

Newsreel

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President's Report State of The House

Greetings to all Phi Alpha Kappa alumni. The school year has begun and with it brings another chapter of Phi Alpha Kappa. This year promises to be an exciting one as the Michigan Basketball team assembled an excellent recruiting class and the Michigan Football team once again is expected to win the Big Ten Championship.

The morale of the members is high due to the number of improvements made in the house over the summer months. These include the installation of a central fire alarm system, the re-sloping and paving of the driveway, and the stripping and staining of woodwork. These improvements are greatly appreciated by the active chapter and we would like to thank the members of the alumni board who made it possible.

The pledge class this year is twelve members strong, however, there are only fifteen active members which leaves four spots vacant. Three of the four spots have been filled by borders which eases the financial burden, but does not help with house spirit. In order to eliminate this problem next year our recruiting efforts are starting earlier than ever. The active chapter would appreciate any help that the alumni members could provide by plugging for the house; giving us names of prospectives that we are unaware of, or by providing suggestions for additional recruiting methods. Recruiting is of paramount importance as we have not been able to fill the house in recent years.

I would like to take this moment to personally invite the alumni members to attend our annual Alumni/Family Day. This event will provide an excellent opportunity to check out first hand the improvements made in the house, enjoy a brat and a beer, see the Michigan Football team play, reminisce with old alumni, and meet

the members of the active chapter. Alumni/Family Day is November 9 (more info on following pages) and all you have to do to reserve a ticket is call the house at (313) 761-5491. There are plenty of tickets available but we would appreciate a quick response so we will be able to prepare accordingly. Thank you.

Dave Kuzma,
President

Actives Rout the 1992 Pledge Class

The Active chapter of Φ AK once again committed murder at Mitchell field on Sept. 20, 1991. The pledge class was lead by quarterback Steve Dehorn who made a valiant attempt at breaking the active chapters, "Bend, But Don't Break" defense, but didn't quite cut it. The active chapter's quarterback, Dave Kuzma, who razzled and dazzled in the back field like Jimmy Harbaugh, lead them to a glorious victory.

From the start of the game the pledge team was overwhelmed by the active chapters high octane offense which scored 14 unanswered points in the first half. The first drive was capped with a huge bomb to Ken 'Magic' Zwiers who rambled for what appeared to be 70 yards for the touchdown. On the next offensive series the Φ AKsters went to their trick bag and caught the pledges looking on a flee flicker which also resulted in a score. In the third quarter Dave lead the actives down the field once again only to find Phil Willink wide open in the end zone for another glorious touchdown. At this point the score was 21-0 and the actives had the pledges under their thumbs. This is where the big play of the game comes in. Pledge, Wayne Stiles, in the end zone with fingertips just touching the pigskin of a perfectly lofted

ball, finds himself drilled into the gravel when active linebacker, Steve Ferris, runs him over like a mighty locomotive. The pledges did not strike successfully until late in the fourth quarter on a lazy end around run by pledge quarterback Steve Dehorn. It must be noted that the active's girlfriends were secretly substituted in during that play. The final score was 21-7 with the active chapter keeping the 62 year victory streak alive.

Ian Smith

Introducing the New Pledges

Once again, it is time to introduce the men who will someday carry on the traditions of the house. This year, each pledge's biography was written by his big brother, but as far as we know most of the information is true.

Don Orlowski. At first sight, this name seems to be particularly non-Dutch. In fact, it is not Dutch and this is the main fault I can find in Don. But there is hope for him living here among the Dutchmen of Phi Alpha Kappa. Maybe some of our (superior) bloodline may seep into the Polish fluid running in his veins now. Actually, aside from the name, I enjoy the company of Donald. However, his very loud radio (playing Metallica or Beethoven?) can sometimes provide some interesting competition for studying (that is, for those of us with a real major). Don is hoping for a BGS degree in a couple of years, and as a result he seems to have a fairly good amount of time to "entertain" the rest of us. My little brother hails from Grand Rapids (big surprise) and graduated from Comstock Park High in 1989. I wish him the best of luck this year at Phi Alpha Kappa.

Eric Strom comes to us from the sunny city of Santa Barbara, California. He transferred from Calvin College last year and is studying towards a degree in linguistics. He enjoys photography and playing his trumpet in the cellar of the Φ AK house. Since Eric lives in California and is only a few hours drive from the Rose Bowl, he has promised to house all actives when the mighty Wolverines come and visit the PAC Ten champions. Best of luck to Eric in his studies and pledging Φ AK.

Greg Quist, our youngest (and quietest) pledge, hails from Grand Rapids Calvin Christian High School and is an engineering major beginning his freshman year here at "The U." A percussionist in the U-M Concert Band, Greg has aspirations of someday playing in the highly competitive U-M marching band. Good luck to Greg in school, band, and pledging Φ AK.

Jeremy Frens is a first-year pharmacy student transferring from Calvin College. He heard of the Dutch House from classmates at Calvin and decided to pledge this fall. Jeremy likes to spend his spare time at the School of Music practicing the organ. At present, he is working at a Perry Drug store to get some drug-related experience. In his first few weeks at U of M he has jumped right into the Ann Arbor culture by frequenting such places as Stucchi's, The Brown Jug, and Cactus Jack's.

John Marcus. This Mexican born pledge has the honor of being the oldest living member of the house, at a quarter of a century plus one. When he remembers to take his Geritol he enjoys most outdoor sports. He's been in school for as long as he can remember but he says he plans on graduating someday and becoming a productive member of society. He took up cliff diving while living in Mexico and has

dived from as high as 65 feet-- maybe he can be the entertainment for the next house party! At a whopping 170 lbs. he played center for his high school football team in California but he was no match for the actives in the pledge-active football game.

Kevin Sprecher transferred into the school of nursing at the U of M last year. After spending three years at Calvin switching from Engineering to Pre-med to Nursing, he decided final choice might be something to stay with for a while. He enjoys numerous sporting activities and is allegedly a certified captain for small vessels. Kevin's caring attitude and friendliness will make him a fine addition to the men of Φ AK.

Mike Baker, the little brother of Dennis Baker, comes to us from the Grand Rapids/Cutlerville area. He attended Calvin College for two years after completing high school at South Christian. He explains: "I love music... I played the trombone in the Calvin College Band until engineering/Audra took up too much of my time." His other interests include Bonsai, surfing, Frisbee, art, dancing, and (of course) spending time with his girlfriend, Audra.

Mike Buitendorp, who hails from the musical fountain capital of the world, Grand Haven, is another alumnus from Calvin to add to the ranks of Φ AK membership. He graduated with a B.A. in economics, but while working on an internship for the government, decided the world of architecture was calling to him. That means he has another 4 1/2 years of school, making him close to a decade older than some of the people in the house by the time he graduates. Despite his hectic schedule of classes and working at Granger, he always finds time to relax. Otherwise, he may be playing the classical guitar (he used to play the french horn), skiing, playing tennis, soccer,

volleyball, or skydiving into carrot patches.

Scott Stephenson. After more than a month of seeing his name misspelled on most everything, Scott Stephenson (or is it Stevenson?) has settled in nicely at Phi Alpha Kappa. Scott hails from Grand Rapids and attended East Grand Rapids High School. He came to the University as a freshman in 1989, but allegedly wandered around campus looking for the house until this year. Scott is a junior in the Business School and his major for the week is international business (who knows, maybe next week he'll be a finance major). Although his contribution to the intramural teams may be in question, there seems to be no doubt that his assignments will come in handy to the two other actives in the B-school!

Scott Allen comes to Φ AK from Mason, MI (I don't where it is either). He spent three years at that one little college in Holland, MI and is now continuing his studies in mechanical engineering at a real university. Scott's hobbies include basketball, fast-pitch softball, football, volleyball, fly-fishing, and currently some hot babe (so he claims) from Hope named Lucy Kras. We wish Scott good luck in his studies at U of M and in his pursuit of Ms. Kras.

Steve Dehorn. The hype surrounding this transfer student from Hope college and his immense quarterbacking skills are analogous to the hype surrounding Andre Ware when he was drafted by the Lions. Since Steve played quarterback at Mona Shores High School, the pledges picked him to lead them in the pledge-active football game. However, just as Andre Ware had trouble adjusting to the pro game, Steve had trouble adjusting to the active style of play. Even though the actives dismantled the pledges, Steve appears to have the ability

and brains (Hey - he's a mechanical engineer) to lead the house intramural football team. Now if we could only get him to take off that putrid Michigan State sweatshirt he so dearly loves, we would have no complaints.

Wayne Stiles, this years most verbose pledge, can be heard bellowing throughout the halls of Φ AK on any given night. It took me weeks to figure out how my little brother Wayne could average eight hours a day in the TV room, drink six bottles of Molson per night and still complete his studies. This continued to baffle me until I learned that Wayne is a junior in the School of Art. He started his education with the intent of becoming a gear head until he decided math was not for him. He now plans to be an industrial and/or graphic design major. Wayne's artistic abilities are truly astounding and for a case of beer (Molson) he is more than willing to lend you his services. Wayne has already used his talents to contribute to the house and will make a fine addition to the men of Φ AK.

Vice President's Report

Φ AK currently has 15 active members and 12 pledges residing in the house; boarders bring the total house occupancy to 30. Since we would prefer to have all members/pledges living here, I ask you to help the active chapter and encourage those men you know from Calvin, Hope and the West Michigan area to seriously consider joining Φ AK while attending the U-M. We know of several students from Calvin and Hope who are attending the U-M and would make a positive contribution to the fraternity, but choose to live elsewhere because of the bad "party atmosphere" reputation we have received.

As Vice President and the person responsible for recruiting new pledges, I hope to renew the

tradition of bringing more Christian graduate students of all disciplines to Φ AK as seemed to be the case when Φ AK was founded many years ago.

Recruiting tables will be set up at Hope, Calvin, and GRCC in late October. In mid November and December we will encourage those students interested in Φ AK and the U-M to visit our house informally and get a tour of the campus as well as hear some more sales pitches for the fraternity!

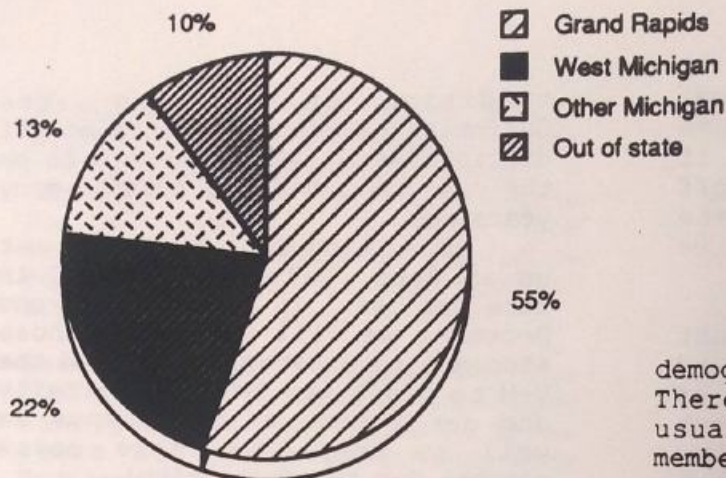
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Save my Sanity

I truly do not understand why I chose to go into the accounting profession after spending hours meticulously examining the house books, completing the house financial statements, and budgeting for the next year. Perhaps the reason I have decided to specialize in tax stems from my inability to obtain actual store receipts from house members. Believe me, just this simple event is enough to drive an accountant crazy. In any event, we ended up in the black. Although the house was not full last year and the increase in rent to the Alumni board hung over us, we were able to keep our head above water, thanks in part to summer occupancy being extremely high. In lieu of our healthy financial position we plan on the continuing effort to beautify the house. If you would like to contribute along with us please feel free to do so. Also stop by any time you're in the area and check out how your old stomping grounds have transformed. Thank you.

Ken Beld,
Business Manager

Hometowns of OAK Members



House Composition

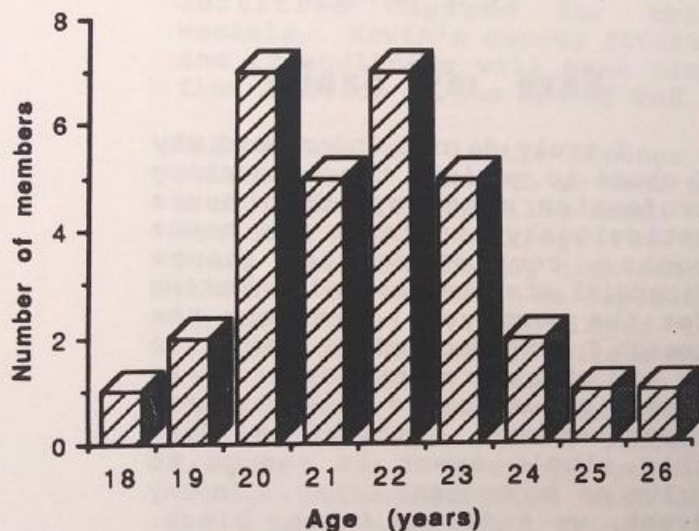
This year at Phi Alpha Kappa, the demographic profile is a diverse one. There are, however, some major (the usual) similarities between house members. All 31 members were surveyed on questions of: hometown, religion, major, previous college experience, ancestry, and age.

The typical resident is 22 years old, comes from Grand Rapids and has Dutch heritage. He is a member of the Christian Reformed Church and has previously studied at Calvin College. As has been the trend over the last few years, Φ AK is dominated by engineering students, although 20 different answers were given for the question of major. There were also 12 different answers each for religion and ancestry.

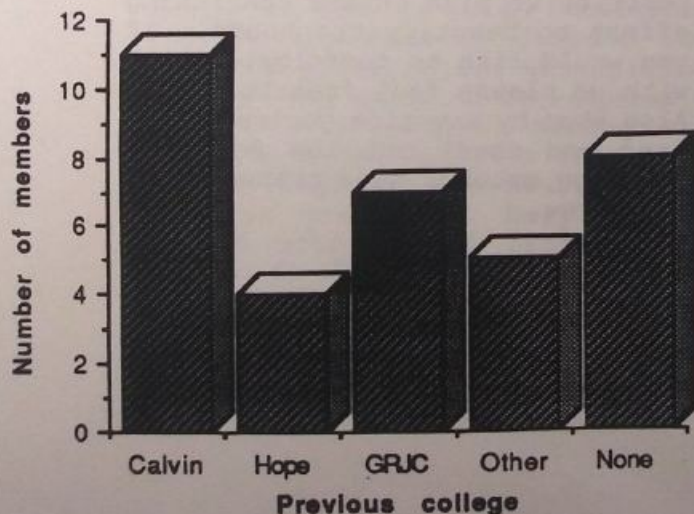
The house predominately consists of undergraduate students (68%) but the graduate and professional students are trying to make a comeback. We continue to recruit extensively at West Michigan colleges in order to attract the Dutch Christian Reformed Calvin graduate, which was once the dominate characteristic of Φ AK.

Dirk Bakker

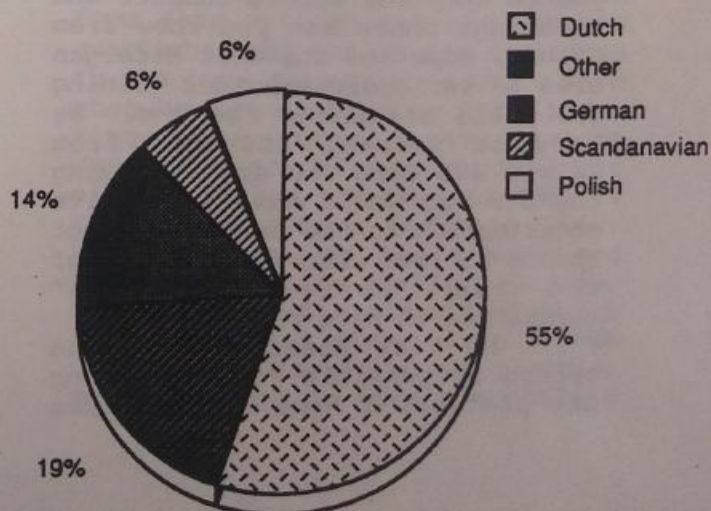
Age profile



OAK Previous Colleges



OAK Ancestry



Eatin' Good

Despite the usual difficulties at the beginning of the year (like receiving 2000 packets of sugar instead of two bags, and trying to get the cook's help to make coffee at dinner) the Phi Alpha Kappa kitchen managed to get rolling once again. I am happy to report that Kay Bausman has returned for her sixth year as the kitchen enforcer/cook.

The kitchen started the year in good financial position (we even had enough money to purchase some new dishes), and it looks as if a nearly full house will keep us in good standing. Board fees were raised \$10 per month to \$170 at the April house meeting, but may be reduced if food prices have not increased exorbitantly. Our food orders are still being handled by the Student Buyer's Association which saves us both time and money.

Thanks to hard work by Kay and her husband John, the kitchen will (hopefully) receive a contribution of \$15,000 from Briarwood Mall in the latter part of October. Although none of the appliances need replacing immediately, I'm sure the NDBD (Not Dead But Dying) stove will be the first to go. Other smaller improvements are also well overdue.

Well, that's all from the mess hall; and remember, if you ever get a yearning for that Phi Alpha Kappa food, just stop on by and we'll be sure to fill you up.

Ken Zwiers,
Steward

From the Desk of the Sports Director

ΦAK has embarked upon yet another glorious year of sports. In order to match last years mini-soccer triumph, we knew we would have to play hard and be ready to learn. As our first softball game showed us, a strong offence leads

to victory. Our seven to one win taught us the Dutch couldn't be beat. Softball game number two was the setting of some great teamwork, and extraordinary plays. From this game we learned that losing builds character (at least that's what they say). Stay tuned, ΦAK will be sure to put on some impressive shows in I.M. football and basketball. Remember, the Dutch know sports.

Darren Hillagonds,
Sports Director

Party Anyone?

Due to the near failures of ΦAK's fall parties in past years, social chairmans Cory Van De Griend and David Layman decided to adopt a new philosophy. Based on the overall success of the spring theme party "Reno Night", the social staff decided to also limit the fall schedule to one theme party. This decision allows ΦAK to focus on creating a new annual party for the fall. Therefore, we plan to make this one party Super Hip, in hopes of attaining the same success as Reno Night. A prototype theme has been drafted and will debut October 19. Its name: "ΦAK's Fall Annual Beacon Bash". The idea: During the partying hours a 2 billion candle power spot light will shine luminously to the heavens from the our front lawn. Inside, each member will be treated to a bottle of champagne and guests of age will be served with the usual brewed ale. The spot light is an attempt to grant ΦAK with some degree of social recognition on the U of M campus. It will be rented from a local company and careful steps were taken to insure that no city ordinances or laws will be violated. We also have looked into hiring the services of a security guard to keep details well looked after; essentially to insure that each guest reads and signs the guest list, theft does not occur (like at Reno Night last year), and to place an ominous

sense of organization upon guests who may act flagrantly otherwise.

The party will be promoted on our campus as well as Calvin's with invitational flyers. We feel that the new fall party has been carefully plotted and will be a true success. Perhaps we have given birth to a new Φ AK tradition that many future members can enjoy as well.

Cory Van De Griend
Dave Layman,
Social Co-Chairs

The New Φ AK

Over the past several months, Φ AK has undergone numerous renovations in the continuing effort to make the house an even better place to live. Although Φ AK took on the appearance of a construction site at times, the inconvenience was well worth it. At the beginning of the summer a centralized fire alarm was installed throughout the public areas of the house, supplemented by smoke detectors already present in each members' room. We hope this will increase the safety of any residents in case the unthinkable should happen. During the summer and into the fall, much of the woodwork was stripped and then restained; the baseboards and windows in the back half of the living room (the front half was redone a couple of years ago), the banister, doors, foyer, mail room, and smokers' TV room. New brass fittings were installed, and broken or missing pieces were fixed or replaced as well. Overall, it has the appearance that new doors and windows were installed, truly enhancing the aesthetics of our house. Another major improvement was the concrete poured over the rest of the driveway, finishing the job that was started a few years back. The external appearance of Φ AK is much more neat and trim without the dirt driveway that once existed. The concrete also remedies

the task of wading through mud to reach our cars and facilitates the shovelling of snow. We, the current residents of Φ AK, wish to extend our thanks to those that made these house improvements possible. These jobs are indicative of our will to not only maintain the house, but to increase its appeal to prospectives and make Φ AK an even better place to live for future members.

Philip Willink,
Sergeant

RECYCLING TO SAVE OUR WORLD

In a tangible way, the men of Φ AK have begun to express their concern for the environment and for the worsening problem of solid waste. As the city of Ann Arbor gears up its curb side recycling program, we have decided to join in and do as much as we can to minimize the amount of material we put in the dumpster and increase the amount we put back into the cycle of raw materials.

The city has simplified this process immensely by starting a curb side service which is designed to pick up nearly every type of recyclable material from our residence. The previous system had people taking all of their recyclables to a "centralized" drop-off station in the middle of nowhere. Now Ann Arborites can put glass, newspaper, tin cans, corrugated cardboard, motor oil, car and household batteries and plastic milk jugs out at their curb on garbage collection day and a special recycling truck will pick them up.

The house is off to a good start. Since the school year has begun we have already recycled nearly 100 milk jugs, about 100 pounds of newspaper, 50 pounds of glass, 120 pounds of cardboard and 60 pounds of metal cans. This is after just one month!

It's obvious by looking at these numbers that if we keep up the recycling effort, we will have made a real impact on the amount of garbage we throw out. At present, we have very little difficulty filling a 6 cubic yard dumpster every week... as a house we want to see that happen much less often. When the dumpster isn't full, we will know that we are making the world a better place for future generations.

Paul Thill

Alumni Board Update

ΦAK's Alumni Board continues to back the activities of the active chapter by maintaining the finances of the fraternity, and providing for capital improvements of the house. Over the last year a new fire alarm system was installed and the last bit of the driveway was cemented in. Also much of the woodwork on the main floor was stripped down and refinished - it really looks great. The members of ΦAK wish to thank all the individuals involved in these projects.

Currently the ΦAK board members include:

Chuck Stehouwer- Pres.
Dave Slopsma - Vice Pres.
Dirk Start
Marvin Zwiers
Calvin Lane
Harv De Maagd
Cornie Huizenga
Tom Van De Griend*
Bob Walters*
Bill Pastoor*

* designates new members

In addition to these individuals, two other gentlemen assist the board in its duties. Don Lubben acts as the treasurer and Paul Newhoff is in charge of capital improvements. A big thank you is extended to all of these men for the time they invest in ΦAK.

Chuck Kass

To Open Party or not to Open Party?

Our resident lawyer what-to-be, Chris La Grand, wrote a nice little article addressing the legalities and responsibilities of throwing parties in our house. To keep in the essence of the article (and enhance your reading enjoyment) the piece has been written in true legal print!!

The landscape of fraternity partying at Michigan and at other colleges and universities is changing. A recent article in the Michigan Daily reported that many of the fraternities in the Greek system were receiving pressure from their national governing bodies and the university administration to consider moving to a BYOB format for future social gatherings. Some have even advocated going to the extreme of initiating an invite only format for parties at the Greek houses. Awareness of the hosts' responsibility for the conduct of party goes at parties and on the campuses, and the potential liability arising out of that conduct is the motivation behind much of the discussion. What affect all of this discussion will have on the party atmosphere at the University of Michigan is unknown, all that is certain is that the push for change and the actual changes made will be topics for discussion into the near future.

While Phi Alpha Kappa is not a part of the Greek world at Michigan, much discussion has occurred over the last year concerning the types of social events that the fraternity does or does not and/or should or should not sponsor. The focus of discussion has been the rising social budget (around \$95/ member/term this year) and the size, number, and format of the "open" parties that the house hosts. Many of the questions and concerns that arise within the larger Greek debate have arisen within the microcosm of that debate that Phi Alpha Kappa's discussions are. Responsibility and liability, as well as questions of general taste and propriety, have been the topics of much discussion and debate. This article is an attempt to give the alumni and the present members a start at answering some of the questions, but also and predominantly is an attempt to call attention to the questions and issues involving this segment of the fraternity's operation for consideration. Many of these questions and issues evade simple or easy answers, some in fact appear unanswerable, explicitly involving opinion or preferences for risk or risk averseness. This, however, does not mean that they should not be asked or addressed. Consideration of them alone is important, because even if they are unanswerable, decisions made by the fraternity will reflect explicit and implicit answers and viewpoints concerning them.

Phi Alpha Kappa plans to have two major open parties this year, a fall party and the traditional

Reno party in the spring. These parties will be publicized in a variety of ways, including the members notifying friends and classmates of the gatherings, and whatever other methods social co-chairs Dave Layman and Cory Van De Griend choose to employ. Upon arriving at the party, persons will be requested to sign in. When they sign in they are requested to read and in fact are signing to attest to the fact that they have read a party statement. The statement details that beer is served to those guests willing to sign the sheet certifying that they are 21 years of age, that other types of non-alcoholic beverages are provided, and that they are neither required or expected to partake of either. The sheet also notes that both are provided by Phi Alpha Kappa free of charge. The guest's signature also attempts to shield the fraternity from liability in the event of injury in that the party statement states that they accept the responsibility for their conduct after drinking beer if they chose to do so.

The bar is effectively managed by pledges under the supervision of the social co-chairs. Persons visibly intoxicated or clearly not of legal age are not served. Fraternity members observe persons conduct at the party and attempt to keep the peace. Persons attempting to leave the party while visibly intoxicated are asked how they arrived at the party and if they are leaving with someone who is not intoxicated or has not been drinking. Care is taken to make sure that persons who have driven to the party, a small segment of guests at the fall party and a somewhat larger segment of those at the Reno party, either have someone sober to operate the vehicle or have a place to stay in the house or in Ann Arbor until they sober up. In no circumstances are they allowed to drive away from the party in an intoxicated state.

The parties that the house conducted last year resulted in little or no significant problems. While we did have our amp and CD player stolen, and did have some minor wrestling matches in the main room and in the halls, mainly between house inhabitants, the parties were otherwise successful and resulted in nothing more than a dirty main room and bathrooms and some minor damage to the ivy on the front of the house. Questions of Social Host liability were however asked, so I did some research in the law library in an attempt to answer some of these concerns.

The law of social host liability varies greatly from jurisdiction to jurisdiction and from case to case. Michigan law separates dramshop act liability under MCL 436.22, MSA 18.993 from social host liability under MCL 436.33, MSA 18.1004. The dramshop act applies only to the class of defendants consisting of liquor licensees who sell liquor and must be bonded under the act. The dramshop act was not meant to apply to private individuals who are not tavern owners (Lover v. Sampson, 44 Mich.App. 173 (1973).)

The social host provision prohibits a person from knowingly selling or furnishing alcohol to a person under the age of twenty-one. This provision was held to apply both to licensees under the act and individuals and groups not licensed under the act in Longstreth v. Gensel, 423 Mich. 675 (1985). The court in Longstreth also noted that

knowingly selling or furnishing liquor to a minor under MCL 463.33, MSA 18.1004 amounted to a misdemeanor. The court further found that a violation created a rebuttable presumption of negligence in a civil action (Id., pg. 693). The court left most affirmative defenses open to the defendants including comparative negligence and the non-innocent party defenses. In Reinert v. Dolezel, 147 Mich.App. 149 (1985) the Michigan Court of Appeals modified the holding from Longstreth holding that allowing minors to consume alcohol on one's property that was not furnished by the owner was not a violation of MCL 463.33, MSA 18.1004. Michigan courts have also clearly enforced the rule from Ribbens v. Jawahlr, 175 Mich.App. 540, 438 NW2d 252 (1988) and Wittaker v. Jet-Way, 152 Mich.App. 795, 394 NW2d 111(1986) stating that liability for negligently furnishing alcohol under the social host provision does not extend to social hosts that serve alcohol to adults who subsequently injure third parties or themselves.

These decisions of the courts of Michigan give us some guidance concerning the manner in which the parties at Phi Alpha Kappa should be conducted. They demonstrate the responsibilities we assume in hosting them. The active chapter's present policies concerning parties seem to provide a good start towards minimizing the potential harm or liability that may come with them. We have to continue the policy of having persons sign in and of supervising the consumption of alcohol at the parties. We also have to take a heightened level of supervision into this year. We have to be responsible hosts. We have to make sure that while we're having a good time we don't lose sight of the responsibilities we assume in hosting these events. Ideally we would assume a level of concern and supervision that exceeded that required by these cases. Whatever we do we must at least be aware of the risks involved in not tending to these responsibilities.

Chris La Grand

Family/Alumni Day

1991

Saturday, November 9

A great chance to see old friends, spend time with the family, and meet the active chapter and new pledges.

Have lunch on The House (brats, beer, etc.) before the game.

Lunch will be served two hours before kickoff

Come back after the game to discuss all the "Important" things over cider and doughnuts.

Come for the game or just come for lunch and conversation

Bring the family, everyone is welcome

Plenty of tickets are available for the Northwestern game

*For more information and tickets call:
Phi Alpha Kappa (313) 761-5491*