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Financially in Black, but Future Repairs to House Require Significant New Funding

2006-07 Annual Fund Drive Under Way

By Rex Vaughn '74, Alumni Board President

As I am sure you all know, one of the primary objectives of your Alumni Association is to assure the financial stability and long term survival of the organization. So far we are doing O.K. with the Alumni Association existing since June 19, 1895, our date of incorporation. The 15 brothers that signed those original articles of incorporation did so to "promote social intercourse among its members and to provide for them the convenience of a club house." Through the good years and lean years, the Alumni Association has successfully managed, improved, and cared for that "club house," which we all know as 1437 Washtenaw Avenue.

One of the ways we have survived is from the generous contributions from our alumni. In 2004-2005, 71 alums contributed, and last year the number increased to 98 with receipts of \$14,600. Special recognition goes to my pledge classmate, **Stephen S. Clark '74**, as the top individual contributor at \$1,000.

With the competitive nature of Greek housing on campus, there is a practical limit on

the revenue we can expect from rent receipts from actives. That, coupled with the rebuilding efforts of our re-chartered Chapter, has limited our annual income. We have been able to stay in the black (just barely), but still have been able to accomplish some annual repairs and improvements without adding to our debt load of \$400,000. This past year, **Father Joseph Fattore '80** was able to rehabilitate the second floor bathroom, repair and tuck point the front porch masonry steps, and make some needed repairs in the boiler room. Our ability to accomplish future repairs, such as the third floor bathroom, north porch rehabilitation, and rear parking lot retaining wall replacement will be tied directly to the support of our alumni. Funding those improvements will not happen from rent receipts alone.

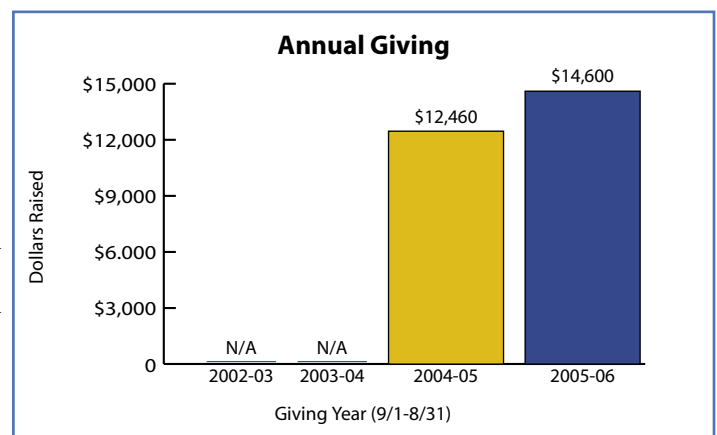
Your Alumni Board has been fortunate to welcome **Greg Karmazin '87** to the fold. Brother Greg's vast talent in skillfully crafting the written word will be utilized extensively in our formal alumni appeal efforts over the next

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Help Our 2006-07 Annual Fund Grow!

Your Support Needed to Achieve Our Goals

The Alumni Association of the Michigan Alpha Chapter of Phi Delta Theta would like to thank the alumni donors who contributed a collective \$14,600 to our 2005-06 Annual Fund, which ended August 31. Help us kick off the new giving year and make your donation by calling 800-975-6699.



Chapter Leads the Way as Pioneers of Alcohol-Free Housing

UM Director of Greek Life, Mary Beth Seiler, Praises Michigan Alpha

Since the chapter officially came back to campus nearly two years ago, they have gone through great strides to establish themselves as a strong organization. Of course, the chapter faces challenges with an alcohol-free house, but has nevertheless become a unique option for students looking for a house with more to offer than partying.

"The chapter is phenomenal and very distinct from others on campus," said Mary Beth Seiler, Director of Greek Life at the University of Michigan. "They are a group of amazing guys and I am very impressed with their strength and leadership. They are holding their own ground in facing a college cul-

ture that is very different from what they are about."

According to Seiler, other campus fraternities have broken their own alcohol-free rules.

"Unfortunately, 'alcohol free' is not becoming the fraternity way," she added. "It would be ideal if others would follow the Phi Delta Theta example, but unfortunately, others have not."

With a long history and a strong brotherhood, Phi Delt is not letting the alcohol-free status slow them down. In addition to recruiting 11 Phikea for the fall semester, the chapter earned a 3.2 GPA for the Winter

2006 term, scholastically ranking Phi Delt in fourth place among IFC fraternities.

"Phi Delta Theta is taking on a very difficult position, but they are very good, strong students and leaders," said Seiler. "Getting more recruits is all a matter of finding members who are serious about joining an alcohol free fraternity."



Michigan Alpha Works in Community to Better the Lives of Many People through CASA, Salvation Army and ALS of Michigan

Members Enjoy Spending Time with Both Young and Old as They Host Two Events

By Brian Velker, Philanthropy Chairman

This fall has been great for Phi Delta Theta Philanthropy. In September, Michigan Alpha hosted Kappa Alpha Theta in their annual CASA car wash. CASA stands for



Court Appointed Special Advocates. They are trained community volunteers appointed by a judge to speak up for abused and neglected children in court. The car wash was a great success and brought in over \$530.

On October 30, we hosted the Green Hills 7th grade Haunted House Party. In early November, Michigan Alpha joined Chi Omega in a "Senior's Prom." The event gave residents from one of the local nursing homes a break from the daily routine and a chance to relive their youth.

In February, we will hold the second annual Banta Bash with Delta Gamma.

Last year the Bash raised over \$1,100 and consists of a great dinner and campus scavenger hunt. We will also be volunteering with Kappa Kappa Gamma in local Salvation Army projects.

Phi Delta Theta will host Ann Arbor's second annual Walk to Fight Lou Gehrig's Disease on March 31, 2007 at the Coliseum. In its inaugural year, the walk raised over \$10,000 for ALS of Michigan. We hope you are proud of our efforts to better our community and we hope you will support the 2007 Ann Arbor Walk 'n Roll to fight ALS.

Alumni Board President... (Continued from Page 1)

several months. You can expect to see a noticeable improvement in both the quality and quantity of our formal fund raising efforts. Brother Greg is one of the guys behind the scenes and his work to date is commendable. The efforts of Greg, along with other notable alums such as **John Buck '55**, toward fund raising are priceless

contributions to the House and your Alumni Association. Thanks guys.

One item to ponder: When you get that next fund raising appeal letter or email from National Headquarters, remember that not one penny of what you donate to National makes its way back to Michigan Alpha. When you get Brother Greg's finely

crafted appeal, trust that any amount you chose to donate will be wisely invested into Michigan Alpha and our 103 year old "club house." Please think of Michigan Alpha first when making those charitable decisions to Phi Delta Theta. Thank you for your support.

ALUMNI UPDATES

Dean Finkbeiner '58

(936 E Josephine Saddle Pl., Green Valley, AZ 85614-6301; deanfink@yahoo.com) Enjoyed breakfast at Homecoming.

UM vs. OSU brought 8 Phi's to the Post House with more joining the Yogi Bus (**Myron "Mike" Farnick '83's**) for Tailgating.

Jeffrey Post '82

(1341 Glendaloch Circle, Ann Arbor, MI 48104; jpost@siiglobal.net) I changed jobs and am designing and developing sustainable product solutions from post industrial resource materials. I am working with Nike, Staples, The Gap, Estee Lauder, Ford Motor Co., etc. I always enjoy our strong Phi Alumni Football Weekends. I used to love parking cars at PDT for Street Fair in July, a great way to raise money. Any thoughts on doing that again? Actives and Alumni?

Watch for Michigan Alpha Alumni Online!

In the coming weeks, the Alumni Association of the Michigan Alpha Chapter Phi Delta Theta plans to launch an interactive web site exclusively for Michigan Alpha alumni. Be sure you're on the e-mail list when we send our announcement by updating your contact information through **content@affinityconnection.com** (mention PDT at Michigan in the subject line). While you're contacting us, submit a short update about yourself to be posted on the new site and published in the next issue of The Sword & Shield! Our web site URL will be **www.pdtma.com**, so check in often for the latest updates!

UNDERGRADUATE PROFILE

Bob Ufer Award Recipient Reflects On What Phi Delta Theta Means to Him and Collegiate Career

Will Todd '07, an Architect major from Jackson, Michigan, is the recent recipient of the Bob Ufer Award for 2006. Brother Todd was awarded the prestigious award for his excellence in academics and service to Michigan Alpha. He has gained many great memories and friends over the past few years and looks forward



to creating many more as an active alumni member.

What are your plans for the future?

After graduation, I plan to travel and work for a couple of years then return to grad school for either architecture or business.

What are your other activities and hobbies?

I am the Vice President of the University of Michigan chapter of the American Institute of Architecture Students. Architecture school takes up the majority of my time but I also enjoy cycling and intramurals on campus.

Tell us about the award you won. Why did you win it? What does this award mean to you? Will the award help shape your future?

The Bob Ufer Award is given to a Michigan Alpha Phi Delt every year and is named for the great Michigan and Phi Delt Theta alumnus **Bob Ufer '43**, who was the voice of Michigan football for 36 years. I won the award because of my high academic achievements and my service to the fraternity for the past 4 years. This award means a great deal to me because it is awarded in memory of the legendary Bob Ufer, who was an amazing contributor to both the University and the fraternity.

How do you balance your academics, activities, and remain active in Phi Delta Theta?

It is a difficult balancing act as a senior to manage everything. There are always time commitments for what seems like an innumerable amount of activities but, maintaining a schedule usually keeps me on task.

Do you think this award will have a positive effect on recruitment for Phi Delta Theta at the University?

I believe so. This award and the other scholarships add another incentive to becoming a member of Phi Delta Theta and the famous name attached to it adds some prestige to our chapter.

Tell us about your involvement in Phi Delta Theta. What are some things you have accomplished or hope to accomplish?

My biggest achievement was while I was the President in 2004 when Michigan Alpha rechartered and returned to the campus after a 6 year absence. I hope to remain active in the fraternity after I graduate and remain friends with all of the brothers and alumni.

Have you had to face any challenging circumstances?

When we first began the re-establishing process, every day was a challenge.

What are some of your favorite Phi Delta Theta memories?

No single memory stands out, but living in a house with my best friends and seeing the chapter evolve and accomplish so much in the past couple years are the best memories.

What do you hope future brothers will learn from your experience as a member of Phi Delta Theta?

Hopefully, they learned from the mistakes that I and some of the first members made and that they can build off those experiences to make the fraternity even better.

Chapter is Proud of New Phikeias and of Brothers' Leadership and Many Accomplishments

Active Social Calendar Includes Brotherhood Events, Road Trips and Sorority Dinners

By Kellyn Parker '07, Chapter President

This summer many brothers participated in leadership development opportunities. Brother **Ronnie Brant** attended the bi-annual convention in Kansas City and brothers **Patrick Moore** and **Travis Copenhaver** attended the Emerging Leaders Conference at GHQ in Oxford, Ohio. Additionally, many brothers worked at summer internships in many major cities including New York, Chicago, Detroit, and Los Angeles.

This fall we have enjoyed a robust social schedule including football road trips to Notre Dame and Penn State, where we visited Pennsylvania Theta (a similar trip is planned for the Ohio State game). We held dinners with Kappa Alpha Theta and Chi Omega and mixers with Alpha Delta Pi,

Delta Phi Epsilon, and Alpha Chi Omega. Also included in our social schedule have been many brotherhood events including paintball, bowling, Monday Night Football, and weekly tailgates for football. Thanks to the work of our social chairman brother **Cameron Young**, we are excited for our inaugural Ski Trip-Date Party the weekend of December 8-10.

The hard work and dedication of brother **Jon Buck** and the recruitment committee, resulted in a strong pledge class of 11 Phikeias for the fall semester. Our current Phikeias include many high school varsity lettermen, class presidents, and community leaders. They all possess the honor and dignity of a Phi and we have welcomed them wholeheartedly into our fraternity.

I am also proud to announce that Michigan Alpha has stepped up in campus leadership. Jon Buck is currently on the Junior Interfraternity Council Executive Board and brothers **Patrick Moore** and **Jon Lerner** serve as representatives. Brother **Jacob Bach** assisted in drafting the IFC recruitment guidelines and two brothers are serving on the Greek Week 2007 steering committee.

I am proud of what we have accomplished so far but there is still much to do. I invite and encourage you to stop by our weekly chapter meetings on Sundays at 5:00 pm for dinner and an opportunity to meet the brothers.

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UM Director of Greek Life is Impressed with Chapter's
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