

Phi Alpha Kappa

News Reel

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Presidential Greetings

Dear Alumni and Friends of Phi Alpha Kappa,

Greetings from the active members and pledges of Phi Alpha Kappa Fraternity! December is already upon us and finds us winding down yet another semester at the University of Michigan. The fraternity is doing very well, and we have six great pledges so far this year. We are happy to have them all pledging, and they are already making a big impact in daily life at the house, in the activities of the fraternity, and on the IM fields. In IM sports, this fall we made it to the quarterfinals in flag-football, and played well in our soccer season. The winter term we look forward to testing our mettle and teamwork as we play IM basketball and broomball, and strive to win champions' T-shirts.

Early in the fall, tables and chairs from the Schnitzelbanck restaurant in Grand Rapids were donated to us by alumni. The Bavarian-style tables and chairs look great in the dining room, and match the décor of our house even better than their predecessors, which have stood the test of time well. Also, this past spring we received the extremely generous donation of a Howard Miller grandfather clock from the brother of an alumnus.

As finals and Christmas break rapidly approach, please keep our members and pledges in your prayers that we would finish the semester well. After finals, we look forward to having a good two week break with varied plans. Two of our members will be attending the Urbana Christian missions conference along with 20,000 other Christian college students. Over New Years, six of our members, myself included, will be going to the Rose Bowl in Pasadena to watch our Wolverines demolish USC. Go Blue!!

Finally, this spring we will have the annual Smoker banquet in Grand Rapids. Turnout has been somewhat lacking in the past, and we'd like to increase it and make the event bigger and better. The date remains to be set, so please be on the lookout for more information in the next month or so. If you have any ideas of speakers or activities that you would like to see at the Smoker, please let me know.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and God bless!

Mark Eadie, President

Officer Reports

Vice President Report

Greetings from the Active Chapter!

We were blessed to begin the year with three in-house pledges and three out-of-house pledges, and our goal for the year is to add ten pledges to this number. After a slightly disappointing year for recruiting last year, we are working hard to find as many new pledges as possible.

At the beginning of this fall, we had one event nearly every weekend to which we could invite prospective members. These included two bowling nights, a dance party, a Michigan vs. Notre Dame Tailgate and an informational dinner at Pizza House. We started the year with three in-house pledges, but through these efforts, we were able to find five out-of-house pledges and an additional five contacts who may pledge in the winter term. Unfortunately, two of the new pledges recently decided to reevaluate their relationships with the house. We sincerely hope that this development is temporary and that we may bring at least one of the two lost ones back into pledgship.

To attract new prospective pledges for winter term, the house is investing in advertising and is holding additional parties and recruiting events. We also hope that our gregarious out-of-house pledges will make many friends. We believe these pledges to be among our greatest recruiting assets.

In the spring, we will begin contacting high school counselors and churches. We hope that by these means we may attract a number of in-house pledges for next year. If you know of any relatives, friends of relatives, relatives of friends, or members of your church, who will be attending UM next fall, please contact the VP at vp@phialphakappa.com.

Please keep the house in your prayers as we work to find members to continue the wonderful fraternity that is Phi Alpha Kappa.

Benjamin Dykstra

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Announcements

Events

The Annual Phi Alpha Kappa Smoker (Spring Recruitment Event)

What: This is a time when alumni can gather and meet the actives and enjoy a great dinner. Additionally, prospective members will get the opportunity to meet the actives, alumni, and get a better understanding of what we are all about. If you know any students who may be interested in attending the Smoker, please contact the Vice President, Ben Dykstra, at vp@phialphakappa.com.

Where: Grand Rapids Area, exact location to be determined

When: In March or April, 2007. Date will be announced soon.

Other

Missing Alumni Contact Information

At the end of the News Reel is a list of missing contact information of Phi Alpha Kappa alumni. If you have contact information for any of the alumni listed, please contact:

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Visit our website. This is a great way to stay up to date on the current happenings and fraternity activities. The pictures are updated regularly.

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The Dutch House Preservation thanks for your support

A special thanks to the alumni and friends who have contributed generously to the Dutch House Preservation Foundation. The Dutch House Preservation Foundation is a nonprofit organization (donations are tax exempt) that has been created to preserve the physical structure and building of Phi Alpha Kappa. The Dutch House Preservation Foundation is partially responsible, along with the Alumni Board, for funding major projects like the reconstruction of the third floor dormer (see the next page for details of this project). For more information about the Dutch House Preservation Foundation or the Alumni Board, please contact the president at the address above.

Sergeant-at-Arm's Report

Things at the Dutch House are going very well building-wise. We have made a lot of progress since last year. The porch, which was suffering from rot and peeling paint in several places, is almost completely fixed and has been painted on the areas we've repaired already. We had a lot of tile work done over the summer in the bathrooms and the floor in the kitchen, so all areas that had problems are now repaired. We have also repainted most of the second floor bathroom, including the stalls.

In the first floor TV room we have installed new carpet and will be installing trim to finish the work we began last year when we tore out the drop-down ceiling and replaced the wood paneling that was falling off the walls with sheetrock.



TV room during work



TV room after drywall and painting

Improving the 2nd and 3rd Floor hallways: The light brown paint on the 2nd and 3rd floor doors and trim has been peeling, so the active chapter and the Dutch House Preservation Foundation are returning these all to a beautiful wood finish. The Actives are taking care of the doors, and the Dutch House Preservation Foundation committee plans to hire a contractor this spring to return the trim to its original state and replace the carpeting throughout the hallways and stairs. If you'd like to help the Preservation Foundation with this project financially, my contact info is below.

Couches: Most of the Great Room and the first floor are in fantastic shape, but there is a great need for new couches in both TV rooms. We want to get good quality couches, so if you would like to contribute to our couch fund, my contact info is below.

With the building being about 80 years old, there are always repair and improvement projects to do, but with the Preservation Foundation's help, the house is in great shape. We hope that you will come check them out next time you're in town!

God Bless,
Karl Kappler
Sergeant-at-Arms
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Business Manager Report

With lower membership and higher taxes to the Alumni Board, there has been a trend of owing more money to the Alumni Board than we seem to possess, but it appears as though the trend may be coming to an end.

Currently, we have 14 active members and three pledges living in the house. We are thankful to have 9 friendly boarders for this fall semester to help with rent. Unfortunately, we're still 5 residents short of a full house which equates to about \$7,500 that is lost for the semester. With three people leaving after December, we're actively searching for new boarders/prospective pledges to move in for the winter semester.

We currently have six freshman pledges, so they will remain in the fraternity for the next few years and add stability to the house. As always, please tell prospective Michigan students about the house as this is how the majority of our current members found themselves living here.

Barring any major unforeseen expenses, the house finances should break just above even for the year. Please keep the house in your prayers as we are always looking for new members to replace the graduating seniors and to further the fraternity.

God Bless,
Kayle Hinkle



Taz, in his sixth year at PhiAK

Kitchen Steward Report

The kitchen has been running smoothly once again this year. Our cook, Amy, is still with us in, keeping many in the house heavier than we should be (though we are very happy). A few times this year we have been blessed with donations of carrots, spuds, onions, and other fresh produce from a member's family that owns a farm. The consensus favorite meal so far has been the chicken alfredo pasta with broccoli and "beast cake" for dessert.

This year, we were also blessed by a generous alumnus who donated a new set of tables *and* chairs to replace the new tables he gave us last year, as well as many other kitchen articles (plates, coffee mugs, saucers, etc.). We are very grateful for this attractive addition to the house. Now we must work on selling the old tables and chairs, which currently clutter our hallways.

Work day, on September 30, was fairly successful for the kitchen. We were undermanned this year, but we were still able to complete all of our tasks in time to watch the football game that evening. The kitchen is very clean and looks great. Also, a few broken tiles in the kitchen were fixed this summer. The most recent problem we addressed was the microwave, which worked only sporadically (probably due to plasma damage). The microwave's now replaced, and the new one has already been put to a lot of use.

If you're ever in town and want to visit us for a meal, please stop by as our guest. Lunch is served Monday-Friday at noon, and dinner is at 6pm. Here's to another delicious year!

Eric Falstad, Steward
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Social Chairman Report

We started this year off with a bang by having a dance party only two weeks after the start of the semester. It was a success with a large crowd attending. We have done an unusually large number of social events this year to increase outside interest in the fraternity as well as just have more fun. The good size of our pledge class is due greatly to this. We've also played Whirlyball, gone bowling, played Pledge vs. Active football, and we had a successful Halloween party just a few weeks ago. Upcoming events include the Christmas party, and Guys' Night Out for pizza!

Josh Welch, Social Chairman
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Pledge Chairmen Report

We have six brand new pledges this semester. Three are living in the house and three are living in the dorms. All six are freshmen and they are all going to be very valuable members of the house. They are very outgoing young men and so far have been performing brilliantly in their "operations." We are very excited to see what these gentlemen will bring to Phi Alpha Kappa.

Craig VandeVusse and Jordan Fennema,
Pledge Chairmen
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Athletic Chairman Report

Phi Alpha Kappa has just completed IM Flag Football this year. We began practices a couple weeks before games started, and this paid off as we made it to the quarterfinals. Our first sport of the year was soccer, in which we posted a 1-2 record and were eliminated in the first round of the playoffs. Next semester comes 5-on-5 basketball and Broomball

(similar to hockey, and played on ice at UM's Yost Ice Arena). As for internal sports, we have two tournaments underway: Dutch Horseshoes (a new addition) and Pool. May the best man win!

Josh Welch, Athletic Chairman
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Pledge v. Active Football, October 2006

Chaplain

This year is the second year with our House Chaplain position. Last year it was a trial position, and we felt that it benefited the house enough to keep it as a permanent position.

One of the main responsibilities of the House Chaplain is to take charge of the Bible study, which began at the beginning of this fall semester and has been going well. Some other things include setting up dinner devotions, sparking spiritual conversation, and just being a spiritual leader for the younger, as well as older, guys in the house to look up to. I feel blessed to have been chosen for this position of service, and I pray that God blesses our house with spiritual liveliness and uses me and the other members to benefit the fraternity, the lives of all the members, and the rest of His kingdom.

Karl Kappler, Chaplain
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Meet the Pledges

These articles are written by big brothers about their first semester little brother.

John Prins

By Eric Falstad



We are thankful this year to have John Prins in the house. John hails from Holland Christian High School, in Holland, MI. This happens to be the rival of my alma mater, but John and I get along just fine after I'm done with my "what's a Maroon?" jokes.

John is a freshman in the College of Engineering, and he is planning on majoring in Mechanical Engineering. John is always excited for sports, and he's extremely handy, so it's a joy to have him around the house. He has participated in our intramural soccer and football teams, though he is much more of a baseball kid (as can be seen by his base-running skills). Here's to a great year with my little brother.

Anthony Abruzzo

By Josh Welch



Anthony is a graduate from Kalamazoo Christian High School, the alma mater of Ben Dykstra, Josh Welch and alumnus Paul DeKraker. He is a first year student in the Business School and hopes to attend graduate school either at the University or somewhere else. Anthony was our first out-of-house pledge and lives in a special Michigan Community for Business students. He was introduced to the house through Josh Welch and Ben Dykstra. Anthony was born and raised in Kalamazoo with his brother and sister. His parents still live there.

Dave Denyer

By Karl Kappler



Dave Denyer is a Freshmen with his sights set on Dental school. He grew up in Novi, Michigan, and attended Catholic Central High School where he was president of his class for two years and captain of the golf team. He went to the state championships for golf and did a lot of public speaking in high school, as well. His biggest interest both in high school and now is pro-life clubs and their cause. He is very enthusiastic and dedicated, and will be a welcome addition to the fraternity upon completion of pledgeship.

Kalev P. Maricq

By Kayle Hinkle



Kalev began pledging in October after hearing about the house through some of our advertising and social events. He is currently living in South Quad, which also makes him the most distant out-of-house pledge. Kalev is in his first year at UM and is planning on majoring somewhere in Science Research. He graduated from Grosse Ile High School, where he was involved in several activities including rowing, soccer, wrestling, and band. He has recently taken an interest in drama and is also involved with several Christian groups on campus (University Christian Outreach, Campus Crusade for Christ, Chinese Christian Fellowship, H2O church). We are look forward to getting to know him more throughout the upcoming year.

Michael John Vander Roest

By Nathan Falstad and Joe Filcik



Mike, an Ann Arbor native, comes to the house as a freshman. Mike is planning on going into Business, Economics, or something of that nature. Mike is living in the upper triple this year. His roommate, Jung-Ho, is a long time friend. Mike and Jung-Ho have known each other since about the sixth grade. When Mike isn't studying, or beating away the cockroaches with his roommate at 1 AM he loves to play soccer and listen to music. Mike also works part time at Carpenter Brother's Hardware. Mike contributed greatly to our intramural soccer team and we look forward to having him on our other sports teams. Mike's father, Bill Vander Roest, was also a member of Phi Alpha Kappa and lived in the house in 1979.

Jung-Ho Kim

By Daniel Armstrong



Jung-Ho joins the house this year as a freshman interested in pre-med (possible pediatric radiology). His parents and sister live in Ann Arbor, although they moved from South Korea nine years ago for Jung-Ho and his sister's education. Jung-Ho's father is a pediatric radiologist and his mother is currently a Montessori teacher. Immigration to the USA has provided a number of personal and family challenges (such as learning English and his father being unable to work in his field), but Jung-Ho maintains positive attitudes and a lot of energy for life. He has been good at soccer

since the third grade, and he has been very involved in swimming and water polo during high school. He also plays the violin, and so his high school experience has been extremely disciplined with sports and music. As part of the Huron Orchestra, he performed at Carnegie Hall during his sophomore year and in Austria during his senior year. Some “un-interests” of his have included video games, movies, and TV, with his first experience of video games being here at the house and a history of rarely watching TV or seeing movies.

Jung-Ho has had the privilege of growing up in a Christian home, with his father, father’s grandparents, and mother all being Christian. Jung-Ho has noticed a lot of personal spiritual growth since getting involved with the youth group “Turning Point” at Knox Presbyterian. He has had to deal with the death of several close friends in the past few years. He is interested in medical missions and has been on several mission trips to places including Mexico, Kentucky, and Detroit. Jung-Ho heard about the house from Mike Vander Roest, a good friend he has known since middle school.



Active Summary



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Natural Resources



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Senior
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Jordan Fennema
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Senior
Pre-Med



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Benjamin Panning
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Daniel Armstrong
2nd Year
Dental Student



Joshua Welch
Social Chairman &
Athletic Chairman
Junior
Electrical Engineering



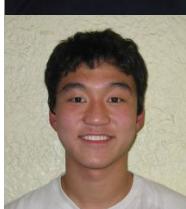
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Pledge Summary



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