

# Rush Update

## Inventive Recruitment Activities

Recruitment is an important process for every fraternity. Since we just got back on campus, as well as the fact that we are dry, our name isn't really out to the entire campus.

The most effective way we find to conquer this challenge is through word of mouth; active brothers telling their friends and classmates about all the Fraternity activities they engaged in, and how great our Chapter is. We are also very direct about our alcohol policy. This way we can get people over to the house that are likely to be a good addition to the Fraternity, so that the students we meet are real candidates for our Chapter.

For our rush events, we pretty much just have our house open up and all the brothers ready to meet and greet. One of our events is a movie night, where we have a specific movie picked out for viewing on the big screen. Another night is game night, where we have multiple video game systems going, as well as a poker tournament in the basement.

Our main goal is to show that you can still have a lot of fun without drinking in the house. Sometimes rush seems difficult because to a lot of guys social life at Michigan is centralized around drinking, and it's quite a speed bump to show someone how there is more to fraternity life than drinking. Though this process is difficult, we end up with more quality guys, who really care and want to promote the Fraternity.

**Alex Johnson**  
Recruitment Chair ■

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## Undergraduate President's Report

### Phi Delta Theta Returns!

First, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who invested time and effort into bringing our Chapter back to campus, and seeing us

through our initiation and installation ceremonies. All of the actives had a great time, and we are all very proud to have joined the brotherhood of Phi Delta Theta. We have since had the opportunity to learn all the traditions of the Fraternity, and we are now planning and organizing for a new successful year. I'd like to take this opportunity to elaborate on a few of the activities we are involved in now.

This fall before initiation, we had our first full pledge term, where we developed a program for our Phikeia to complete so they could learn more about our Fraternity, our school, and our brothers. We are continuing the program with our Phikeia this term and continually building on the lessons and skills we strive to teach these young men. It is our hope that we build better brothers with these lessons, and keep the tradition of Phi Delta Theta strong here at Michigan.

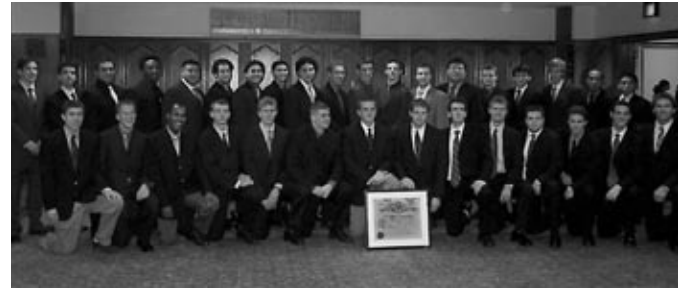
Our social events have proven to be very successful this year, ranging from comedy clubs to sporting events. We had the opportunity to host a sorority for the Super Bowl and are planning an outing to a Pistons game coming up later this month. We are truly enjoying our time together as brothers, as well as getting to know other Greek houses on campus. We are also participating in the annual Greek Week competition, competing in a series of events, including Sing and Variety Competitions.

One of our brothers and Secretary of our Executive Council, **Jason Barley**, has taken it up on himself to plan for our participation in Phi Delta Theta's supported charity organization, the Walk to D'Feet ALS. We will be participating in a fundraising walk in Jackson, MI to raise money for this charity that was founded in honor of one of our fraternity's distinguished alumni, **Lou Gehrig**. Jason has spent a lot of time organizing our participation, and we hope to host a walk on our campus next year using the experience we will gain in Jackson. Stay tuned for more details on this in the next few months.

The Executive Council has spent a good amount of time determining our path for the next few years and establishing a structure and a plan for this chapter when we are gone. Restarting a Chapter has been quite a learning experience for us, and we are still learning the intricacies of budgeting, planning, and running our meetings respectfully and efficiently. I believe that our organization will indeed thrive with careful planning, and that is what we are currently seeking to achieve.

I would like to close by inviting anyone who might be willing to talk at our chapter meetings about leadership, brotherhood, or the history of the Chapter, please contact me and we would be more than happy to have you. I am certain that you all have lessons you have learned in life that would help us in our own journeys and build us undergraduates into truly "the leaders and the best."  
Yours in the Bond,

**Greg Lavigne**  
President, Michigan Alpha  
gregwl@umich.edu ■



Our New Founding Fathers at the Chapter Installation

## Upcoming **EVENTS**

### Practice Your Swing

PDT Michigan Alpha

#### **GOLF OUTING**

**May 13, 2005**

University of Michigan

Golf Course

Starts with lunch at noon

RSVP to:

**JR Kraus '81:**

[JoeKraus@kukadevlab.com](mailto:JoeKraus@kukadevlab.com)

or **JT Buck '77:**

[buckjt2004@aol.com](mailto:buckjt2004@aol.com) ■

## Important *Dates*

Winter Term Pledges were  
pinned on **February 20**

Classes end on **April 19**

Exams end on **April 28**

Fall classes begin **September 6**

Homecoming is **October 8**  
against Minnesota ■

## Alumni Board

#### **President**

Rex Vaughn '74

#### **Vice President**

Joe Fattore '79

#### **Treasurer**

Joe Kraus '81

#### **Secretary**

Andy Cohen '94

#### **Members**

John Buck '54

Bob Lewandowski '79

Mike Lisull '76

Mike Weikert '94

## Chapter Advisors

David M. Rand  
Texas Epsilon '85

Larry P. Schramm  
Michigan Alpha '74

J.T. (Tom) Buck  
Michigan Alpha '77 ■

## President's **Report**

### Original Charter Returned

Brothers,

It is with great pleasure that I am able to inform you of the formal return of our Original Charter and elevation of the Colony to full Chapter status on December 11, 2004.

Through the hard work of the Colony members, Chapter Advisory Board members, and the Alumni Board, we can proudly state that Michigan Alpha is BACK! We had a great time at the formal Charter Installation Ceremony and Banquet held at the Michigan League. If you didn't have the chance to join us, you missed a great celebration. We were honored to have **Michael G. Scarlatelli**, Kettering '76, President of the General Council, as the presiding officer for the Ceremonies. Thanks Scar, for a great job.

I want to take some time for some very special recognition. Over the last few years, our Chapter received invaluable assistance from one individual that is truly commendable. And this guy isn't even a Michigan Alpha Alumnus. He is a Phi alumnus from Texas Tech '85, **Mr. David Rand**. When Brother David and his family moved to southeast Michigan, he was immediately drafted into fraternity duty at the Michigan Alpha Colony as the Chapter Advisor. David spent countless Sunday afternoons in Ann Arbor working with the young men at the Chapter House. I can truly state that without David's persistence, dedication, and endurance, we would not be where we are today. Brother David, we are eternally in your debt. You set the standard for performance and have shown us the true meaning of our creed:

"I will strive in all ways to transmit the Fraternity to those who may follow after, not only less, but greater than it was transmitted to me."

Brothers, the foundation is set, the Chapter is back on its feet, but this is no time to become complacent. Continued financial support and volunteer efforts by Alumni are still required to continue our progress. I encourage you to join us on the CAB, the Alumni Board, the Fund Raising Committee, or in any way you can. For those of us who have or are serving, we're having a great time. Proud to be a Phi!

Yours in the Bond,

**Rex Vaughn, '74**

President, Michigan Alpha Alumni Association ■



*Alumni leaders holding the restored Charter*

## Thank You

The Alumni Board would like to thank the following Alumni who assisted in the December 10, 2004 Initiation Ceremonies by generously donating to the Ritual Equipment Fund organized by **Nat Love '80:**

**Steve Levinger, '81**

**Joe Fattore, '79**

**Doug Young, '76**

**Nat Love, '80**

**James Browne, '78**

**Tom Walsh, '79**

**John Lawrence, '88**

**John Kraus, '80**

**Mike Lisull, '76**

**Dick Young, '51**

**Joe Kraus, '81** ■

# Report

## Overcoming Financial Obstacles

The initiation of the Colony members and installation of the new Michigan Alpha Chapter of Phi Delta Theta was a great moment for all brothers in this Fraternity. For two days, alumni and newly initiated members met to celebrate the reestablishment of this historic Chapter. The brothers' spirits were raised to new highs, and we were all eager to succeed as a Phi Delta Theta Chapter.

However, upon returning to school for the winter term, we learned that because of some poor accounting in the prior term, the new officers inherited a budget deficit of almost \$2,000. With this problem on our hands, the new Executive Council, working with the former Treasurer, created solutions to compensate for our debts and restore financial stability for the Chapter.

In writing the Winter 2005 budget, money was budgeted to pay our outstanding debts. This, along with the selflessness of brothers to pay their social dues early to bring more money into the Fraternity bank account, greatly attributed to the resolution of the deficit. Efforts have been made to check the duties of the Treasurer position to ensure that such a discrepancy never happens again.

Now, the Fraternity is financially strong, continuing its endeavors to have great social events and is taking steps to restore Phi Delta Theta's place in the Greek community at the University of Michigan. The perseverance and dedication shown of the brothers to overcome obstacles is a testament to the characters of the brothers at Michigan Alpha and their will to build a great Fraternity.

### Kai Liu

Treasurer ■

## Alumnus of the Year

The nominating committee of our Chapter recently awarded several retroactive 'Alumnus of the Year' distinctions to hard working and deserving alumni. In the next few issues, we will share information on the winners of these awards. In this issue, we will present the 1998 through 2000 winners.

### 1998

#### House Corporation Board

This Board serves two functions -- manages the property and as our Alumni Board. This means we must create events for alumni, including homecoming, our occasional golf outings and alumni communications, and we must be good stewards of the property. There are times this Board

is rather invisible, mostly when things are going well. On the other hand, for years in the absence of a Chapter this team worked together to keep the house alive, fund renovations, and do what was necessary to renovate the house, build a new Chapter and maintain PDT at Michigan. In particular, it is people like **Mike Lisull, Nat Love, JR Kraus, Rocco Fattore, Andy Cohen, Mike Weikert, Thomas Niemann, Rob Aldridge, Rex Vaughn, John Buck, Bob Lewandowski, and JT Buck** who have made this all work over the past dozen years.



### "LEGACIES"

left to right:  
All Michigan Alpha:  
Jon Buck '08,  
JT (Tom) Buck '77,  
John Buck '54,  
Dick Young '51,  
Doug Young '76,  
Cameron Young '08,  
Bruce Young '78

## Campus News

- Six fraternities and sororities were investigated by University officials for alcohol and hazing incidents. Delta Sigma Phi has lost its charter and three other chapters have received lesser penalties. *Phi Delta Theta Michigan Alpha was not among the chapters investigated.*
- Ralph T. Yang, Tresa M. Pollack and Steven A. Goldstein, UM faculty members, were elected to the National Academy of Engineering.
- Ross School of Business is preparing for the design and construction of new facilities.
- The School of Music at the University of Michigan was invited to send a delegation of students to perform at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. for a performance in the Terrace Theatre, February 27, 2005.
- The eighth-ranked University of Michigan softball team claimed the FAU Classic championship for the second straight season. Sophomore Wolverine hurler **Lorilyn Wilson** (Salem, Ore./Sprague HS), who earned tournament MVP honors, struck out seven and allowed just one hit for her third win of the weekend.
- Bid meetings are being held for contractors wishing to quote on improvements to Michigan Stadium, "The BIG House," including addition of suites and a new press box. ■

### 1999

#### Joe "JR" Kraus

JR has served as our Treasurer for many years now and with little or no formal training in financial operations does one hell of a job. Can you imagine taking on the Treasurer job following in the footsteps of experienced CPA, **Mike Lisull**? JR always asks the tough questions. He is an excellent caretaker of our dollars and our financial effectiveness. Thank you JR!

### 2000

#### Phi Delt Veterans

We have many veterans from

our Chapter, and they have earned our gratitude for the protection of our freedom. I think of several veterans like **Jack Stuart, Chip Fowler, John Buck, Myke Buck, Thomas Niemann** and many of the men that participated in the 50's alumni group reunion last fall. These men are leaders and make a contribution every day to our American Way. Sometimes we overlook it. We should all be very proud of them. Thanks to all of you veterans for your protection. May we be worthy of it. ■



# Alumni UpDates

**Thomas B. Adams '40**  
(P.O. Box 279, Fellsmere, FL 32948) Keep up the good work!

**Albert A. Wistert '42**  
(256 Gunnell Rd., Grants Pass, OR 97526-9621) My wife, Ellie, died June 4, 2004; we were married for 61 years. She was a wonderful wife and mother to our three daughters Pamela, Dianna, and Kathy. I'm now 83-years-old, still in good health, and exercise daily. Our daughter, Kathy, was born without a thyroid gland and was severely retarded, physically and mentally as a child. Through a lot of loving care from my wife and me, plus Kathy's love of horses, she has overcome much of her handicap. She still lives here at home and takes excellent care of her eight horses.

**Banning G. Lary '45**  
(6371 S.W. 87th Terr., Miami, FL 33143) I retired from 40 years of general and vascular surgery, but continue to do research in medical/surgical techniques and invent, hopefully, useful objects. My wife, Kathy, and I have been married 56 years and have six grandchildren and one great grandchild.

**Richard E. Amos '49**  
(1942 Larchmont Rd., Akron, OH 44313-6020; ramos@neo.rr.com) My first wife died in 1969 after 19 years of marriage. I remarried in 1972 and my wife and I have eight children between us, 15 grandchildren,

and two great-grandchildren. I received my Master's Degree in health care management and community health from the University of Cincinnati. In 1985, I retired as Vice President of Clinical Services at Doctors Hospital in Massillon, Ohio. I then joined the faculty at The University of Akron, where I directed the medical technology program and taught health care management and community health for 15 years. In 2000, I retired from the university and have learned to be a pretty good carpenter and cabinet maker. I have a large workshop in my home where I make furniture, clocks, and other items which I usually give to my children and grandchildren. Retirement is great.

**Douglas M. Jeannero '51**  
(432 Mary Ln., Fremont, MI 49412-1378; jeannerosd@earthlink.net) I retired in March 1985. Since then, my wife, Ann, and I have traveled to most areas of the world. The last few years have been to the Swiss Alps, a very special place.

**John M. Jenks '53**  
(2333 W. 98th St., Leewood, KS 66206-2331; jmackjenks@juno.com) I live in Kansas with Toto, Aunt Em, **T. Son Shreffler '52**, and **John Ingraham '48**.

**Robert G. Dunn '57**  
(55234 Broughton, Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8563; gipb@aol.com) I am semi-retired. Comac

is my subchapter S from which I consult.

**Bernard B. Rinella '58**  
(1 N. LaSalle, Chicago, IL 60602; donnaw@rinellaandrinella.com) I enjoyed the 2003 reunion of the 1950's class at Ann Arbor. We should do it again. Occasionally I see **Jim Maddock '57**, **James VanPelt '58**, **Ed Shannon '57**, **Jim Friedman '58**, and **Bill Boshnsack '57** in the Chicago area. I'm still practicing family law full time, but spend 7-10 days per month, during the winter, at our home in Scottsdale, Ariz., Desert Highlands.

**Robert M. Estes '67**  
(4962 Kolohala St., Honolulu, HI 96816) I am still living in Honolulu and my business is on Maui. Let's hear a little more from the 1963-1968 group.

**Roger M. Dooley '76**  
(10996 W. Brooks Ln., Plymouth, MI 48170) In August 2004, I retired from Accenture after 27 years. Although I enjoyed the challenges and successes as a partner, I am even more excited about having time now, while my children are young, to do the many things that are important to them. Kathy and I will be celebrating our 25th wedding anniversary in May, 2005. We look forward to seeing old friends at Homecoming this year at the new house.

**Douglas R. Young '76**  
(5427 Forest Bend Dr. S.E., Ada, MI 49301-9005; dry@behler-young.com) The Alumni Board has done tremendous job over the past years to keep the house intact and bring the Chapter back to U-M. Without their hard work and leadership, we would not have a PDT Chapter to call Michigan Alpha. I personally thank you. Also, I am very proud to say that my son, Cameron, a new freshman at LSA, will be joining the house this fall. May he and his pledge class of eight, along with the newly installed brothers to the Phi Delta Theta, Michigan Alpha, have an outstanding and eventful time as I did.

**Robert S. Whims '84**  
(2501 Holland Cr., Traverse City, MI 49684) We have returned home from California. The entire family is very happy about that. I made it to the UM vs. SDSU game with my oldest son. We stopped by the house and it looks great. Kudos to all involved. Good luck to the budding PDT Chapter.

**Derek T. Smith '91**  
(1544 Washington St., Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567; dtslaws@msn.com) My wife and I just had a baby boy on August 20, 2004, Arl Smith. I am already teaching him to sing songs we all learned in our house "Bin." ■

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