **Bruce Dutcher** and **Dave Dutcher**, **Dick Young** and **Bruce Young** and **Doug Young**, **Bill Emmert**, **Bob McVoy**, **Don Veldman**, **Nate Love**, **J.T. Buck** and others. Anyone interested in this December's reunion can call **Doug Wicks** at 616-866-3202 or **Dick Young** at 616-531-3400, extension 3351.

**Pete Wolgast '57**

(Westport, CT; akwpete@aol.com) Janet and I have four children and six grandchildren. After a 25-year career with Exxon in New York City, Japan, Bahrain and London, I retired in 1986. Presently, I am chairman of the Westport Republican Town Committee and recently finished a term as president of the Y's Men, a 430-member retired men's group. We attended the Michigan/Ohio State game last November and the Rose Bowl with three grandsons in January. We were in Ann Arbor for media day with the football team in August and have plans to attend one or two games in Ann Arbor this fall.

**Jeff Henson '69**

(1006 Dos Verdes, San Antonio, TX 78258-4036; jhenson@satx.rr.com) I have lived in San Antonio for two years, since moving from Dallas to work for a small mutual-life insurance company in the marketing department. I have been married to Ann since 1967. Both my kids are married. Our daughter and son have provided us with four grandchildren. I no longer referee college and high school wrestling after 33 years, and I retired from college and high school baseball umpiring after 22 years.

**Rick Price '69**

(Lake Barrington, IL; rickgobblue@hotmail.com) I'm retired and play golf every day with a five handicap. I have two sons, one a mortgage banker and the other a chef at a four-star restaurant. I went to the Rose Bowl in January; I hope to go again and see them win this year.

**Robert F. (Bob) Gray Jr. '73**

(rgray@fulbright.com) Dr. **Mark Joliat '72** just had his fourth son, Justin Matthew Joliat, with his wife, Karen, on June 20, 2004.

**Marc Latman '94**

(28 Sandrock Ave., Dobbs Ferry, New York 10522; mlatman@fulbright.com) A group of us try to have dinner in New York City every couple of months. This includes **Ross Galin '94**, **Eric Shuffler '92**, **Kevan Parekh '93**, **Jon Harris '94**, **Rob Rahr '92**, **Alex Popovich '92**, **Mike Shamus '93**, **Jason Smith '93**, **Bryan Arce '93**, **David Markowitz '94** and **Andy Phillips '91**. If anyone is in the area and wants to be added to our dinners, let me know by sending me an e-mail. ■

## In Memory

We are saddened to inform you of the passing of brother **Mark 'Max' Bentley '81** of cancer early this year. He is survived by his wife, Shelley, and two sons, Brett and Kai. The Bentley Fund has been established by his family to help offset the substantial medical bills incurred in Mark's treatment. Contributions can be sent to The Bentley Fund, P.O. Box 1968, Olympia, WA 98507.

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