



# Phi Alpha Kappa News Reel

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## Presidential Greetings

Dear Alumni and Friends of Phi Alpha Kappa,

Greetings from all of the members of Phi Alpha Kappa Christian Fraternity! I would first like to thank all of you to whom this Newsreel is so important. Simply knowing that the alumni remain loyally interested in the fraternity is very encouraging to the current Active Chapter.

Last year ended on a great note with the 78<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner, hosted by the Alumni Board. This year, we have another early opportunity to stay connected. I would also like to personally invite all you to the annual Alumni Day before the football game against Purdue on Saturday, October 13. Please come to enjoy food and fellowship with the Active Chapter as well as other alumni.

There has already been a great amount of activity at the Dutch House this fall. At the September house meeting, we accepted six young men into pledgeship. We expect to have ten pledges by the October house meeting. Social activities have been plentiful early in the year as we are recruiting harder than any of my four years at the house. The hallways have also greatly improved due to the financial backing of the Dutch House Preservation Foundation and the Alumni Board as well as the hard work of actives and alumni. New trim, paint, and carpet are all either completely installed or in queue.

The house members are excited for this new school year and what it will bring to Phi Alpha Kappa. Please join us on October 13 for Alumni Day at 1010 East Ann Street so that we can share in our excitement. Go Blue, and Hail to Thee Phi Alpha Kappa!

God Bless,

Eric Falstad  
President  
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# Officer Reports

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## Vice President Report

This year looks like it is going to be a very good year for recruiting. Thanks to the hard work of the house last spring, we started the year with six in-house pledges, double the number of last year. We have held an event each weekend this year to attract more pledges for October's pledge meeting. Through these efforts, we have been able to attract eight prospective out-of-house pledges and an additional number of contacts who may pledge in the winter term.

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To attract new contacts 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 councilors and college administrators. 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 or relatives of friends who will be attending UM next fall, please contact the VP at [vp@phialphakappa.com](mailto:vp@phialphakappa.com).

As always, please keep the house in your prayers, asking for strong membership in the coming years.

Benjamin Dykstra  
Vice President  
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## Announcements

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### Events

#### **Alumni Day**

What: Held on the day of the UM Football Homecoming game against Purdue, this annual event is a time when alumni can gather, meet the actives and visit their old house. Friends and family are warmly welcomed! Food will be provided, and camaraderie will be in large supply.

Where: Phi Alpha Kappa, Ann Arbor.

When: October 13, 2007.

### Other

#### **[www.phialphakappa.com](http://www.phialphakappa.com)**

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.

#### **If you would like to receive the News Reel and other PhiAK mailings by e-mail, please contact:**

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Alumni Board President

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#### **The Dutch House Preservation thanks you 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 and the repair of the roof. 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 are looking good at the Dutch House thanks to the Alumni Board for redoing the trim, door jambs, and carpet in the hallways. The members have done a lot of work in cleaning and fixing up the house up. I recommend you come and take a look for yourself.

First and foremost, new oak trim was put in all the halls and down the stairways. The trim is stained to match the trim around the rest of the house. It has been varnished to provide durability. All the doors have been sanded down, stained, and varnished to emulate their original wood finish.

Second, the hallways have been repainted. Members worked long and hard to patch the walls and then repaint the entire second and third floor halls. The walls were repainted off-white to accent the trim better than the yellow did.

Third, the carpet in all the halls is presently being redone. The color is going to be a sapphire blue which isn't much different from the present carpet except for being much cleaner and hopefully longer lasting. The deep blue really helps bring out the beauty of the trim and brings the whole project together.

Workday was very successful as well. We were able to repair the porch, finish painting the hallways, fix the internet, and repair phone lines among other things.

Even with all that has been done there are still several improvements needed. The highest priority is a new water main for the house. Over the summer the water main cracked because it was so rusted. It was repaired temporarily but it could break again at any time, and the plumber recommended it get fixed before winter comes. Also, many of the house pictures need to be re-framed and re-hung.

If you would like to help with any of the projects, mention any other improvement you would like to see, or make a donation to help get a project done email me at [sergeant@phialphakappa.com](mailto:sergeant@phialphakappa.com).

God Bless,  
John Prins  
Sergeant-at-Arms  
[sergeant@phialphakappa.com](mailto:sergeant@phialphakappa.com)



Phone lines: a workday project

## **Business Manager Report**

As I begin my fourth year living in the house and second year as the business manager, I am finally starting to grasp how much time, money, and energy is put into the house. It seems that with a house this old, 'major' repairs are required every year or two simply to maintain the status quo. While the alumni board helps to schedule and budget for these repairs, it takes a tight budget to pay all of our expenses while keeping rent affordable for members.

Our largest problem continues to be the high number of vacancies during the school year. We currently have room for five more members and will have three or four more spots to fill after some residents graduate this December. Please let us know of anyone coming to Michigan in search of housing. Thank you for your support and hopefully with a few more residents and pledges I'll be able to give better news in the winter semester.

God Bless,  
Kayle Hinkle  
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## **Kitchen Steward Report**

Another year in the kitchen of ΦAK! Amy Caldwell is our cook once again and she is doing a terrific job. It seems the more we exercise and play intramural sports the more she cooks and we all end up gaining weight despite our best efforts. She is also extraordinarily good at finding different ways to serve the many pounds of potatoes and onions that were generously donated by one of our members family-owned farms.

Work day was September 29 and we completed a long list of tasks. Besides the

general cleaning, I installed some new gliders for the legs of all our tables and chairs. With Sergeant-at-Arms John Prins doubling as our Electrical Consultant, we may soon attempt to install a few new circuit breakers. The floor drains should not be a problem as my dad (ΦAK alumnus '79) and I used all 25 feet of an Electric Eel to unplug them at the beginning of the school year.

If you are ever in Ann Arbor, please feel free to stop by and grab a bite to eat. Lunch is served at noon every day and dinner is at 6:00 pm. If you come for a football game, swing in to grab a donut and some cider before heading to the Big House. Hail to thee Phi Alpha Kappa and Go Blue!

Mike Vander Roest  
Steward  
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Dutch couple at the Phi A K dance party

## **Pledge Chairmen Report**

So far this semester we have six pledges who have been voted into pledgeship and numerous other young men who have declared their intention to pledge and will be voted on at the October house meeting, with no lame ducks. They are a really fun group of guys who are becoming more open every day. All of our pledges have so far shown a healthy devotion to Taz and more importantly and unhealthy devotion to Michigan Football.

The pledges have so far been keeping up with their duties to the house, and we expect them to continue. Each pledge has a unique personality which will be further explored in their articles by their big brothers. All of our pledges will be in the house at least one more year should they be voted into activeship. Overall, these guys are a great group and we cannot wait for them to mature even more.

Karl Kappler and Jung-Ho Kim  
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Pledges took Taz to “The Arb”

### Social Chairman Report

The year at Phi A K has gone great so far. The only downside is that the Michigan football team is atrocious. However, we have been keeping busy with a packed social schedule. We have already had a tailgate for the Notre Dame game, a house party, and an interesting version of capture the flag. These, coupled with the two recruiting dinners that the house has hosted, have greatly aided recruiting this year.

We expect the rest of the semester to go smoothly as well. We will be doing the

traditional events, such as Whirleyball and going out for pizza, but we will also include new events such as golfing. Overall, the house is very social this year, and it is awesome to see so many fun guys in the fraternity.

David Denyer  
Social Chairman  
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### Athletic Chairman Report

Phi Alpha Kappa is currently playing intramural (IM) soccer. The team has many athletes this year and had one of the best attendances during our first game. We lost our first game 0-1 but after few more practices we won our second game 2-1. The soccer team is drastically improving and we expect to win the IM soccer championship. Phi Alpha Kappa also plans to participate in IM flag football and IM basketball. Phi Alpha Kappa also ordered team jerseys this year, and they are expected to arrive in a week. The jerseys include a Dutch lion, much like the lions featured on the house crest.

Thanks to the generosity of a Pledge, we have new addition to our tournaments this year: Wii sports. Wii is an evolutionary gaming system that requires physical movements. The Wii Bowling is currently underway. Other tournaments including pool, ping-pong, Wii baseball, and Wii Tennis will be played throughout the year.

Jung-Ho Kim  
Athletic Chairman  
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## Meet the Pledges

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These articles are written by the actives about their little brothers.

### **Greg Hoogland** By Kayle Hinkle



Greg Hoogland joins the house in his second year of Urban Planning through the College of Architecture. He previously graduated from Calvin with a degree in Geography, and is currently considering taking additional courses in real estate, architecture, and urban design. From what I was able to understand, urban design involves the layout of buildings, roads, and infrastructure whereas urban planning deals more with policies such as zoning, public transportation, and safety. Greg plays trumpet as a member of the 126th Army Band of the Michigan National Guard. He also enjoys listening to music and is learning to play the bass guitar. We're thankful for the academic conversations and insights that Greg brings with him and we look forward to getting to know him better in the upcoming year.

### **Josh Koetsier** By Josh Welch



This hard working lover of fun was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Son of Dave and Sue, Josh has two younger siblings Nate and Sarah. Josh is a recent graduate of Calvin Christian High School and graduated at the top of his class. Currently, Josh is in the college of LSA at Michigan but has plans of transferring to the Engineering school to study Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering. "Toot-toot goes the train!" Besides watching sports on TV, water sports, and cheering his lungs out at the Big House, Josh is a model train junkie. "If I'm not chuggin' I'm not lovin'," he says. Josh will be a great addition to the Dutch House and will help keep Phi Alpha Kappa on the track to prosperity and success in the coming years.

### **Dan Prince** By John Prins



Dan Prince comes from New Era, Michigan. He attended Western Michigan High School in Muskegon. While in high school he played soccer for two years and then continued to play recreational soccer. He attended Calvin College for four years and majored in electrical and computer engineering. Currently he is working on getting his Masters Degree in electrical engineering here in Ann Arbor and hopes to be done in three semesters. When Dan isn't studying he likes to play soccer or his Nintendo Wii. One interesting fact about Dan is that he only has four toes on his right foot. Dan doesn't have any relatives that stayed at the Dutch house but his grandpa went to the law school here. We look forward to having Dan at the Dutch House.

### **Ben Carpenter** By Kalev P. Maricq



Benjamin John Carpenter is a Junior Computer Science Engineer. He was born January 28<sup>th</sup>, 1987 and grew up in Ann Arbor, attending Gabriel Richard, where he ran cross country, played lacrosse and was in drama. In college, he has been spending time helping out with his church's youth group and being involved in University Christian Outreach. He's an easy-going guy who enjoys making people laugh and is seeking God's will for his life. His favorite Bible verse is Psalm 3:7 and he hopes to be able to provide the house with a few laughs while encouraging people in their spiritual growth. His favorite aspect of the house is the people who are a part of it and make up the Christian environment he is seeking with his pledgeship. He enjoys the roof of the house and is going out with Karl's sister, who he insists is awesome. He looks forward to this next year as we look forward to having him as part of the house.

### **Trevor DeJong** By Mike Vander Roest



Trevor De Jong hails from Kentwood, MI, just outside of Grand Rapids. He is a freshman this year and plans to major in electrical engineering. His dream job after graduating with this degree would be working for either ATI or AMD, but if that doesn't pan out he says he would be happy to work for the makers of the Halo® videogame trilogy. Besides playing videogames, Trevor likes to golf and he even plays a little soccer with the house intramural team. He is living in the lower triple this year and seems to be getting along quite nicely with his roommates and fellow pledges Ben and Josh. Trevor is a welcome addition and we look forward to having him around the house.

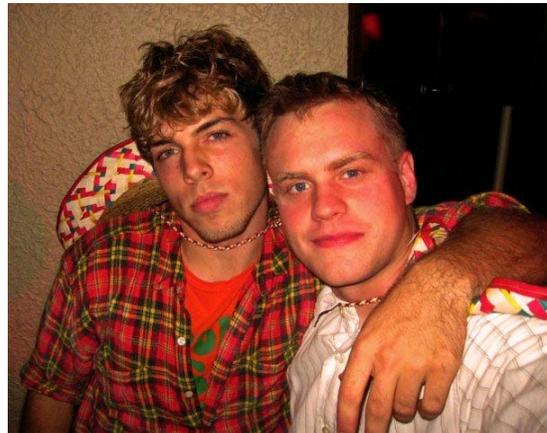
**Jim Hughes** By Anthony Abruzzo



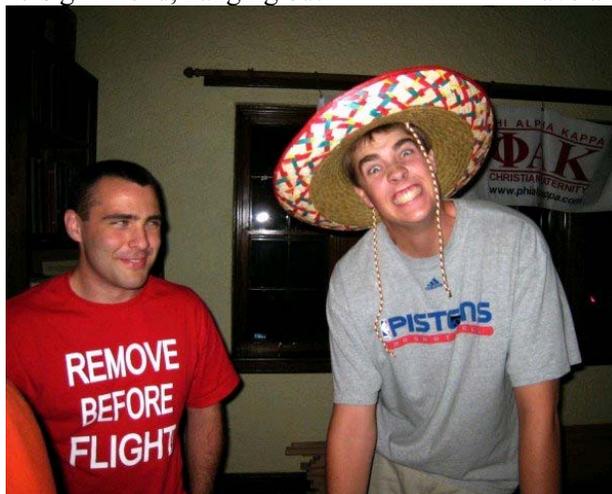
James Isaac Hughes is a freshman at the University of Michigan and a pledge at Phi Alpha Kappa. Jim's family consists of his Dad who is a global project manager for General Motors, his mom, and four siblings. Throughout his childhood Jim participated in the Boy Scout program eventually attaining the honor of Eagle Scout. Before coming to the University of Michigan, Jim attended Washtenaw Christian Academy where he was actively involved in sports. When Jim is not studying, he is probably playing one of many sports including soccer, basketball, volleyball or golf. Jim is an outgoing, athletic and good natured guy who will be a great addition to the Phi Alpha Kappa brotherhood.



Dane, Ben, and Dana, Eric's girlfriend, hanging out



Dave and Greg relaxing



Matt and Josh thoroughly enjoying the party

## Active Summary

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Karl Kappler  
Pledge Co-Chair  
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Economics and  
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Benjamin Dykstra  
Vice President  
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Physics



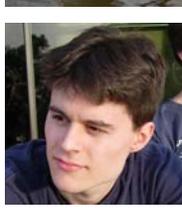
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Senior  
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House Dog  
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Senior  
Computer Science



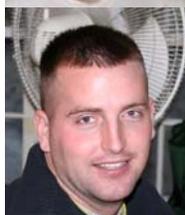
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Dental Student



Dane Watts  
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Sophomore  
Pre-Dentistry



Mike Vander Roest  
Kitchen Steward  
Sophomore  
Business



Jung-Ho Kim  
Pledge Co-Chair/Athletic Chair  
Sophomore  
Pre-Med



Anthony Abruzzo  
Sophomore  
Business



John Prins  
Sergeant-at-Arms  
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