

# THE SWORD & SHIELD

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## Alumni Association President's Report

### Renovating Chapter House Headlines 2012 Progress

By J.T. (Tom) Buck '77



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The Alumni Association had a very productive summer in 2012 renovating the chapter house. We are proud of our accomplishments made possible by our alums' extremely generous financial support of the Annual Fund.

Our maintenance contractors painted the second and third floor hallways and several residential rooms, which needed new paint the most. The work list also included fixing many little, yet important, things that need attention every summer.

Although 1437 Washtenaw is now 109 years old, our chapter house is considered the finest fraternity living space on campus. The Alumni Association and the active chapter are dedicated to keeping it that way.

### Major Window Replacement Project Accomplished

The highlight of last summer's work was the replacement of the old main floor windows. This approximately \$20,000 investment was challenging for our budget, but the Alumni Association's Board of Directors felt this was the right time to make an improvement that had long been on our "wish list." I discussed the cost estimate with building construction expert **Rocco Fattore '80** and his opinion was that the price was pretty close to the quote he had obtained ten years ago.

The old windows had numerous panes broken and replaced over the years. The appearance was less than desirable and some windows could not even be opened. And, of course, they were all single pane windows. In summary, the old windows did not provide adequate house aesthetics, security, safety or energy efficiency.

The new windows have contemporary technology and functionality. They provide double pane thermal protection with durable composite frames. In addition, they will maintain the classic architectural style that we want on our historic chapter house.

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Old windows



New windows

## Anniversary Planning

### Michigan Alpha's 150th Anniversary in 2014, We Want Your Input

November 28, 2014, will mark the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Michigan Alpha chapter of Phi Delta Theta. The Alumni Association and active chapter are considering a range of ideas to appropriately celebrate this outstanding achievement that is a tribute to all Michigan men who have signed the Bond.



It is the Alumni Association's understanding that the chapter had a celebratory dinner event to mark the 100th anniversary in 1964. Depending on feedback from alums, it is a possible that the chapter will host a dinner or perhaps have a brunch during a football Saturday, at which time the anniversary can be commemorated.

The Alumni Association would like to collect pictures, old copies of the *Sword & Shield* newsletter, and other items as well as positive memories that could be published in a softbound 150th anniversary book. The book will also include the all-time membership directory and history of the chapter.

If you have suggestions or anything you would like to share for this anniversary initiative, please send Alumni Association Secretary **Greg Karmazin '87** an e-mail at [gkarm@aol.com](mailto:gkarm@aol.com) or contact him by phone at (313) 510-1188. His mailing address is 26110 Harbour Pointe Drive S., Harrison Township, MI 48045.



The Alumni Association and active chapter held a dinner at the Michigan League to celebrate the second re-founding (first re-founding occurred in 1887) of the chapter which took place on December 11, 2004. Would you be interested in attending a similar type of celebration to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the chapter's founding? Please let us know your thoughts.

## The Sword & Shield

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## Alumnus of the Year

### Patrick Moore '09 Became One of the U.S. Air Force's Elite Pararescuemen



After several years of extremely demanding training, **Patrick Moore '09** became a Pararescueman in the United States Air Force. This is one of the most elite programs of the U.S. Military—fewer than 1 in 10 recruits make it through the training program.

In recognition of Moore's strong sense of duty to the nation and remarkable ability to make it through

this challenging initiation, the Alumni Association named him the 2011-2012 Alumnus of the Year (see picture and article on page 7).

The mission of a United States Air Force Pararescueman is to recover downed and injured aircrew members in austere and non-permissive environments. Pararescuemen provide the emergency medical treatment necessary to stabilize and evacuate injured personnel while acting in an enemy-evading recovery role.

Pararescuemen also act as aircrew gunners and scanners on fixed and rotary wing aircraft while performing flight duties.

## Michigan Alpha on the Web

### View Alumni Association's Web Site and Online Membership Directory; Join Our Social Media Pages

The Alumni Association main web site can be viewed at [www.pdtumich.com](http://www.pdtumich.com). On this site, there is a link to an online membership directory—[www.pdtma.com/directory](http://www.pdtma.com/directory)—that is available to all alums who register with the Alumni Association's service provider.

To access the directory, you will need your e-mail address and password. If you are a first time user of the online membership directory, please click on "First Time Login." If you have difficulty using our online membership directory, please click on "Tech Support" or e-mail us at [pdtumich@gmail.com](mailto:pdtumich@gmail.com).

The Alumni Association also encourages you to join our social media pages on Facebook (82 members) and Linked-in (100 members):

pdumich@gmail.com.' On the right side, there is a 'CATEGORIES' list including 'About the Alumni Association', 'Active Chapter', 'Alumni Updates and News', 'Annual Fund', 'Board of Directors and Chapter Advisory Board', 'Chapter Grand', 'Chapter House Facts and Maintenance', 'Events', 'Heritage Project', 'History', 'Memberships, Directory and All-Time Membership Roster', 'Photo Albums', 'Social Networking Sites and Links', and 'Sword &amp; Shield Newsletter'. At the bottom right, there is a 'Subscribe in a reader' button."/&gt;

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# Active Chapter President's Report

## PDT Michigan Alpha 147 had a Great Season

By Zach Quanbeck '14

Michigan Alpha's active chapter accomplished many important goals during the 2011-2012 year. The active chapter leadership and members are mindful of the fact that the job of upholding the excellence of the fraternity is one that will never be finished. But, as I ended my tenure as president in December, I feel confident that the state of Michigan Alpha is solid and the future will bring the chapter great accolades.

On behalf of the active chapter, I wish to thank the Alumni Association Board of Directors and all alumni who have supported us in the past year for helping to make PDT Michigan Alpha 147 – the 147<sup>th</sup> year since our founding on campus – a team that had a great season.

The following are highlights of the year that your investment made possible:

### Grade Point Average

- All PDT average: 3.28 (All men campus average: 3.19).

### Intramural Sports

- Top 10 finish in the Fraternity League for all sports competition.
- Promising outlook for the future with

numerous former high school athletes in the fall pledge class.

### Social Events

- Formal held at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.
- Annual ski trip.
- Mixers with Delta Gamma, Pi Phi, ADPi, ZTA, and D Phi E.

### Philanthropy

- 4th Annual Boxcar Derby with Ann Arbor Active Against ALS (A2A3) raised over \$5,000.
- Iron Phi national leading chapter raised nearly \$10,000 for the year.
- Banta Bash with Delta Gamma at Pizza House in Ann Arbor.
- Participated in various sorority philanthropy events, notably Zeta's breast cancer fundraising run.
- Participated in Greek Week, won various Anchor Splash events.

### Rush and Chapter Membership

- More than 20 pledges for the year.
- Total Membership and House Occupancy
- Total membership is approximately 70.

- 28 men living in the chapter house (full house).
- High Bond number is 2,044.

### Awards

- PDT GHQ's Recruitment Recognition Award (given to chapters that achieve substantial growth).
- PDT GHQ's General Headquarters Award (given to chapters with strong organization and operations).

### Alumni Always Welcome to Visit

The active brothers look forward to seeing alumni visit the house on football game Saturdays, or any time for that matter. Keep in mind that the house has a security system and the doors are locked most of the time, so please knock and someone will let you in.

Come by the house, meet the guys and share some of your stories. Remember, this is still your house on campus.

I especially encourage you to attend the Alumni Open House next fall. As always, proud to be a Phi!

## The Chapter Grand

### We Sadly Say Goodbye to Ten Alums

Since publication of our last issue, the Alumni Association has learned of the deaths of some of Michigan Alpha's most loyal and accomplished alums. A few highlights of these brothers' involvement in and support for Michigan Alpha is below.

To give these brothers a proper tribute, we have posted their full obituaries on our web site at [www.pdtumich.com](http://www.pdtumich.com). Please visit our website to learn more about their distinguished lives and to post your condolences.

Michigan Alpha's online Chapter Grand will serve as a permanent memorial to these fine men and the others that passed before them:

#### Martin Newcomer '38 (October 2012)

- Michigan Alpha 2010 Alumnus of the Year
- Participated in the Michigan Alpha Heritage Project
- Loyal donor to the Annual Fund

#### Richard H. Guthrie '43 (December 2009)

- Loyal donor to the Annual Fund

#### Theodore R. "Ted" Spangler '40 (October 2011)

- Participated in the Michigan Alpha Heritage Project
- Loyal donor to the Annual Fund

#### Robert (Bob) Chappuis '48 (June 2012)

- Participated in the Michigan Alpha Heritage Project
- Loyal donor to the Annual Fund
- Two time President of the Michigan Alpha active chapter

#### Carl A. "Bill" Emmert '49 (September 2012)

- Attendee of PDT December luncheons in Grand Rapids
- Buried with his PDT pin on his jacket
- Loyal donor to the Annual Fund

#### John Ghindia '50 (March 2012)

- Participated in the Michigan Alpha Heritage Project

#### Harold A. "Hap" Langstaff '50 (April 2011)

- Loyal donor to the Annual Fund

#### Charles Rubin '58 (November 2012)

#### Robert J. "Bob" Hamilton '66 (August 2012)

- Loyal donor to the Annual Fund

#### James Michael Meidell '81 (May 2012)

- Loyal donor to the Annual Fund

Phi Delta Theta mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends. In coelo quies est.

### Honor Your Deceased Brothers

If you learn of the passing of a Michigan Alpha man, please contact the Alumni Association by e-mail at [pdtumich@gmail.com](mailto:pdtumich@gmail.com). We can also be reached by regular mail at Phi Delta Theta - Michigan Alumni Relations Processing Center, P.O. Box 7007 Albert Lea, MN 56007-8007.

Please include obituaries and condolences with your message. We will post them in the Chapter Grand section of the Alumni Association's web site—[www.pdtumich.com](http://www.pdtumich.com)—as a permanent memorial.

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## 2012 Hiram P. Holmes and Robert Ufer Scholarship Awards Winner

**Adam M.  
Evanski '14**

Hometown:  
Grosse Pointe  
Woods

Major:  
Economics



## Holmes and Ufer Scholarship Awards

The Hiram Perry Holmes Scholarship Award was established in 1985. The annual honor is based on academic performance and provides up to \$3,000 to a deserving active member. **Brother Holmes '17** was a successful businessman and served as an advisor to Michigan Alpha for more than 30 years.

The Robert P. Ufer Scholarship Award was established in 1988. The accolade awarded each year is based on academic performance and provides up to \$1,000 to a deserving active member. Brother **Ufer '43** was a successful businessman, but is best known for his announcer work as the "voice of Michigan football" from 1945 until his death in 1981 – a remarkable 362 straight games. Ufer was also highly supportive of the fraternity. He served on the Alumni Association board of directors as well as attended numerous chapter functions as an alum.

## Charlie Green '58 Retires After 52 Years with the U of M Athletic Department

**Charlie Green '58** retired last fall as manager of the University of Michigan Golf Course. Green has worked for the U of M Athletic Department for a remarkable 52 years.

Besides golf, Green has worked at the football games for 46 years and men's basketball for 45, retiring from both during the fall of 2012. He was one of the official timekeepers at football games. When the referee on the field says "please reset the game clock" to such and such, that's Green's cue. He also kept a log of whenever the clock started and stopped.

After receiving his master degree in education and teaching certificate, Green taught math in the Willow Run and Taylor school districts. During summers, he worked at the U of M Golf Course and Radrick Farms Golf Course.



After retiring from teaching, U of M named him the clubhouse manager in 1997.

In addition, Green has been a stalwart supporter of Michigan Alpha serving as president of the Alumni Association during part of the 1980s.

Green was named *Alumnus of the Year* in recognition of his service to the chapter. He was also among the founders of the U of M IFC Alumni Council, which brings together the alumni leadership of U of M fraternities with the U of M Office of Greek Life to discuss issues of mutual importance.

The Alumni Association wishes Green congratulation on a well-deserved retirement, but we are certain this Michigan Alpha Man will continue to serve and support the U of M community.

## Stephen S. Clark '74 Praised For Donations to U of M and PDT

**Stephen S. Clark '74** was recognized by University of Michigan leadership for his extremely generous donations. His gifts made it possible for U of M to add a state-of-the-art geospatial computer laboratory and to significantly expand the library of maps and government information. The Stephen S. Clark Library for Maps, Government Information and Data Services opened to great fanfare in December of 2011.

The opening ceremony featured speeches by University Librarian and Dean of Libraries Paul Courant and Clark as well as singing by the U of M Men's Glee Club. An audience of more than 100 people including students, faculty, and administrators plus members of the Clark family witnessed the historic occasion.

In recognition of Clark's generosity to U of M and his long-standing strong support of the Alumni Association's

Annual Fund, the Alumni Association Board of Directors named him the 2011-2012 Michigan Alpha *Alumnus of the Year*.

The Stephen S. Clark Library can be visited online at [www.lib.umich.edu/clark-library](http://www.lib.umich.edu/clark-library).



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### Keeping the Momentum Going

The Alumni Association is generally pleased with the active chapter's care of the house over the past few years. Although they will probably never be perfect, this past year's members and residents left the house in better shape than we have seen in over a decade, and maybe even two decades.

When annual cleaning and maintenance is under control, it makes it much more feasible for the Alumni Association to perform upgrades. For example, during 2009, our major project was replacing the front and rear driveway areas with new concrete, which greatly improved the appearance of the house and grounds while enhancing safety and parking availability. That was a \$35,000 investment. We also renovated the north porch that year at a cost of about \$12,750.

It is our hope that we will be able to continue focusing on other key improvement projects, such as renovating the laundry room during the summer of 2013 and perhaps starting the planning for the overhaul of the South Porch during 2014.

The improvement of the South Porch may be done in conjunction with our efforts to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Michigan Alpha's founding next year. The Alumni Association is in the early stages of considering how some type of sponsorship

or donation initiative—perhaps a “brick buying program”—could help to fund this project.

### Active Chapter Continuing to Make Progress

The active chapter has had a very successful recruiting year, gaining over twenty new members during the 2012 fall term and more than ten new Phikeia pledges in the 2013 winter term. I am very impressed by the active chapter leaders who have made Phi Delt among the strongest fraternities on campus. The progress of the active chapter is not just measured in membership growth. They are also building a successful fraternity experience.

For example, last fall the active chapter leadership engaged a highly reputable professional food service to reestablish regular meals prepared and served in the chapter house. We are gratified that the active chapter has been able to attain the residential leases and membership numbers, as well as management skills, to accomplish this goal.

The active chapter has also maintained its strong commitments to philanthropy activities and improving relations with alums. Last fall, the Alumni Association and active chapter leadership organized a Homecoming barbeque that was attended by 35 alums who brought 15 guests, including

wives and children!

Combined with a strong turnout from the active chapter and their sorority women guests, the chapter house was packed with more than 100 people who created a quite festive atmosphere. It was the largest Homecoming event attendance since the mid-1990s. The Alumni Association hopes that more alums will return to the chapter house in coming years as our Homecoming program continues to get better.

This spring, the active chapter will host the 4th Annual Boxcar Derby on South University in partnership with Ann Arbor Active Against ALS. The innovative philanthropy event raises awareness and funds to combat Lou Gehrig's Disease (ALS). Alumni attendance and donations for this event are encouraged. Please view A2A3's web site for more details ([www.a2a3.org/a2a3-phi-delta-theta-boxcar-derby/](http://www.a2a3.org/a2a3-phi-delta-theta-boxcar-derby/)).

### Your Input is Welcomed and Visit the House

As always, please do not hesitate to let the Alumni Association Board Members or myself know of any thoughts or questions you have about the fraternity. I can be reached by e-mail at [jt buck@infinitelearning.com](mailto:jt buck@infinitelearning.com). I very much hope to see you in person during our 2013 alumni events.

## Honor Roll

Thank you to these generous brothers who contributed to the 2011-2012 Annual Fund, which accepted donations from September 1, 2011, to August 31, 2012. We encourage your continued support of the 2012-2013 Annual Fund, which began accepting donations on September 1, 2012

### Robert Ufer Level (\$500 - \$999)

Bernard B. Rinella 1958  
Anthony L. Petrilli 1963  
Jordan L. Dickstein 1984  
Gregory T. Karmazin 1987

### Bliss Bowman Level (\$250 - \$499)

Richard W. Young 1951  
Robert C. Leland, Jr. 1958  
Frank Remington Sprague M.D.  
1972  
William D. Waterston 1972  
Robert C. Boylen 1985  
James B. Kelligrew 1987  
Steven J. McCormick 1992

### Century Club (\$100 - \$249)

John F. Ingraham 1948  
James Witker Root 1952  
Herbert F. Harrington Jr. 1953  
John M. Jenks 1953  
Fred L. Leydorf 1953  
Donald R. MacLaren 1954  
Richard D. Harrison 1956  
David E. Hershey 1957  
Robert R. Sommer 1957  
Dean E. Finkbeiner 1958  
Charles E. Green 1958  
Nicholas A. Mans 1958  
William T. Woodell 1958  
C. Gregory Spangler 1962  
James R. Waterston 1963  
Frank Mills 1974

Roger M. Dooley 1976  
Douglas R. Young 1976  
Jon B. McLain 1977  
Duane C. Bollert 1978  
Bruce C. Young 1978  
Thomas R. Walsh 1979  
Tom M. Horlacher 1981  
Curtis J. Gano 1982  
Thomas P. Kelly 1982  
Jeffrey L. Post 1982  
Michael S. M. Buck 1983  
Michael O'Connor 1985  
Mike Staiger 1986

### President's Club (\$50 - \$99)

Charles B. Hammond 1949  
Theodore R. Wellerson 1949

Bruce I. Dutcher 1950  
Richard C. Ridgway 1951  
William R. Dougall, Jr. 1962  
Charles Toby Schieman 1962  
Douglas C. McClintock 1967  
Joseph M. Valerio, Sr. 1969  
Robert J. Soeters 1982  
Anthony R. Hagelgans 1987  
Ross A. Dean 1972

### Contributors (\$25-\$49)

David E. Dutcher 1948  
Timothy A. Reiman 1955

## Homecoming 2012

### *BBQ Revives Tradition and Attracts Strong Alumni Attendance*

For Michigan Alpha alums, few places on the University of Michigan campus bring back more good memories on Homecoming than 1437 Washtenaw.

Back in the day, no Homecoming visit by an alum was truly complete without walking up the steps of the portico entrance and swinging open the massive solid wood doors to be greeted by active and alumni brothers in the foyer. That's exactly what more than 35 alums—from classes of the 1950s through the 2000s—and their guests experienced during Homecoming 2012.

#### Homecoming History

Due to a range of reasons, Michigan Alpha's Homecoming tradition faded in the late 1990s and finally ended when the active chapter's charter was suspended in 1998. The closing of the active chapter also unfortunately marked the demise of the Phi Delta Theta - SAE Mud Bowl rivalry game that began in 1934 and was the oldest Homecoming tradition on campus after the varsity football game.

Today, SAE (aka "the house across the street") doesn't regularly hold the Mud Bowl on Homecoming as they have turned it into a philanthropic tournament open to all fraternities that make a donation to the Mott's Children's Hospital.

When the active chapter was revived in December 2004, the Alumni Association made the reestablishment of a Homecoming event with alums a top priority. Homecoming during the mid to late



*Alumni from a wide range of years attended the festivities at the chapter house.*

2000s consisted of opening the chapter house with light refreshments and a brief program to welcome alums. Alumni attendance gradually grew as more alums learned that a trip back to the old "Red Brick Barn" was an enjoyable experience. But, the event still didn't have the high energy of past years.

#### 2012 Homecoming Revival

Seeking to fully restore the tradition, Alumni Association President **J.T. (Tom)**

**Buck '77** challenged the active chapter's leadership to co-host an old-style barbeque during Homecoming 2012 that would attract strong attendance of alums and active alike.

The actives responded by firing up the grill on the South Porch and preparing an impressive menu featuring Italian sausages, hamburgers and hot dogs along with side dishes and snacks. They got the inside and outside of the

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*Alums from the 1960s.*



*Alums from the 1970s.*

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chapter house in tip-top shape. They also made sure the Trophy Room was well-organized, showcasing many pictures and memorabilia of past Michigan Alpha glories.

Approximately 60 actives and their sorority girl guests combined with alums to pack the first floor, which produced an especially lively atmosphere when the stereo was cranked up. As always on football game days, alums were permitted to park their cars on the lawn for free, but this year it was nearly at capacity.

"The alumni attendance for Homecoming was the best it has been since the 1990s," Buck said. "I was especially en-

couraged to see alums bringing their wives and children to the chapter house, in some cases for the first time. The actives did an outstanding job of organizing the event and everyone had a great time. The Alumni Association plans to work with the actives to build on this success and keep the momentum going."



*Many alums took advantage of our free parking offer.*

### Alumnus of the Year Award

The highlight of Homecoming 2012 was the presenting of the Alumnus of the Year award to **Patrick Moore '09**. The Alumni Association board of directors unanimously chose Moore for his dedication as a Pararescueman in the United States Air Force. Fewer than 1 in 10 men who start this elite training program complete it. The Pararescue program has highest training dropout rate in the entire U.S. Special Operations community. Moore's mission is now to aid and rescue American pilots stranded any-

where around the globe, including behind enemy lines.

"Moore is an example of the high quality of young men joining and graduating from Michigan Alpha today," Buck said. "During a time of war, he chose to serve in one of the military's toughest programs rather than accept his admission to law school. While we look forward to learning of his future career accomplishments, Moore has already brought honor to Michigan Alpha by demonstrating the fraternity's core principle of duty to serve and make a positive difference in society."



*J.T. Buck '77 presents Alumnus of the Year Award to Patrick Moore '09.*

## South University Sees Big Changes

The fall 2012 opening of the 14-story, 606 bedroom Landmark upscale apartment building brought the biggest changes to South University since the opening of University Tower in 1965.

For more than 40 years, Phi Deltas made the short trek to the Village Corner—known as "VC"—store at the intersection of South University and Forest to purchase many essential items. That venerable resource closed in 2010 to make way for the construction of the Landmark building.

With stunning views of downtown from the apartment bedrooms, the high-rise boasts a variety of lavish amenities that, traditionally, people

didn't enjoy until they secured their first or even second job after college. Rents range from \$975 to \$1,745 per bed.

This development is another example of the recent trend in the construction of upscale, high-rise student housing near the perimeter of campus. It also continues the trend on South University of eclectic stores and restaurants along with national brands opening to serve students. Ground floor retail tenants include Tim Hortons, 7-Eleven, No Thai! and World of Beer.



The new housing and commercial establishments on South University have contributed to

keeping the Phi Delt house a desirable

place to live. But, the rising expectations of students about the quality of campus housing in general has also put pressure on the Alumni Association to keep up the living conditions in 1437 Washtenaw.

We are proud to say that as a result of diligent maintenance and strategic improvements, the chapter house is setting the standard for fraternity house living on campus, although it will never likely reach the benchmarks set by Landmark. That said, the Alumni Association's investment in 1437 Washtenaw over the years has placed the fraternity in position to benefit from the growing popularity of South University.

## Alumni Updates

**Scott Hamilton '65's** twin brother, Bob, passed away after a long battle with cancer. He leaves behind his wife Diane, two children and three grandchildren. He was adored and loved by those who knew him and will be sorely missed.

Fellow Phi Delts of the mid-60s who are interested in planning a reunion, contact **Pat Hayden, Jr. '66** by email at pathayden1966@yahoo.com.

**Mike Rossi '87** recently took part in e2open's ringing of the NASDAQ bell to celebrate the company's initial public offering (pictured second from the left). Rossi is vice president of Field Operations, Sales & Alliances at e2open, which is based in California.



**Derek Stevens '89** was named as one of the top 10 most influential people in the Las Vegas business community by the Las Vegas Business Press. Stevens has received numerous honors in recognition of his dramatic restoration of the 600-room Fitzgeralds casino in downtown Las Vegas that he renamed The D. Stevens' multi-million dollar renovation of the property has received high praise in local and national media reports as the leading reinvestment in the downtown of the city. Stevens also owns the Golden Gate casino on Fremont Street, which he renovated after buying it.



**Fred Rick Friedman '91** was interviewed on camera in November by Fox News reporter Anna Kooiman (shown in picture) for a report by Fox News anchor Megyn Kelly on the Second Amend-

ment rights national debate. Friedman is a strong advocate of responsible gun ownership and is an ardent defender of the Constitutional right to bear arms.

Friedman has owned and operated an events production and promotions company named w5 Creative for more than 17 years. In November 2012, Friedman opened RTSP Firearms Training Facility (www.rtsonline.com) in Randolph, New Jersey, to service law enforcement and civilian customers. This is the first new gun range opened in New Jersey in 25 years. He is also a licensed firearm dealer and NRA-certified instructor. Friedman's wife is a U of M alum (Julie '93), and they have three children.



## Wistert Brothers Recognized as Michigan Football Legends

### Albert '42 Honored on Big House Field

The University of Michigan Athletic Department officially recognized the Wistert brothers, **Francis '34**, **Albert '42** and **Alvin '50**, as Michigan Football Legends during a pregame ceremony at the 2012 Michigan-Northwestern football game. Albert, representing his brothers on the field of Michigan Stadium, accepted a framed No. 11 jersey and waved to cheering fans.



Wolverine senior safety Jordan Kovacs wore the famed No. 11 jersey during the game and for the remainder of the season. A Michigan Football Legend patch over the left upper chest was affixed to the No. 11 jersey worn by Kovacs. All other future players wearing the Wisterts' jersey number will also display this patch.

Comprising one of the greatest Michigan athletic families in school history,

the Wistert brothers each wore the No. 11 jersey for the Wolverines. All three brothers played tackle, were selected consensus All-Americans and were inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame and Michigan Hall of Honor.

Albert "The Ox" Wistert (1940-42 teams), commonly known as Al, was the Most Valuable Player of the 1942 Michigan team coached by Fritz Crisler. Al played in the

1943 East-West Shrine Game and then played nine seasons in the National Football League (NFL) at offensive tackle for the Philadelphia Eagles which later retired his No. 70 jersey.

Team captain for the Eagles, Al played in the NFL's first Pro Bowl and became Michigan's first player selected for the honor. He earned All-Pro honors eight times during his professional career. Francis "Whitey" Wistert (1931-33 teams) played on three consecutive Big Ten

Championship teams that included two back-to-back National Championship squads coached by Michigan Alpha alum **Harry Kipke '24**.

Whitey was also Big Ten Conference MVP in baseball and later played for the Cincinnati Reds. He was an assistant football coach at Michigan in 1936. Alvin Wistert (1947-49 teams) began his collegiate football career at age 30 following 12 years of work in a factory and service to his country in the United States Marine Corps during World War II. Alvin played defensive tackle for the undefeated 1947 and 1948 Wolverine football teams, both of which finished the season ranked No. 1 in the Associated Press poll.

Alvin holds the distinction of being the oldest college football player ever selected as an All-American, having been selected to the 1948 All-America Team at age 32 and the 1949 team at age 33. Also at age 32, Alvin became the oldest man to ever pledge and initiate in Michigan Alpha.



# 1974 Composite Comes Home After Long Strange Trip

## More Old Michigan Alpha Composites and Pictures Wanted

The practice is more rare in today's U of M Greek System where chapter houses are locked at all times, but as many Michigan Alpha alums know, there was little honor among thieves of fraternity composites back in the day.

And if stolen composites could talk, the 1974 Michigan Alpha composite returned to the chapter house last year after being missing for more than three decades, would have interesting tale to tell.

A 1970s U of M alumnus of Kappa Sigma contacted the Alumni Association last year to right a long forgotten wrong. Our 1974 composite apparently ended up in the basement of his Whitmore Lake home, and he felt the time had finally come to return this priceless snapshot of the era of wide bow ties to



its rightful owner.

The Alumni Association is working on a plan to preserve and display at the chapter house as many composites as we can find. We presently are displaying least a few composites from all decades except the 1960s, but we'd like to eventually show them all in a flip display case or perhaps on a flat screen video monitor.

If you would be willing to share original photos or scanned copies of the composites from your active years in the

chapter, please contact us at [pdtumich@gmail.com](mailto:pdtumich@gmail.com).

## Historic Picture of Michigan Alpha Chapter House Discovered

A picture of the chapter house taken during, or a few years before, 1910 was recently discovered on the Library of Congress' online archive of historic photographs. The picture was taken by the Detroit Publishing Company which was a photographic publishing firm best known for its large assortment of photochrom color postcards.



## Heritage Project

### 20 Year Flashback PDT Defeats SAE 12-6 in Mud Bowl 1992

Special thanks to **Andrew Brandner '93** for donating to the Heritage Project a videotape of PDT's first Mud Bowl victory in the three-peat that took place between 1992 through 1994.



### 40 Year Flashback PDT House Burns for 2nd Time in 6 Months

On May 25, 1972, the Ann Arbor news published the photo to the right

with an article about the second fire in Michigan Alpha's chapter house since it was closed for repairs following the devastating fire that occurred in December 1971. The Ann Arbor News reported that "the blaze broke out about 6 p.m. in the storage room in the basement...flames were leaping out of the windows on the first and second floors...and stifling clouds of white smoke were billowing upward from the raging fire... before firemen left the scene at 8:15 p.m., they had shot more than 25,000 gallons of water into the building." The next day, the paper reported that the Ann Arbor Fire Chief believed the fire was likely caused by "arson."



## Michigan Alpha Heritage Project

Michigan Alpha has one of the most distinguished and longest histories of any fraternity on campus. Learning about the history of our notable house and the famous members is a key part of the active chapter's commitment to maintaining a sense of continuity in the fraternity and respect for tradition.

In 2010, the Alumni Association initiated the Michigan Alpha Heritage Project to better understand, document and preserve the history of the chapter for the benefit of active members and alums. To date, more than 10 alums have made contributions to this endeavor.

If you have stories, photos, old *Sword & Shields* or memorabilia that would help to tell the story of Michigan Alpha's history, we ask that you send this information to the Secretary of the Alumni Association, **Greg Karmazin '87**, at 26110 Harbour Pointe Drive S., Harrison Township, MI 48045.

He can also be reached by e-mail at [gkarm@aol.com](mailto:gkarm@aol.com). Greg will copy and return all materials that he is provided (if you want items returned).

# Reunions Held in 2012

Want to organize a reunion of your era? The Alumni Association can help.

View photos from across the decades inside, and share your photos by emailing them to [pdumich@gmail.com](mailto:pdumich@gmail.com) for the next newsletter.



*Alumni from the 1950s held a reunion in Ann Arbor.*



*Alumni from the 1980s and early 1990s gathered at the 9th annual tailgate reunion.*

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