

# The Sword & Shield

MICHIGAN ALPHA CHAPTER OF PHI DELTA THETA FRATERNITY

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## Homecoming 2007 Brings Back Old and New Michigan Alpha Alums



A strong contingent of alums visited Michigan Alpha's Homecoming Open House at 1437 Washtenaw. It was a classic crisp, sunny fall Saturday in Ann Arbor featuring the Wolverines defeating the Boilermakers by a dominating score of 48 to 21.

Prior to the noon kickoff, alums parked for free on the lawn and enjoyed meeting their fellow alumni and active brothers. The actives had the house in top shape and put out breakfast foods with coffee to welcome returning alums as well as their guests.



Alumni attendees who signed the guestbook include **John Buck '54, Bill Michaels '54, Alan Marble '75, JT (Tom) Buck '77, Jack Stuart '78, Scott Bjerke '79, Joe Krauss '81, Nat Love '81, Bradford Ebner '83, Todd Hoefler '85, Tim Reaume '85, Greg Karmazin '87, Josh Moon '05, Evan Isaacs '06, Nabel Oheid '06, Paul Wezner '06, Jason Barley '07, and Matt Scarlata '07.**

The Alumni Association is considering ideas for expanding homecoming festivities next year. Homecoming 2008 will be held on October 4 when the Wolverines take on the Fighting Illini.

## Alumni Association Optimistic about Active Chapter and House Alumni Financial Support Boosts Progress

By JT (Tom) Buck '77; President, Michigan Alpha Alumni Association

Homecoming 2007 was a genuine pleasure! To share the company of Phi Delt brothers, to experience the health of the revitalized chapter, to stand on our commanding porch at 1437 Washtenaw looking down South University and breathe in the wonderful 'fall in Ann Arbor air' made the day outstanding.

I am very pleased at the progress of the chapter in their rush program and in their initiatives as leaders on campus. Initiatives like a rush program resulting in 20 bids accepted, raising over \$18,000 in philanthropy events, maintaining the practice of an alcohol-free facility unaccompanied by any other fraternity chapter, competing well in intramural sports and maintaining the traditions of Phi Delta Theta.

### Active Chapter Healthy, Rush Recommendations Wanted

We are at the position sought for many years -- the recolonization effort that began in 2003 has finally produced a stable and healthy chapter! You can be proud of how the new generation of Michigan Alpha is continuing our tradition of excellence.

In fact, if you are aware of a well-rounded young man headed for U of M, please ask him to consider rushing Phi Delt. You can also refer rush candidates directly to Michigan Alpha's Rush Chair Sam Deutsch by e-mail (sdeutsch@umich.edu) or phone (914-413-0211).

Our alumni leaders have worked diligently for these achievements. Please read the list of board members, and take one moment to call or e-mail those you know with some words of recognition and encouragement. I also congratulate the chapter's "Third Founding Fathers" and the officers of the last few years for their very significant contributions. Great job to all!

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### The Sword & Shield

Believed to have been founded in 1930, the *Sword & Shield* newsletter is published bi-annually by the Michigan Alpha Chapter of Phi Delta Theta at the University of Michigan for its alumni members and friends. This newsletter affords a means of informing each alumnus of the chapter about the affairs of the Michigan Alpha active chapter membership and the Michigan Alpha Alumni Association while keeping alumni connected with one another. Printing and mailing of the *Sword & Shield* is paid for by the Alumni Association with money from the Annual Fund. This is your newsletter, so you are encouraged to contribute articles and information that can be shared with your fellow brothers.

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### **Alumni Financial Support is Key to Our Mission**

The work in front of us now is to identify and fund the high priority projects needed to keep our historic 104 year old house in good condition. Maintaining and improving the house is essential for creating a living space that will keep it fully occupied by active members while helping to recruit pledges.

We will need your support for these critical house projects. While a number of alums have made tremendous donations to the Alumni Association during the last ten years, much of the approximately \$500,000 of improvements that were made on the house during the early 2000s were financed by borrowing money.

As a result, the Alumni Association has a heavy debt burden that is gradually being retired by a combination of alumni donations to the Annual Fund and revenue generated by housing leases for the active members.

While the Alumni Association is currently financial stable thanks to your generous support and the revitalized active chapter filling the house, we are vulnerable to setback that could be caused by any number of scenarios. For a number of years, the Alumni Association has been discussing the possibility of initiating a capital campaign to accelerate the debt retirement.

We aren't yet ready for such an energy intensive fundraising effort, so it is imperative that you continue to give what you can to the Annual Fund. Last year, thanks to the generosity of 145 alumni brothers, we raised \$23,395 for the 2006-2007 Annual Fund -- an all-time record amount that was an astounding 60% increase from the total raised the previous year.

In addition to your financial support, I encourage you to keep the men of Michigan Alpha in mind as they seek summer internships or enter the job market after graduation. The active chapter membership is comprised of hard-working, talented individuals who will undoubtedly find success after they leave U of M.

### **Cameron Young's Accident and Recovery**

While by almost all accounts this has been a banner year for the active chapter, I have one significant challenge to report. Double legacy senior Cam Young '08 suffered a very serious injury last summer while overseas and is now working diligently on his recovery at his home in Grand Rapids (see related article "Cameron Young '08 Recovering from Accident").

Cam was a true leader in the active chapter and very popular with his brothers -- his absence from campus has been highly disappointing to all. I am, however, heartened by the way the active brothers have rallied around Cam by visiting him and giving him encouragement.

In many ways, it is situations like this one that show the genuine value and relevance of being a fraternity man. I believe the active membership now has a greater appreciation of Phi Delta Theta's Open Motto "*We enjoy life by the help and society of others.*" Our hearts go out to you, Cam, and to your family.

### **Reconnect with Your Brothers, Visit the House**

I ask you to sign on to the Alumni Association's web site -- [www.pdtma.com](http://www.pdtma.com) -- and provide us with your e-mail address. In coming years, we hope to be in a position to make greater use of our web site and e-newsletters to keep you well informed. You may be particularly interested to view the online membership directory that has the best available contact information about more than 1,000 of your alumni brothers.

Finally, save the date March 8, 2008 for our Founders Day Dinner in Ann Arbor. We are looking forward to seeing you back on campus.

### **Key Facts about the Michigan Alpha Alumni Association**

- ◆ The Michigan Alpha Alumni Association was founded in 1895.
- ◆ Michigan Alpha has more than 1,100 living alums.
- ◆ 145 alums donated a total of \$23,395 to the 2006-2007 Annual Fund.
- ◆ The Alumni Association oversaw the successful renovation of 1437 Washtenaw during the early 2000s. The renovation project cost approximately \$500,000.



## Michigan Alpha President's Report Expectations High for 2007-2008 Year

By Patrick Moore, '09

One of the most important principles that a pledge learns early in our education program is *"To transmit the fraternity to those who may follow after, not only not less, but greater than it was transmitted to me."*

The actives of Michigan Alpha are very mindful of the tremendous achievements of the men who came before us. We understand the fraternity's tradition of excellence at Michigan and are honored to carry it on during its 122nd year on campus.

Michigan Alpha has made bold statements to demonstrate our belief that we have reestablished our position as the premier fraternity in the U of M Greek System.

### Highly Successful Fall Rush Yields Twenty Man Pledge Class

During fall rush, we recruited a twenty man pledge class of men of solid students with diverse abilities. Our expectations are high for this pledge class of well-rounded men who will build the active chapter membership to 65 when they activate in January of 2008.

This accomplishment, which is the culmination of work that started when the charter was restored in 2004, will restore the active chapter membership to its historic levels.

### Campus Leaders in Fraternity Responsibility

It is particularly important to understand that we have done this while still adhering to the Phi Delta Theta General Headquarters' "Alcohol Free Housing Policy" that prohibits the consumption of alcohol in the chapter house.

In fact, we are the only major fraternity at U of M that actually practices strict "risk management" policies in the chapter house. The U of M Office of Greek Life considers Michigan Alpha the leading fraternity on campus in terms of demonstrating social responsibility.

In addition, Michigan Alpha has a solid commitment to running a responsible pledge education program. Michigan Alpha senior Jon Buck '08 served as chairman of the IFC Hazing Task Force and successfully organized a Hazing Preventing Week for the entire U of M Greek System which demonstrates our leadership.

### Homecoming, Founders Day and Philanthropy Fundraiser are Highlights

We were pleased meet many alums at our successful Homecoming Open House and we are looking forward seeing them again at Founders Day Dinner in Ann Arbor on March 8, 2008. We also hope you will consider participating in, or donating to, our annual "Walk & Roll" fundraiser for ALS of Michigan that will be held in spring of 2008.

Last year, eleven alums contributed \$1,465 toward our \$18,000 fundraising record set at this event -- the largest single amount ever raised by Michigan Alpha during a philanthropy activity. This effort is an excellent example of how actives and alums can work together to achieve a meaningful goal that is beneficial for the fraternity as well as the community.

In Michigan, it is estimated that there are over 1,000 people with ALS ("Lou Gehrig's Disease") and 200 who are newly diagnosed on an annual basis. According to ALS of Michigan, our "Walk & Roll" fundraiser was the top collegiate-sponsored effort in the state and one the most successful in the nation. Fighting ALS is one of the top philanthropic focuses of the Phi Delta Theta General Headquarters.

### Committed to Maintaining a Tradition of Excellence

Whether during IM athletics, social events, philanthropy, Greek Week competition or simply walking across campus, the active members of Michigan Alpha strive to uphold the best traditions and principles of our fraternity. We thank you for your financial support and commitment to helping us keep Phi Delta Theta a leader and the best fraternity on Michigan's campus.

Phi Delta Theta is a *"fraternity for life"* and you are always welcome to visit 1437 Washtenaw to meet your new Brothers in the Bond. We look forward to seeing you soon.

## Cameron Young '08 Recovering from Accident



During the past summer while studying abroad in Spain, Cameron Young '08 suffered a diving accident fracturing his C5 and C6 vertebrae. The accident left him paralyzed from his chest down. Cam is a third generation Michigan Alpha legacy of his grandfather **Richard W. Young '52** and his father **Douglas R. Young '76**.

Cam's recovery has been miraculous and family, friends and Michigan Alpha brothers have strongly supported his efforts. On October 26th, Cam celebrated his release from the Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Center with a homecoming party in Grand Rapids attended by friends from around the country and Phis from Ann Arbor.

He is a senior at Michigan and has been an active brother since his freshman year. Cam has been a true leader serving as the chapter's Social Chairman and IM Sports Chairman. Always ready to fire up the brothers whether on an athletic field or a football weekend road trip, his presence has been greatly missed by the brothers this fall.

In order to keep friends and family well informed about his progress, a web site -- [www.cameronyoung.org](http://www.cameronyoung.org) -- was established. Cam and his family read the web site's guestbook regularly, so I encourage you to offer him your support. Please keep Cam in your thoughts and prayers.

### Actives Clean Up with Kappa Alpha Theta Charity Car Wash



## Michigan Alpha Academic Award Winners

Academic excellence is a high priority at Michigan Alpha. Each year the Phi Delta Theta Educational Foundation awards two deserving members with scholarships established to honor Hiram Perry Holmes '17 (\$2,500) and Bob Ufer '43 (\$1,600). Both scholarships are awarded based on academic performance and dedication to the fraternity.

### The Hiram Perry Holmes Award (\$2,500 scholarship)

**Jonathan T. Buck '08**



Brother Jonathan T. Buck is a Physics major and member of the Class of 2008. He has a 3.3 GPA and considering a career in the national defense industry

after graduation. Jon is director of Michigan Alpha's pledge education program and chairman of the IFC Hazing Task Force.

### The Bob Ufer Award (\$1,600 scholarship)

**Patrick Moore '09**



Brother Patrick Moore is in the first class at the Ford School of Public Policy. He expects to graduate in 2009. Patrick has a 3.35 GPA and is planning to attend

law school after graduation. He is the president of Michigan Alpha.

## Michigan Alpha Pledge Class for Fall of 2007



**Jim Alsobrooks** - Pickney, MI  
**Eric Anderson** - Grand Rapids, MI  
**Nick Boston** - Omaha, NE  
**Josh Gaffin** - Wexford, PA  
**Rod Jefferson** - Columbia, Mississippi  
**Joseph Karbowski** - Freeland, MI  
**Cameron Kortes** - Greenville, MI  
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## Alumni Updates

Have an update to share? Submit it to the Alumni Association through our web site ([www.pdtma.com](http://www.pdtma.com)) or e-mail it to the Alumni Association Secretary at [gkarm@aol.com](mailto:gkarm@aol.com).

### Martin Newcomer III '38

(253 Norman Dr., Apt. 253, Cranberry Twp., PA 16066) After living in a very active retirement center for 10 years, I am still wondering when retirement will come. I am still proud to be a Phi! I remember famous Phi athletes of yesteryear (my era), Francis "Whitey" Michael Wistert '34 and Tom Harmon '41.

### Theodore Spangler '40

(515 Belmont Ave., P.O. Box 71, Bryan, OH 43506; [nickies@bright.net](mailto:nickies@bright.net)) The family company, Spangler Candy Company, in Bryan, OH has completed their first 100 years in business. Ted Spanger '40, was in management of the organization for many years, as was C. Gregory Spangler '62. The company is currently being headed by the third and fourth generation family members. The company's primary product is Dum Dum lollipops.

### Charles Walton III '46

(13500 N Rancho Vistoso Blvd., Apt. 224, Tucson, AZ 85755; [altonaz@comcast.net](mailto:altonaz@comcast.net)) I have been retired since 1992 and am now living in a continuing care retirement community in a Tucson suburb.

### Richard Ridgway '51

(300 Park Entrance Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15228) I was greatly inspired by the sterling example of my old buddy and former bridge partner, "Surly George" Broderick '51!

### Clifton A. Cobb '63

(9935 NW 49th Pl., Coral Springs, FL 33076) I was recently appointed ArchBishop, San Francisco. I would like to see Tony Petrilli '63, Bruce H. Thompson '62, Gerald Weiss '63, David Brazier '63, and Dave Hood '63, all former roommates. My favorite memory is the toga party of 1963.

### Scott Hamilton '65

(201 Christopher Ln., Ithaca, NY 14850; [milo@twcny.rr.com](mailto:milo@twcny.rr.com)) The house holds great memories and a great history. I have four children and seven grandchildren.

## Homecoming 2007 at PDT



**Jack Stuart '78, Greg Karmazin '87, Bradford Ebner '83, Alan Marble '75, and JT (Tom) Buck '77.**



**Brian Velker '08, Evan Isaacs '06, Nabeel Obeid '06, and Paul Wezner '06.**

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Former Michigan Alpha Alumni Association president **Charlie Green '58** stopped by to say hello to **Derek Kerr '86**, **Jim Ruth '86**, and **Red Weller '84** tailgating before M v. Notre Dame game.

### Greg Karmazin '87

(26110 Harbour Pointe Dr. S., Harrison Township, MI 48045; gkarm@aol.com) I am a government affairs and public

relations consultant in the Detroit area. I got married in 2004 to my pledge formal date from 1986. I moved back to Michigan in 2005 after a 16 year legislative affairs and public policy career in Washington, D.C. I live with my wife in Harrison Township on Lake St. Clair. I'm serving as the secretary on the Michigan Alpha Alumni Association Board. E-mail me your alumni updates for the Sword & Shield at gkarm@aol.com.

### James Kelligrew '87

(2743 Beretania Circle, Charlotte, NC 28211; jim.kelligrew@wachovia.com)

Over the past few years we have had great Phi Delta Alumni meetings in Las Vegas, which have included **Pete Dunne '87**, **Pete Tarpey '87**, **Darryl Friedrichs '86**, **Dave Rosso '87**, **Andrew Weinstein '87**, **Tom Truske '88** and **Jeff Kremin '88**. I see **Rich Kennedy '88** on occasion as we both live in Charlotte.

Congratulations on getting the Fraternity back on campus!

### Dr. Tim Lamb '87

(3025 Caswell Dr., Troy, MI 48084; tlamb82@gmail.com) I am a physician in the field of internal/family medicine with a practice in Birmingham, Michigan. My wife and I have four children in our flock, ranging in age from 4 to 8.

### Dan Dretler '88

(3 Fairbanks Place, Natick, MA 01760; DDretler@colonyinc.com) I am the Managing Director of Portfolio Operations for Colony Realty Partners in Boston. My wife and I have three children and live in a suburb of Boston.

### Chris Vlachos, '88

(cvlachos@levinlaw.com) I am an attorney in Pensacola, Florida and live in Gulf Breeze. I have three children.

### Randy Scheid '89

(randy\_scheid@merck.com) I am a Senior Region Sales Director for Merck. My wife, Joanne, and I have been married for 12 years and have three children ranging in age from 4 to 11. The kids keep us busy running to sports and school activities. We live in Medway, MA, which is a suburb of Boston.

### Ron Will '89

(ron.will@yahoo.com) I am the Vice President of Corporate Finance and Treasury at Yahoo! Inc. My wife and I have one son and live in San Francisco.

### Chuck Abookire '90

(10655 Partridge Trl., Brecksville, OH 44141; abookire@adelphia.net) I am a senior national account executive for Anthem BCBS. My wife and I have two children and live in a suburb of Cleveland.

## Phis from the 1980s had a Big Presence in Ann Arbor During Football Season Tailgates

View our web site — [www.pdtma.com](http://www.pdtma.com) — to find their names!



## The Chapter Grand

Since publication of our last issue, we have learned of the death of:

### Robert H. Davey '46

Bloomfield Hills, MI, (7/2006)

### Bob Matheson '53

Ann Arbor, MI (8/2007)

### Fred Baer '55

Indian Head Park, IL

### Bill Bohnsack '57

Kenilworth, IL

Phi Delta Theta mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families

## Actives' Fundraiser for ALS of Michigan a Record Breaking Success Annual Event Plan for Spring of 2008 — Alumni Support Encouraged

Michigan Alpha active members are planning to hold their annual "Walk & Roll" philanthropy fundraiser for ALS on March 15, 2008. The actives are planning to build on their record-breaking success last spring when they raised \$18,000. Once again we thank the eleven alums who contributed a total of \$1,465 to this event.

To our knowledge, the combined total from the actives' fundraising and alumni contributions was the largest amount of money raised for a charity by Michigan Alpha in the history of the fraternity. In addition to the Michigan Alpha actives, approximately 100 students or residents of Ann Arbor participated in the "Walk and Roll" which was held at the Sports Coliseum on campus.

ALS is one of the major philanthropic focuses of Phi Delta Theta nationally. The disease claimed the life of Brother Lou Gehrig (Columbia University '25) and currently afflicts as many as 30,000 Americans. In Michigan, it is estimated that there are over 1,000 people living with ALS while each year 200 people are newly diagnosed with the disease.

The ALS of Michigan Director Susan Burstein-Kahn said, "We greatly appreciate the hard work of the Michigan Phi Deltas to raise much needed money to fight this disease. All the funds raised from this event will be used to support the mission of ALS of Michigan.

"We were impressed by this fundraising effort which was the top collegiate-sponsored donation in Michigan as well as one of the most successful fundraising events held by college students in the nation."

Any alum, or company, wishing to contribute to, or provide support for, this very worthwhile event should contact **Michigan Alpha Philanthropy Chairman Ronnie Brant** by e-mail (ronbrant@umich.edu) or phone (248-318-9638). It is worth noting that corporate sponsorships are available for this event and all contributions are tax deductible.

For more information, please view the web site of the ALS of Michigan at [www.alsfmi.org](http://www.alsfmi.org).



**\$18,000 was raised for ALS of Michigan**

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