

THE SWORD & SHIELD

MICHIGAN ALPHA CHAPTER OF PHI DELTA THETA FRATERNITY

ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

MAY 2006

UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the Date

Have breakfast with fellow Phis before the Mud Bowl and the **Homecoming Football game** against Northwestern. Come to the House on the morning of **Saturday, October 28.**

The annual **Phi Delt Golf Outing** is scheduled for the afternoon of **Friday, June 9th**, at the UM Course. **If you are interested, contact Joe Kraus at joekraus@kukadevlab.com.**

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Michigan Alpha is Back!

Chapter Sets up Philanthropy Events, Wins Intramural Championships, and Revamps Recruitment and Member Education Programs

By Kellyn Parker, President

After our first full year on campus, I am happy to say that Michigan Alpha is back. Numerous new philanthropy events have been established, most notably, the *Walk 'n Roll* to fight ALS. We also joined the ladies of Delta Gamma in participating in the first annual *Banta Bash* to raise money for a blind child. Finally, we have started a child-mentoring program with the Angell Elementary School, located in our neighborhood.

Phi Delta Theta is once again climbing the ladder of success in the Fraternity Intramural League, finishing the year with championships in both flag football and basketball.

This year, we featured revamped recruitment and member education programs. Both programs proved to bring quality young men to Michigan Alpha. In recognition of our efforts, the Chapter received the "Best New Member Education Program" award at the 2005-06 UM "Go Greek" Awards.

With the establishment of a new social policy that started in the fall of 2005, the Greek

social scene at the University of Michigan is in a state of reform. I am proud to say that Michigan Alpha has transitioned to this new, safer system. We are on the forefront of change in the Greek Community, led in part by our alcohol-free Chapter House

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Although we have made some great strides this year, we continue to look ahead. Michigan Alpha will take Chapter road trips to Notre Dame, Penn State, and Ohio State for the 2006 football season. We will stay with our brothers on both the OSU and PSU campuses. Furthermore, we are slated to have a weekly, pre-game tailgate with the ladies of Delta Phi Epsilon on Hoover Street.

In conclusion, with education being one

of the three pillars of Phi Delta Theta, we will place an even higher importance on academics, ensuring academic success for both our active brothers and Phikeia.

I would like to thank all my brothers for another successful year. With hard work, we shall continue to strive to be a healthy and vibrant Chapter for years to come.



Phi Delta Theta and the Delta Gamma sorority participated in the first annual *Banta Bash*.

Congratulations to our Graduating Seniors

These brothers worked diligently in their undergraduate roles as we are sure that they will in future endeavors.

Paul Wezner: Paul will be returning home to Troy, Michigan. He is taking a year off to work before attending law school in the fall of 2007.

Nabeel Obeid: Nabeel will be attending medical school at either the University of Michigan Medical School, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, or Wayne State University School of Medicine.

Daniel Rice: Dan will be working as a summer intern at the Hudson Institute in Washington, D.C. In the fall, he will be attending law school. He is hoping to obtain a JD/MA in Law and Public Policy.

Ben Hanson: Ben will be attending the University of Michigan Dental School.

Mario Tayupanta: Mario will begin studying at the USC Medical School.

Greg Lavigne: Greg will be returning to Ann Arbor in September. He will be studying at the UM Law School.

We wish them the best of luck and welcome them to our alumni association.

The Robert P. Ufer Scholarship and the Hiram Perry Holmes Award Granted to Strong Candidates

Winning Candidates Were Active in the UM Community

Brian Boss received the Robert P. Ufer Scholarship in recognition of outstanding leadership, moral rectitude, personal character,

and achieved scholarship. The award is in honor of Bob Ufer, a famous football announcer for the Wolverines. The \$1,000 scholarship is granted to one Michigan Alpha each year.

Brian is a member of multiple honor societies and did weekly tutoring for students in 100 and 200 level math, science, and engineering courses. Furthermore, he has a 3.85 GPA.

Greg Lavigne received the Hiram Perry Holmes Award in recognition of outstanding

leadership, moral rectitude, personal character, and achieved scholarship. The annual award is given to one Phi Delta Theta. This year's applicants were from Arizona Alpha, Michigan Alpha, and North Carolina Beta.

Greg was the 2005 Chapter President of Michigan Alpha. He also served on UM's student government and participated in various community service activities. In addition, Greg was the recipient of a "Distinguished Greek Leader" award at the 2005-06 UM "Go Greek" awards.

Michigan Alpha Claims Intramural Football and Basketball Titles

Setting Their Sights on Mud Bowl '06

By Brandon Mancini

The 2005-2006 intramural sports year for the Michigan Alpha was certainly one to remember. Not only did Phi Delta Theta capture the Flag Football Championship in the fall, but they also persevered and won the Basketball Championship in the winter. These championships mark the first and second IM

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titles since the late 1990s.

The Flag Football season provided an exhilarating and exciting start to the school year. After having a perfect regular season (3-0), Michigan Alpha went roaring into the postseason, dominating the first round with a 19-6 victory.

The semifinals provided more of a challenge, both with the weather and the opponent. Phi Delt ended the half of the game down 14-12. After some motivational words at halftime from the captains, Michigan Alpha had an offensive explosion, scoring 22 points in the deep snow, and claiming a 34-22 victory.

The finals provided a defensive battle that went down to the wire. The game was tied 6-6 at halftime and both offenses struggled to establish a consistent attack. After an intense defensive stop, Phi Delt got the ball back with just over two minutes left in the game and 60 yards of turf ahead. The offense methodically moved down the field as the clock ticked away, and with 19 seconds left, Michigan Alpha was able to score and seal the game on **Brandon's Mancini's** 15-yard quarterback sneak. All of the brothers rushed to the middle of the field to celebrate this outstanding victory, and they hope to use this as a momentum builder towards the Chapter's goal of returning to Mud Bowl in fall 2006.



Fall 2005 Mud Bowl Participants

The Basketball season also provided Phi Delt with an exciting season. After ending the regular season with a 2-1 record and receiving a first-round bye, Michigan Alpha handled its first playoff opponent with the presence of great defense, winning by 14 points. In the finals, the squad won by 20 points. After stringent defense and a very explosive offensive attack, Phi Delt found themselves with a 41-8 lead with five minutes left in the game. The starters were taken out, and the seniors finished the game and season for Phi Delta Theta.

Looking Back on the First Local Founder's Day Celebration Since 2004

By Rex Vaughn '74

It was with great pleasure that members and wives of your Alumni Board attended the Founder's Day Dinner. The event took place at the University Golf Course Club House in Ann Arbor on March 11. This was the first local celebration of the founding of our fraternity since the Chapter's re-establishment in 2004. In addition, this was the first time in decades that the event was held. The evening was planned and executed solely by the Actives and they did a great job. We encourage all alumni in the area to attend next year.

During dinner, we had the opportunity to perform the Founder's Ceremony. Also, we



Larry Schramm and Joe Fattore enjoy Founder's Day

First Annual Walk N' Roll for Lou Gehrig's Disease a Great Success

Nearly 150 Participants Raised over \$6,000 for ALS of Michigan

By Jason Barley

On Sunday, March 19, the brothers of Michigan Alpha participated in Ann Arbor's first annual Walk N' Roll for ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis or Lou Gehrig's disease). The event was sponsored by Michigan Alpha and Pi Beta Phi. Nearly 150 participants rose over \$6000 for ALS of Michigan.

Planning for the fundraiser began last September, after Michigan Alpha participated in a walk for ALS in Jackson, Michigan. Inspired by the Jackson walk, the brothers decided to bring it to the University of Michigan campus. After months of planning,

recognized some of our great alumni through the presentation of Silver, Gold and Palladian Legion awards. The following excerpt from the formal Legion Ceremony is most poignant:

No man can sit in the presence of Silver, Golden or Palladian Legionnaires and pretend that membership in Phi Delta Theta is but a campus interlude. Once exposed to The Bond, its influence extends over a lifetime. The Bond contains a philosophy which -- for those who accept it genuinely -- makes a life that is full and rich in those things that do not perish. The Bond is the warranty which gives Phi Delta Theta its right and its duty to live and to serve young men and old.

The following alumni were recognized:

Gold and Palladian

Don Lund '45, Michigan Alpha

Gold

David Hershey '54, Michigan Alpha

Charlie Green '55, Michigan Alpha

Silver

Louis Seiler '68, Ohio Epsilon
(University of Akron)

We also had the opportunity to recognize **Larry Schramm '74** as the 2006 Alumni Phi of the Year. As Chapter Advisor, Schrammie's tireless work with the Actives is one of the most valuable, volunteer assignments any alumnus can take. Thank you, Schrammie.

the walk proved to be a great success.

ALS of Michigan works to subsidize health care costs for victims of ALS. Additionally, they put on seminars to inform people about the disease. At the walk, participants listened to a person who has ALS and to a woman who has lost her husband to ALS.

The event will continue to be Michigan Alpha's main philanthropy event in the upcoming years.



Pi Beta Phi and Michigan Alpha initiate a new fundraiser.



Founder's Day Ceremony recognized some of our alumni by the presentation of Silver, Gold and Palladian Legion awards

Lastly, I want to highlight a "first" for Michigan Alpha: We have been invited to participate in the Ann Arbor Women's City Club 54th Annual Home Tour. 1437 Washtenaw is on the tour! If you are in Ann Arbor on Friday, May 19th, from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, you will need a ticket to get into the House! The mere fact that a fraternity house in Ann Arbor has been asked to participate is monumental. And that it is our House, says a lot about what we have been doing over the last several years, both in renovation efforts and the major change in lifestyle brought about by alcohol-free housing.

Your Alumni Board appreciates and looks forward to your continued support.

2006 SPRING PLEDGES

Ben Kaufman '09
Rockville, MD • Sociology

James Schneider '09
Doylestown, PA • Pre-Business

Sam Deutsch '09
Armonk, NY • Sports Management

Joe Churukian '09
Farmington Hills, MI • Pre-Medicine

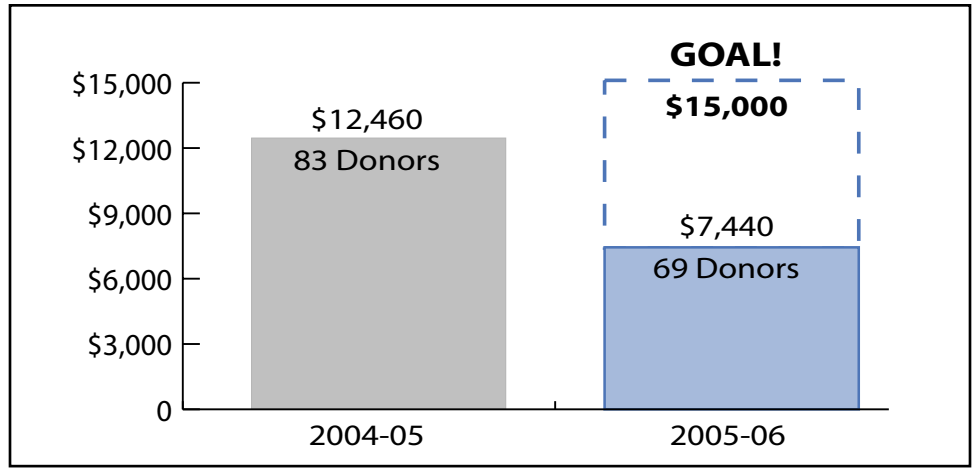
Sam Churukian '09
Farmington Hills, MI • Pre-Medicine

Jim Stanhope '09
Plymouth, MI • Political Science

Are You One Of These People?

We hope that you enjoy this issue of *The Sword & Shield*. This newsletter, along with our other annual alumni communications and our website, are funded solely by the contributions of our readers. If you're one of the brothers on this list who has donated so far this year, please accept our appreciation. **It is because of you that all of our brothers can keep up-to-date on the latest news!**

If you have not donated, please consider making a gift to Phi Delt, so that we can ensure that publication of our Chapter's news continues.



These charts show the progress of Michigan Alpha Chapter's annual giving over the years. You can make a donation by filling out and returning the enclosed form or by

calling our toll-free donation hotline at (800) 975-6699. **The success of Phi Delt depends on YOU!**

2005-2006 HONOR ROLL

Phi Delta Theta wishes to thank to following individuals for their support.

Robert Ufer Level (\$500 - \$999.99)

Theodore R. Spangler '40
Mark S. Hopkins '76
Michael J. Levitt '80
Alejandro P. Brito '91

Blis Bowman level (\$250 - \$499.99)

Lary Banning
William D. Waterston '72
Carl G. Annessa '79
Alexander R. Rothrock '81

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John W. Shields '42

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Douglas R. Young '76

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N. Michael Dudynskay '80
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Michael D. Citren '83
Robert C. Boylen '85
Marc D. Latman '94

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William C. Stewart Jr. '44
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Charles W. Walton III '46
Richard N. Lundgren '47
William H. Bartlett '50
Herbert F. Harrington Jr. '53
William J. Libby Jr. '54
Richard D. Harrison '56
William H. Bohnsack '57
Daniel K. Recinella '81
Gregory T. Karmazin '87

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David E. Dutcher '48
Robert F. Callahan '49
Bruce I. Dutcher '50
Earl G. Keim '52
William R. Dougall Jr. '62
David L. Brower '78
Daniel P. McGinn '90
Joshua P. Blumberg '97

Other (Up to \$34.99)

Harrison A. Church '37
Arthur J. Prange Jr. '47
Woodward A. Warrick Jr. '47
Charles B. Hammond '49
Robert G. Dunn '57
Dale R. Maxim '69
Michael S. Adams '74
Timothy R. Baker '81

Where Have All the Updates Gone?

Your news and photos are the heart of our newsletter. Help keep our alumni community alive!

Do you have memories from your days at the House you'd like to share? Do you regularly get together with your brothers? Are you moving? Have a new job? Getting married or expecting a baby?

Submit your Alumni Update by filling out and returning the enclosed form.