

PRESIDENT REPORT

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Thank you for prayers and support as this year unfolds and we work together to revitalize the house to fit the new trend. Hope to see you soon!

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We covet your prayers and support as this year continues and we work together to structure the house to fit this new trend. Hope to see or hear from you all very soon.

Brian Steensma, President
Active Chapter

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

It's fall again and I am in a much better mood than I was last year at this time. Last year we only had two new pledges to accompany our one lame duck. This year we have a strong pledge class of ten new members and two returning lame ducks. This was an answer to many prayers.

I have a small list of prospects for next fall already. I plan on going to Calvin College and possibly Hope College during October to recruit for the house. If you know any students at either of these schools inform them of my recruiting plans at the end of October.

Once again word-of-mouth was our most successful recruiting tool this year. Always remember to mention your former place of residence to any prospective Wolverine. I can be reached via the house number (313)761-5491, my personal phone line (313)327-7664, or by e-mail at mvande@umich.edu . If you know anyone that I might want to contact, please let me know. Also remember to pray for your house, and ask that we can have another great recruiting year.

Mark Van De Wege, Vice President

BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT

The condition of the house is slowing improving. Since our house is close to capacity, we have been able to make some much needed improvements including the remodeling of both triples, a new house computer, and new kitchen chairs. However, with 4 actives graduating at the end of the semester, the house will once again be underfilled with Φ AK members and will be forced to find more boarders. If alumni can once again help our vice president get another great pledge class like this year's, the house will be in superb shape for next year.

Although keeping the house in 'top notch' condition is and always will be our primary objective, if we can fill the house with pledges for the 98-99 school year, maybe we can convince the alumni board to install the super hot tub on the roof (sic). And of course you as alumni would be more than welcome to use this hot tub any time your in Ann Arbor. Just think about that for a minute, and then go out and spread the word about a little house on a hill known as Phi Alpha Kappa.

Daniel Racey, Business Manager

STEWARD REPORT

Welcome, newsreel readers, to another wonderful semi-annual Phi Alpha Kappa Steward Report. Things have been going well so far this semester. We currently have 26 people on the meal plan and we have Amy Caldwell returning for her 3rd year. The meals have been excellent with a healthy serving of meat and potatoes. We are currently in the progress of purchasing new chairs for the dining-room and also on our agenda is buying new tables to go with the chairs. We are hoping for the support of the alumni board to help us with the costs of this purchase. The kitchen would be nearing perfection with some of these additions.

Jason L. Stiles, Steward

SERGEANT REPORT

Hello from the sergeant. This year's house repairs will be dictated by the recent city inspection: a number of doors and windows are in need of repair or replacement. A few alumni also toured the house and offered their comments on objects needing our attention. Thankfully, due to the large class of incoming pledges, the house will pass the next inspection with flying colors. The problems with the water damaged walls are still being investigated. The annual Phi A. K. Work Day is scheduled for October 25. Feel free to come by and give a hand or just get in the way.

If you can supply us with any prospective members, please give the house a call. We can sure use some more hands for helping.

Andy Zondervan, Sergeant

ATHLETIC REPORT

The house athletic teams were blessed this year with 10 new talented pledges to compliment our active core. The newcomers are eager to participate and seem to have excellent athletic abilities.

As a result, we pummeled the competition 4-1 in our first soccer game this year, but Racey was angry he didn't get a shutout. It was an interesting game: Zondervan was hot dogging the whole time, Seth was so tired he could barely run, and Kuipers, who refuses to play on Jewish holidays, scored two goals. However, the second contest resulted in a 7-1 loss.

In addition to the soccer, we are beginning the house pool tournament and I am also organizing a fall golf outing.

One of our pledges, Josh Doezema, competes with the Michigan's mountain biking club. Although he hasn't had a competitive race yet, he is competing in a tough division and is confident he will do well.

Tim Wolma, Athletic Chair

SOCIAL REPORT

The year is off to a fast start. We went camping on September 5 and ran into some interesting girls from Madonna University. We tried to go canoeing on the 19th of September, but due to those off-base meteorologists, that did not happen. Only a thunderstorm could keep us from getting into those canoes, but we went bowling instead. We found out that bowling may not be our best sport, but you can't call us slow bowlers.

Some of the other events planned for this semester include pledge-active football, whirlyball, open bar, and perhaps even a trip to see Cocaine Wayne's ex-team (the Lions). The semester is also filled up with football games. Michigan has seven home games and almost all, except Baylor, are well worth attending. Alumni Day is scheduled for November 1. The Wolverines play the Gophers of Minnesota and there will be plenty of tickets available.

The fall party is scheduled for October 4. Unlike last year, the pledges will be very happy to run the whole thing since they love to work hard and love to watch the actives be lazy.

We invite all alumni to stop by at any time. Feel free to come by before a football game, the fall party, or at any other time to meet the new pledges and the old actives (Phil and A.J.).

Kraig Kuipers and John Westra, Social Co-chairs

PLEDGE REPORT

This semester we have 12 pledges, including two lame ducks and ten green ones. Read on to learn about them.

Daniel A. van Beek and Mark Van De Wege, Pledge Co-chairs

MEET THE PLEDGES

Mark Bouma

Mark "meat eater" Bouma . . . what can be said about this pledge?? Hailing from Kalamazoo, Michigan, he possesses one thing that most pledges don't - sheer mass. His size, which is currently two hundred and eighty pounds of red meat housed in a 6' 6" frame, makes Andre the Giant look like an alternate for midget bowling. Granted, coming from a family of seven had something to do with his size; it instilled in him the classic Darwinian concept of eat or be eaten, learn or be learned, fight or be foughtened!?!

At Kalamazoo Christian, he put his physical attributes to work destroying enemies in JV and varsity football while keeping himself busy playing basketball, tennis, and seeing how quickly he could devour a live cow. Asked what he hopes to achieve at Michigan, he replied that he wants to find a mate who would be able to survive his Klingon like mating rituals - oh, and to drink beer. And grades? Mark has developed a mafiaesce style of not killing professors in exchange for a B+ or above. Let's hear it for diplomacy!

Seth Buitendorp, Big Brother

Jason Broene

O, let me tell you about this youngster out of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Despite coming from a place very foreign to past and current house members, Jason has fit in well. After surviving four years of Calvin Christian High, he moved on to Grand Rapids CC and finally migrated east to our little village. Jason is working toward a degree in Architecture and I hope someday he will be able to draw up plans for my deluxe cardboard box of a home, which will become the envy of the neighborhood.

Jason enjoys sports, laughing at stupid people (there are alot here), and laughing at stupid people playing sports. Rewinding video cassettes, lacquering wood products and slaving over a kitchen stove are Jason's other interests. He's a good guy, I think.

Daniel A. van Beek, Big Brother

Nick De Haan

Nick is one of the Fab Freshman Five, although his basketball skills more resemble Luc Longley than that of Chris Webber. As most freshman (and certain 5th year seniors), he has no idea what he wants to do with the rest of his life. The only reasons he chose U-M is because he heard we had a good football team, the reigning Miss Michigan goes to school here, we have rich girls from Bloomfield Hills, and that it was no where near Calvin College. While giving me absolutely no feedback into his personal life, the only information I have been able to get out of him thus far is that he likes to ski and that no, he is not attracted to balding white men who like Hootie & the Blowfish. Oh yeah, and he likes Pink Floyd, like c'mon, who doesn't??

Daniel Racey, Big Brother

Chris De Vries

Christopher R. DeVries, fresh out of Grand Rapids Christian High, is an undeclared LSA student. Some of his hobbies include listening to his music (consisting of one of the most extensive Pink Floyd collections I have ever seen), keeping up on the latest movies, sports, and just hanging around with his ΦAK buds. Chris is fitting into the house very well and he has demonstrated an ability to draw his fellow pledge brothers to him, increasing pledge unity. Overall we are glad to have him as a pledge and look forward to a great year.

Brian Steensma, Big Brother

Josh Doezenia

Josh Doezenia comes to Phi Alpha Kappa from Grand Rapids Christian High School. He is entering his freshman year here at the U. He is an

interesting young man whom his big brother looks forward to molding into a fine citizen of Phi Alpha Kappa. Josh enjoys spending his time by getting lost while he's mountain biking, downhill skiing, bowhunting, fishing, talking to himself, and listening to Ted Nugent while doing all of the above. His musical interests revolve around Pink Floyd. And if you ever want to watch *Top Gun*, give Josh a call, because he'll be glad to watch it. His main goal in life is to earn enough money to buy a Hummer. Currently he plans to accomplish this by pursuing an exciting career in engineering.

Mark Van De Wege, Big Brother

Matthew Henry

Matthew Henry is not your stereotypical pledge. He is from Michigan, growing up in Big Rapids, but currently residing in Clayton (which is about 12 miles west of Adrian which is about 30 miles southwest of Ann Arbor). What sets Matt apart is that he is an alumnus of Hillsdale College, and probably one of the few, if not the first, Hillsdale alumnus to live at Φ AK. He received a physics/math double major, then entered the University of Michigan doctoral physics program. He is currently interested in condensed matter, but that may change. (Condensed matter is the physics of solids and liquids and is apparently borderline chemistry.) When he is not pondering the inner workings of atoms, he enjoys music, sports, and reading. Not only is Matthew Henry named after a commentary, he enjoys reading them. More specifically, he prefers Puritan works, particularly Owen. Matt also likes to read George MacDonald and J.R.R. Tolkien (course, who doesn't). We are looking forward to Matt's different perspective on things.

Phil Willink (asshole), Big Brother

Andrew Johnston

Hailing from Grand Rapids, Andrew comes to the house after having completed 2 years at GRCC. Originally from Northern Ireland, this well-traveled 20 year-old has also lived in Texas for a spell before his family moved to Michigan, where he attended Plymouth Christian for his secondary education. Andrew is currently a junior in architecture, and his plans are to stay at U of M for four years and complete his master's degree also, thus adding his name to the long list of fine architects that Φ AK has produced. His interests range from golf and tennis to drawing (well, he is in architecture after all).

Jason Holstege, Big Brother

Brian Papke

Brian is from Grand Rapids, Michigan. He attended Northview high school and has also attended the University of Miami, Ohio. Brian enjoys such outdoor activities as underwater basket-weaving, contact synchronized

swimming, and frof (frisbee-golf). Brian doesn't mind watching TV although he would much rather be doing something outside.

But, Brian's most important hobby is looking for a future ex-Mrs. Papke. He would like to find a nice girl, but at this moment, he is willing to settle.

Seriously though, Brian is a great addition to the house. He is outgoing and willing to become actively involved with the social activities of the house. I also know how he feels about that woman issue and all I can say is-- Join the club and keep trying.

Kraig "Pitsauce" Kuipers, Big Brother

Luke Pinkerton

Luke Pinkerton, a Hope College graduate native to Grandvill, OHIO, saw the light of the Maize and Blue by making U of M his choice for pursuing his master's degree in civil engineering. Citing 'nothing to do', the mass abundance of cornfields, and weird accents as key reasons for running from Ohio, Luke also managed to overcome the influence of his OSU alumna mom. Mr. Pinkerton likes the diverse backgrounds of the people at U of M and the magnitude of the University's research funding. When not playing with concrete composites, Luke enjoys outdoor sports, swimming, and having fun with the members of Phi Alpha Kappa.

Greg Quist, Big Brother

Joel Triemstra

Joel Edward Triemstra comes to us from Kalamazoo, Michigan. He is a freshman this year in the college of Engineering, after graduating from Kalamazoo Christian and Kalamazoo Area Math and Science Center. His goal is to receive a degree in Electrical Engineering. Some of his favorite pastime activities include laughing at various non-sober members, playing his guitar while disturbing people who are studying, playing Nintendo 64 while people are studying, watching Star Wars real loud while people are studying, and asking people who are studying if they want to play pool. As his big brother, I also enjoy joining him in many hours of non-studying. He is a welcome addition to the house and we look forward to having him as a member..

Jason L. Stiles, Big Brother

Jacob John Westra, Jr.

John Westra found his way to the Dutch House all the way from Kalamazoo while driving the "biggest eyesore automobile" in the annals of Phi Alpha Kappa history. One might think it was the inimitable quality of life afforded by our Dutch House environs, but the driving force for John's pledgship may run more deeply than we first expected, having perhaps a genetic link: John's Grandfather was also a member of Phi Alpha Kappa.

Although only in his second year at U-M, John is actively pursuing a major in the L.S. & A. college's U.S.P. (Undeclared Studies Program). When not avoiding schoolwork, John enjoys not doing his homework, oft declaring that since "I have an exam tomorrow, it's *almost* time to study." In his seemingly voluminous spare time, John neither smokes nor drinks, but enjoys chowing down on Amy's chicken sandwiches, listening to classical music (well, *some* consider Led Zeppelin classical musicians), and longing for the return of the Nixon years.

Adam Johnson, Big Brother

Tim Wolma

Tim journeyed from our feeder city of Grand Rapids to join us here at the Dutch House. After attending Grand Rapids Christian, he followed in the foot steps of his big brother by attending Grand Rapids Community College and transferring to U of M. He took a slight detour by starting in LS&A, but he wisely chose chemical engineering for his major. Skiing, ogling Miss Michigan, and golfing are his interests. Tim was a problem child, who, at the age of three, broke his leg. He devised in his toddler mind to use his leg cast as a weapon against his brothers. Maybe in a couple years, he will be engaged to a beautiful woman and designing ultimate weapons of mass destruction like his big brother.

Andy Zondervan, Big Brother

Send this form in with \$32 for each ticket desired for purchase:

Alumni Day, November 1 vs. Minnesota

Tickets _____

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FROM THE ALUMNI BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear Alumnus:

Greetings from the Alumni Board of Directors. Exciting things are happening both at the active chapter and the alumni board.

We have begun working with this year's house officers. They are bright, enthusiastic, hard working young men. It's a pleasure to work with them. They inspire us to do whatever we can to make the house the best place it can be for them to continue the traditions of Phi Alpha Kappa.

Phi Alpha Kappa is a brotherhood which supports Christian young men, many of whom have ties to us through family or friends, while they pursue their educational goals and form their life's direction at the University of Michigan. Phi Alpha Kappa provides not only a place to live, but also a supportive atmosphere in which young men can grow personally and spiritually as well as pursue academic excellence. Supporting Phi Alpha Kappa is a way in which we serve God by helping our younger brothers in Christ to excel at a critical time in their lives.

God has provided the Alumni Board with the right members at the right time to fulfill His purposes. A few examples are:

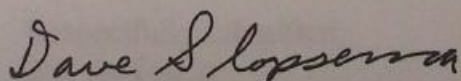
Bill DeYoung is leading the endowment fund committee. Bill has the vision for this cause, and his enthusiasm is contagious.

Denny Duimstra and Paul Newhof are updating the mailing list like never before. For some of you, this is the first mailing you have received from us in many years. It is the first of many.

Bob Walters is using his architectural expertise and insight to develop a vision for restoring the fraternity house to the beautiful and historic building that it rightly is.

We on the board acknowledge that "unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain" (Psalm 127:1). Therefore we strongly desire your prayer support. When we solicit contributions for the endowment fund, I want to also solicit prayer support. I want to develop a list of hundreds of alumni who will commit to praying for Phi Alpha Kappa every day for a year. At the end of the year, we will ask for another year. It's not too early to start praying now. Pray for the success of the active chapter. Pray for house president Brian Steensma as he leads the active chapter. Pray that God will use him to lead in the right directions. Pray also for the Alumni Board. Phi Alpha Kappa belongs to God, and we are merely His stewards. It's a big responsibility. Pray that God will guide us to take Phi Alpha Kappa in the direction He wants it to go.

We want to see you on Alumni Day (November 1). The actives are working hard to make Alumni Day an enjoyable event for you. The actives and the board are committed to make Alumni Day a major event that it has not been in the recent past. I look forward to seeing you there.



Dave Slopsema
Alumni Board President

FROM THE ALUMNI BOARD

Dear Alumnus of Phi Alpha Kappa,

Your Alumni Board has taken on the two-fold challenge of:

1. Doing all in its power to insure that the physical facilities of the house (structure, decor, furnishings) are second to none, and
2. Doing all in its power to insure that the finest of young men are recruited for membership and residence in the house.

The first of these two challenges will be addressed in this communication - namely the physical condition of the house.

The house is structurally sound and is still a very beautiful and impressive facility, but it is in need of repairs, redecorating, and refurbishing. The original intention of your board was to organize a fund drive to pay for this necessary updating. However, after consulting with a number of our brothers, it was decided that what is needed is an endowment fund. The accrued interest of this fund could be used to make the necessary repairs, etc. on an annual basis, thus eliminating the need for periodic fund raisers.

Your Alumni Board also decided that before an organized effort to provide such a fund is undertaken, it is absolutely necessary to re-establish contact with all of our alumni. This is exactly what your board intends to do.

What form the endowment fund will take, who will administrate it, and how the formal appeal will be presented to the alumni is still being discussed. Of utmost importance at this time is that each of us think carefully and prayerfully about what our part in this most important undertaking will be so that when the official appeal goes out, we will be prepared to do our part. God has richly blessed our alumni, and it is your Alumni Board's hope and prayer that our brothers will "catch the vision" and respond most generously.

Providing an endowment fund is a major undertaking. It will not happen overnight. It will take time, but let us remember the old Chinese proverb which reminds us that a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. We covet your suggestions and prayers regarding this most important matter.

In the meantime, why not plan now to visit the house during homecoming (Michigan vs. Minnesota Saturday, Nov. 1). There will be donuts, cider, coffee, apples, Michigan music, and a fire in the fireplace. No reservations are needed, and there is no charge. After the game there will also be a buffet style meal and a special presentation by the actives. Come, make yourself at home, look around, greet your friends, and reminisce. As you do, we are certain that you will once more be impressed by the beauty and elegance of the house. But be aware of just how necessary updating and repairs have become.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill DeYoung
Phi Alpha Kappa Alumni Board