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Presidential Greetings

Hello and welcome to the Fall 2010 edition of Phi Alpha Kappa's Newsreel.

At the time of writing this greeting, Fall is beginning to shift to Winter and Ann Arbor is abuzz following Michigan's most recent football victory, which guaranteed bowl eligibility.

The Dutch house is still going strong; the house is full to capacity with only two boarders and is projected to be full of house members next year. This year's pledge class currently consists of 7 pledges and two lame duck pledges that will finish their two semesters of pledging in December. The pledges are still adjusting to life at the house but are progressing well thanks to a wealth of "encouragement" from the active chapter.

The interior of the house has undergone a number of changes in recent months including the painting of several rooms, addition of hardwood flooring, and some new lofts and furniture. The house also purchased two new washers and driers to replace the old system and a new workroom is also in the process of being completed.

I would thank all of the Alumni who were able to visit the house for Alumni day a few weeks ago. We had a very nice turnout and even had the family of the 1951 house president visit from California. As always, Alumni are always welcome to visit. If you are in town and would like to come see the house don't hesitate to contact me. Also, if you know of any young men who are interested in pledging please contact myself or Vice President Josh Mackey.

Thank you once again, Go Blue, and Hail to Thee Phi Alpha Kappa!

Joel Ondersma

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Report from the Vice President

The coolest thing about living at Phi Alpha Kappa is seeing how God moves in the lives of His children on this campus. This summer, we had the privilege of hosting a group of men from New Life Church as they participated in a leadership training program. These men were a lot of fun to be around and gave us a good group of sub-letters in the summer. Relationships with churches around campus have really been growing in general and it is cool to see how some of the men have really gotten involved in Christ's ministry through different Christian organizations. With this involvement, I am very excited to see how God moves through our house and uses us to reach out to others on campus. He has blessed us in so many ways and has provided us with a full house this year. There is really no bounds to His love and sometimes we take that for granted, but God is definitely at work on this campus and I am excited to know that Phi Alpha Kappa has the opportunity to be a part of that.

Josh Mackey

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Report from the Sergeant-At-Arms

The year is off to a great start here at the Dutch House. I don't think the house has ever had better curb appeal than it has after this summer. Over the past few years, the ivy has come down, the big bushes have come out, and this summer the alumni who volunteered on Alumni Workday in June planted dozens of hostas to replace the bushes on the west side of the house. With our recent removal of the Buckeye tree in the western portion of the front yard, the house has a much cleaner look.

Over the summer, numerous improvements were made, the most notable of which is our new laundry room. After many days of painting, plumbing, and electrical work the new facilities are ready to go, and our two new sets of Maytag commercial washers and dryers are ready to meet the laundering needs of 30 college guys. Work has also been done to convert the bike room (known as the "Dent Lab" to some older alumni) into a workshop, and some water damage was repaired in the guest bathroom. Many individual rooms were updated by their tenants over the summer, including rooms 203, 211, 305, 306, 308, and 309, which received attention ranging from a simple coat of paint to plaster and flooring repair.

Our plans for the near future include repainting the great room, trimming tree limbs, and repairing several crumbling concrete steps and driveway sections. Overall, the house has improved significantly in my first year in office so far, and I look forward to seeing the trend continue.

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Report from the Business Manager

This year is my first year as business manager at the PAK house. This summer we housed boarders from a local church group which brought in revenue and will allow us to catch up with our payments to the Alumni Board. This year we have a full house. Along with the increase in people paying rent we also raised rent by \$15 to \$615 a month. These increases in collected rent will allow the house to fund more activities and repairs for the house. I plan to maintain a strict budget along with strict rent collection policies that will improve the financial stability and liquidity.

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Report from the Athletic Chairman

This fall, we went back to playing soccer and had a ton of fun, despite losing in the final minute of the playoffs in an intense, and controversial, match. With a full house and a lot skilled young men in PhiAK, we have had great attendance at practice and games. For this reason, we are going to try something new this next intramural season. We are planning on playing both flag football and broomball. I'm expecting another great run out of our flag football team this year and am looking forward to establishing some dominance with brooms at Yost Ice Arena.

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Report from the Steward

The kitchen has been running smoothly this year and Amy Caldwell is still our cook and she is still making some delicious meals. Over the past year we have been able to update some of our kitchen appliances. Last year we purchased a new coffee maker and a new toaster, along with a waffle maker earlier in the year, which makes some amazing waffles. Over the summer, our microwave breathed its last so we now have a great new microwave. All of these appliances have helped improve the kitchen and we should be set for a while. If you are ever in town, stop by the house for lunch (noon) or dinner (6 p.m.).

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Report from the Social Chairman

Thus far the men of Phi Alpha Kappa have been extremely social. We have consistently had a good turnout of friends and family to tailgates before they watch Denard "Shoelace" Robinson tear up opponent's defense. Football Saturdays aside, the highlight for the guys from Phi-A-K thus far has certainly been our late summer Cajun broil. The porch was overflowing with guests and the food was delicious, hopefully a new annual tradition has begun at 1010 E. Ann. As usual we are all getting excited for the annual Phi Alpha Kappa Halloween party. This year we will be hosting Young Life, a Christian organization on campus at our party and it should be a smashing success. The rest of the semester will be jam packed with other events like whirlyball, the gun range and Michigan sports events like "The Big Chill at the Big House". It has already been a great semester and promises only to get better!

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Report from the Pledge Chairmen

Dearest Alumni, we have been blessed with nine pledges this semester, seven are freshmen, five of which are living in the house and two live elsewhere. And then we close it out with two lame duck pledges from last semester that will be voted on in December. We have been having a great semester so far and have quite a few pledge events.

They are doing a wonderful job walking our new dog, Jake, and doing an equally great job of cleaning around the house. We also had our annual Pledges vs. Actives football game on Oct. 9th. As usual it less of a competitive football game, and more of a demonstration of the peak of athleticism that is the Active Chapter. The final score was 63-7, Actives, but a great time was had by all. This year we had the Actives on the bench officiate, but we usually try to have an alumnus officiate; so at this point I would like to extend an open invitation to any alumni who would like to officiate a football game next year in the early fall semester. If you would like to please send an email to pres@phialphakappa.com.

We've had a great start to the semester, and the outlook for the rest of the semester and year is very good. We have a lot planned, and the all the pledges are fitting in very well. Thank you for all your support of this great Fraternity as we continue to provide a great place for Christian men to live and become a part of.

Trevor De Jong and Andy Ludwig
Pledge Chairmen

Pledges

This semester Big Brothers introduce their Little Brothers!

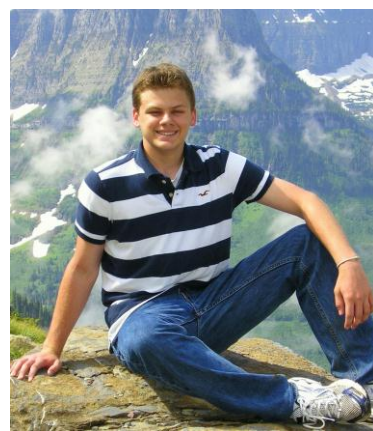
Tyler Bowden by Lee Overbeck



Tyler Bowden is a lame duck pledge hailing from Parma, MI near Jackson, home of a few respectable families and thousands of prison inmates. He spent much of his childhood living in Wasilla, Alaska, where he attended the third grade with the daughter of vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin. He is currently a sophomore taking after myself in the study of civil engineering. In his free time, this unathletic, lazy and dirty pledge enjoys busting into actives' conversations and watching the smiles disappear from peoples' faces. He enjoys wallowing in his own filth as his sheets are washed only once a year when he goes home for the summer. All jokes aside, Tyler is a well-rounded and very socially active member of our community, and will make an excellent addition to the active chapter of Phi Alpha Kappa.

Dan DeVries by Mitch Overbeck

Dan DeVries is a freshman at Michigan and a resident pledge here at Phi Alpha Kappa. He is from Jenison, and has one younger brother. He attended Unity Christian High School, where he was involved in drama. He came to the Dutch House upon recommendation from Eric Vis, a new active member here and a friend of his from church and high school. Dan is studying Chemical Engineering, and has been quite successful in his studies to date, largely due to his time management skills and extraordinary intelligence. I'm sure arriving early to class and sitting in the front row helped, too. Dan spends his spare time at the house playing Super Smash Bros., socializing, eating food, training the dog, Jake, and otherwise fraternizing with the bros. He also runs when he has time. As far as pledges go, Dan's not bad. He takes his pledge duties seriously, and has shown patience in dealing with his pledge brothers' numerous transgressions. If he makes it through our rigorous quality control process, he will indeed be an asset to the fraternity. We wouldn't accept him otherwise.



Andrew Dykstra by Nate Lundell



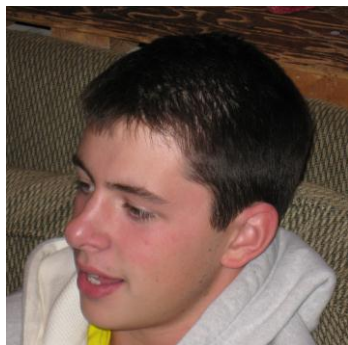
Andrew Dykstra grew up in the fine city of Kalamazoo, MI where he attended Kalamazoo Christian High School. He is a freshman in the College of Engineering, but is undecided on which engineering discipline to specialize in. Andrew is one of our four pledges living in the Dutch House this year. In his free time, he enjoys watching movies, spending time with the men of Phi Alpha Kappa, and being a pledge. He has already been a great asset to the IM soccer team, and will be expected to produce in future IM competitions. Andrew loves the Lord and is looking forward to growing in his faith in his time here at the Dutch House. It has been a great pleasure getting to know this “top flight, first class” young man, and we are happy to have such a great addition to Phi Alpha Kappa.

Kevin Egedy by Zach Cammenga

Kevin Egedy is a fine Dutchman that comes to PAK from the local city of Ann Arbor. Kevin is pursuing the best possible undergraduate degree of electrical engineering (also my degree). He plans to perhaps use this degree but might also further his education by studying aerospace engineering. Even though Kevin loves studying he can always be pulled away for a quick game of Super Smash Bros on the Nintendo 64. Kevin has already become involved with the house intramural teams as he played for our intramural soccer team. He also enjoys hanging out with the guys in the house. And he is always up for meeting new people.



Rich Liverance by Josh Mackey

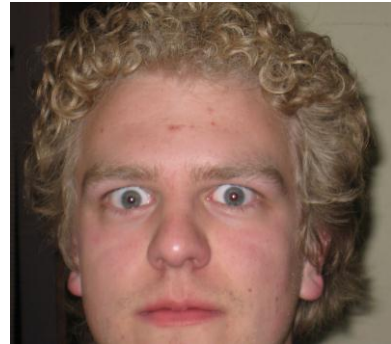


Although I have to stand on a stool and still look up to him, I am the big brother of Richard Liverance. My brother, Rich, is quite the stud. He loves to jam on his electric guitar and hopes to make the New Life worship team. In his spare time, he likes to hang out with his good buddies in the house, especially his favorite big brother. Rich has an amazing family that loves the Lord and is blessed to have been raised in the church with a father who is currently the pastor at Kentwood Baptist Church. He deeply loves his family and because he loves his big brother as well, he has graciously shared the delicious cookies his mother baked with me. Thanks mom! He is currently an art major, sleeping in and slacking off, but eventually wants to do work at some point. However, despite his easy workload, Rich has already put his design skills to work by creating an advertisement for our Halloween

party. His heart for the Lord and his passion for helping others is very contagious and I am very excited to be able to watch him grow and be challenged this year through the pledge process.

Isaac Olson by Josh Koetsier

Isaac James Olson is a freshman from Grandville, MI, and a member of the most recent graduating class of Calvin Christian High School (Squires for Life). He is the son of Darla and Brad Olson, and has one brother, Nathan. He attends Trinity Reformed Church when he is at home. Isaac is studying engineering, but is undecided as to the specific field. When Isaac is not studying, he enjoys playing video games, card games, playing the piano, and playing ultimate frisbee. We are excited to add another Dutch engineer to the Dutch house.



Matt Rouhana by Patrick Lind



Matt Rouhana, the legend of the man. Matt is a currently a freshman at the University of Michigan, in the school of engineering. He attended Father Gabriel Richard High School in Ann Arbor where I first had the pleasure of meeting him. For one of our class assignments I had to work with him, and while writing up the final copy the spell checker on my computer kept on changing Rouhana into Brouhaha. And so a friendship was born. Matt decided to join Phi Alpha Kappa after hearing the praise it was given from current members who were also alumni of Father Gabriel Richard. To Matt, having a good Christian fellowship on campus was a necessary aspect of his college experience, and Phi Alpha Kappa was an obvious way to fill that

need.

Sadly Matt does not live in the house this year, opting instead to live at home with his parents Stephen and Mary Ellen Rouhana. Even though he is pledging out of house, he still drops by many times a week to talk with the members and hang out. Besides being a pledge at Phi Alpha Kappa, Matt is also a member of UCO or University Christian Outreach, a local group that connects Christians at various Universities throughout the area.

Jade Watts by Joel Ondersma

Jade is a sophomore majoring in Industrial and Operations Engineering. Jade is from Westland, Michigan and is currently in his second semester of pledging. Around the house, Jade is renowned for his ability to kill a man with his bare hands and his Ronaldinho-esque soccer footwork. Jade can often be found chilling with the brothers using words like “brah” and “broseph,” consuming large amounts of muscle milk, or playing Super Smash Bros. in Smoker.



Ryan Wawrzaszek by Jeff DeNooyer



Ryan is one of our dynamic new pledges here at Phi Alpha Kappa. He hails from just up the road in here in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Ryan attended Father Gabriel Richard for his years in high school and is currently a freshman living off campus at home. Ryan heard about the Dutch house through some of the current members and we are glad to have him in this year’s pledge class. He has been a great young Christian man to get to know and has shown a lot of initiative as a pledge, spending lots of time at the house for living off campus.

The Actives



Matt Bekken, Junior
Aerospace
Engineering



Jeff Bergman, Masters
Student
Structural Engineering



Zach Cammenga, Junior
Chemical Engineering



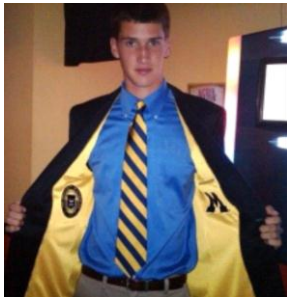
Ben Carpenter,
“Ascending Senior”
Computer Science



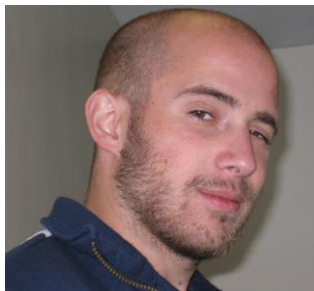
Steve Cooper, Senior
Biomedical Engineering



Trevor De Jong, Senior
Statistics



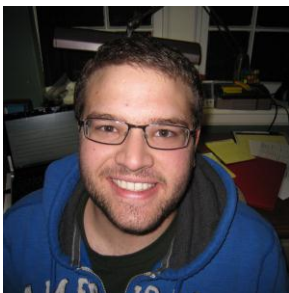
Jeff DeNooyer, Sophomore
Economics



Tim Hausler, Sophomore
Pre-Law



Greg Hoogland, Grad
Student, Dual Masters of
Architecture and Urban
Planning



Andrew Howe, Junior
Brain Behavior and
Cognitive Science



Josh Koetsier, Senior
Naval Architecture and
Marine Engineering



Patrick Lind, Junior,
Ecology and Evolutionary
Biology

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Andy Ludwig, Junior
Economics and Biology



Nate Lundell, Sophomore
Civil Engineering



Josh Mackey, Senior
Spanish



Brian Mejeur, Sophomore
Aerospace Engineering



Paul Nagel, Junior
Industrial and Operations
Engineering and Spanish



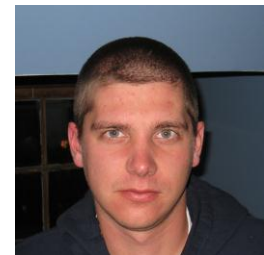
Joel Ondersma, Senior
Materials Science and
Engineering



Mitch Overbeck, Junior
Electrical Engineering



Lee Overbeck, Junior
Civil Engineering



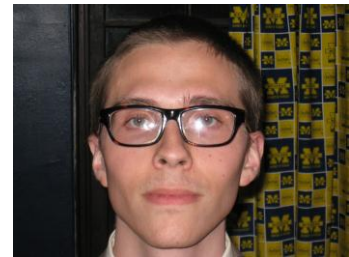
John Prins, Senior
Mechanical Engineering



Paul Stam, Sophomore
Mechanical Engineering



Eric Vis, Sophomore
Statistics



Ted Zaroff III, Junior
Chemical Engineering