



News Reel

A Tradition of the Phi Alpha Kappa Christian
Fraternity Since 1934

Fall Edition
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Phi Alpha Kappa News Reel, Website Get New Look for Fall 2002

In an effort to make both the Fraternity's bi-annual newsletter and the website more informative and enjoyable for the Alumni and friends of Phi Alpha Kappa, the Active Chapter has set to work, totally revamping the formats of both news outlets.

One change to the News Reel will be expanded content. In addition to the Officer Reports and personal sketches that have become regular parts of the publication, we also hope to bring you a more extensive "Announcements" section. It is here that we will make note of events or activities of special interest to our Alumni and Friends. In this section, we would also like to post special announcements from our

Alumni, be they marriages, major moves or career changes, as well as brief obituaries. Pursuing more of a multilateral communication, we hope that this publication can better serve the Fraternity-at-large.

The Fraternity's redesigned Web page is the loving artifice of this year's Vice-President, Chris Steenwyk (a 3rd



A New View from Phi Alpha Kappa's Home Page: www.phialphakappa.com

year, Electrical Engineering student from Holland, MI). Chris spent many long hours toiling at his computer, adding links to detail our House history, information about pledgeship, social events, and lots and lots of pictures. Updates are in progress, including a

picture archive of all Fraternity portraits currently hanging in the second and third

floors of the House. All are encouraged to view our latest pride and joy and to send comments or feedback to Mr. Steenwyk, our web-master/workhorse, at:

vp@phialphakappa.com.

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Note: **ALUMNI DAY** is
OCTOBER 26th
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President's Welcome

09/26/02

Dear Alumni and Friends of Phi Alpha Kappa Fraternity,

Warmest greetings from 1010 E Ann, where Members and Pledges have both recently retraced their steps in the usual autumn fashion to the rites of study and examination. In the past weeks we have been quite busy with the transition to the school year: welcoming our new Pledges and returning the House to a general state of order. As in previous years, we have said good-bye to many familiar faces and have gained many that are new. We are incredibly blessed this year to have a group of men (members and boarders, alike) who have been consistently committed to serving each other in countless, meaningful ways as brothers in Christ. There is a strong sense this year that God is doing, and will continue to do, great things in our midst.

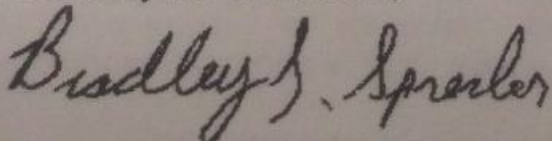
Due to God's grace in the efforts of several of our members, and under the leadership of our Vice President and recruitment officer, Chris Steenwyk, our pledge class has grown to a number of 9 men while 11 Active Members have returned. Recruitment on campus this month has yielded at least a dozen new names, with the Lord adding to our numbers almost daily those who learn about and gain interest in our House.

Other activities at Phi Alpha Kappa this fall include a new and exciting slate of social events, organized by our Social Chair, Dan Lanning. In this nascent school year, large numbers of the current membership have come together to enjoy a square dance, co-hosted by the neighboring University Reformed Church, as well as our annual camping and canoeing trip, held this year at the Pinckney State Recreation Area. In addition to these planned events, members note that the Dutch House is becoming an increasingly popular place for our Members and friends to congregate on weekends, as the Great Room is, once again, being filled with the joy and laughter of close companions.

It is with much excitement that I share this Fall 2002 News Reel with you. The Active Chapter hopes that this publication will, in some way, serve to reconnect you, our Alumni and Friends, to what we believe is your fraternal home. To that end, the Fraternity would like to ask that if you have any announcements or information that may be of interest to the Alumni and friends of the Fraternity, that you please mail them to 1010 E Ann St, c/o the Chapter President, or email them to pres@phialphakappa.com. We hope to begin placing these announcements in future News Reel publications to further enhance the spirit of friendship between the Active Chapter and our Alumni.

I would like to invite and remind all Alumni and their families to visit the Fraternity House on **Alumni Day, Saturday, October 26th**. The Active Chapter will serve cider, donuts, and hot coffee prior to the Homecoming football game (v. Iowa), and will be on hand all day to greet our guests. Finally, I would also encourage you all to visit our redesigned website at <http://www.phialphakappa.com> for pictures and yet more updates as to the ongoing activities at Phi Alpha Kappa. On behalf of the Fraternity, it is my pleasure to send you the Fall News Reel. I look forward to hearing from and meeting those of you as will be in touch this coming year.

In Fraternity and God's Love,



Brad Sprecher; 2002-2003 Active Chapter President

Announcements!

❖ Send Us Your News

As part of the latest News Reel format, we are adding a separate "Announcements" section to advertise events of interest in and around the Fraternity as well as send along announcements from our Alumni.

If you have any announcements that may be of interest to the Fraternity and Alumni, be they a new job, marriage, or baby, please send your message via email, to pres@phialphakappa.com, or send traditional mail to the House address: 1010 E. Ann St., Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

Now for some of our news...

❖ Alumni Day and Open House October 26, 2002

The Active Chapter of Phi Alpha Kappa Christian Fraternity would like to invite all Alumni and their families to the Fraternity House at 1010 E. Ann for this year's Alumni Day, Saturday, October 26th. In addition to the usual coffee, donuts, and apple cider, the current brothers of the Fraternity will be making special efforts to greet and gather with our Alumni both prior to and after the Michigan Homecoming football game, vs. Iowa (kickoff is scheduled for 12:10 p.m.).

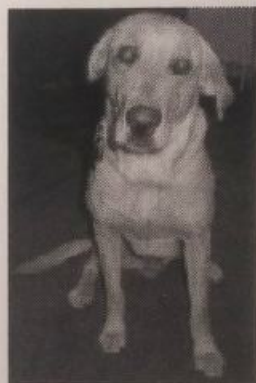
Also the morning of the 26th will be our 2nd Annual Open House. In keeping with federal tax exemption requirements of the Dutch House Preservation Foundation, the Fraternity will make the House available for public viewing during the Open House. Members of the Fraternity's House Improvements Committee (Chaired by 2nd year Mechanical Engineering student, Josh Moll) and Preservation

Foundation will be available to give show our Open House guests through the House.

Alumni are welcome to park in the Fraternity lot prior to the football game.

❖ New House Dog!

With the passing of our beloved Chocolate Lab, Hershey, in May of 2001, the Active Chapter has sought and found a new House dog. Our most recent canine companion, whose registered



Meet Taz, the new House dog.
Ain't he cute?

name is "Taz Maraz Atang" (a.k.a. "Taz") came to us last December from a cousin of our House Cook, Amy. Taz is a 2-year old yellow retriever mix who loves long walks in the park, belly-itching, and

quiet evenings on the floor with a good bone. He is often seen scampering through the House looking for friends to play fetch. Taz has been a fun and welcome addition to the Fraternity.

❖ House Preservation

Members of the Dutch House Preservation Foundation held their annual meeting at the Fraternity House on Sept. 21st to review areas of needed House repair. Chief among our present needs are repair to our rear dormer, copper gutter, and 1st floor bathroom. If you are interested in making tax-free donations for House repair, please send checks payable to the "Dutch House Preservation Foundation" and mail them to 1010 E. Ann St., Ann Arbor, 48104.

Fall 2002 Officer Reports

Vice President's Report

On behalf of the members of Phi Alpha Kappa, I would like to extend my warmest greetings to you all. You, the Alumni of Phi Alpha Kappa, have created the foundation for this great fraternity which allows us to be what we are today. I am very excited about this year, the new pledges, and the way God is working in the fraternity. One of our new pledges described Phi Alpha Kappa as a "city on the hill" which it is truly becoming. Already this year students from the U of M community have come to our doorstep to find a fun and safe environment in which they can relax and enjoy community. I can honestly say that thinking about how amazing this year will be has kept me up some nights already.

I am pleased to announce that as of right now we have nine pledges. This number includes one man who entered the house as a boarder but upon meeting the members, realized God was calling him to pledge! I think it is a true testimony to the members and strength of this organization when those who live with us, if only for a brief moment, are moved to join our ranks. The pledge class also includes two lame duck pledges who will end their pledgeship in December. This year's pledge class has already shown a great interest in the house and the membership as they grow in each other and in the house.

Recruitment has gone very well thus far. Festifall was a reasonable success where we acquired names of fourteen individuals interested in the house. Diag

boards are going to be posted around campus starting the week of September 23 and other advertisement campaigns are beginning to start.

In addition, in an attempt to spread word about the house, we have taken two new initiatives. The first is to have members actively advertise the house. Myself, I have found that one of the best ways to advertise the house is to engage people in conversation and share what the house means to me as personally. So far, this approach has yielded several prospective members who are very interested in joining and may even begin pledging yet this semester. The second approach is to spread the word about the house through non-members. Basically, this approach involves inviting everybody and anybody over to the house to socialize, share a meal, talk, or relax. I have also found that if a person comes over to the house and has a good time, they are more apt to share word of the house with another. So far, this approach seems to be working very well also in that several times a week there have been large groups of people coming to the house to watch movies, play games, or socialize. At each gathering have been new people who heard about the house through a friend or somebody who had visited the house at an earlier occasion.

Finally, I am attempting to strengthen the appearance of the house. To do this, I have designed house business cards, updated the house stationary, and redesigned the house web page (www.phialphakappa.com). Also, I am

working on creating vinyl banners and a presentation display for use in recruiting events.

If you have any questions or suggestions for recruitment, please feel free to contact me by e-mail at vp@phialphakappa.com or call 734-845-6038. Please keep the house in your prayers as we continue to change and grow.

God Bless!

Chris Steenwyk
Vice President

Business Manager's Report

This appears to be a year with great potential here at the Dutch House. This past summer the Sergeant (Joel Triemstra) went above and beyond the call of duty by remodeling 2 rooms instead of the required one. This created a larger than expected loss over the summer, but the result was well worth the cost.

Fiscally the year ahead could be tight. We have 27 residents, 19 of which are members and pledges. At these levels we should have no problem keeping up with expenses, but spending on frivolous items will be limited. If everyone does their part to keep utility costs down we could probably finish the year with a modest profit. I am very excited for the year ahead; we have many motivated new members who want to make Phi Alpha Kappa a great place. I am very excited for the Work Day ahead, that we can make the necessary repairs and get the house into tip-top shape for Alumni Day (October 26). I hope as many of you as possible stop by and see how the house looks.

The Active Chapter continues to do their best to preserve and maintain this fine edifice, but many large repairs will be necessary in the coming years. I therefore urge all alumni to donate whatever they can to the Dutch House Preservation Fund so there will always be money on hand for those unexpected repairs. These donations are tax-free.

In closing I would like to encourage all Alumni to continue to support us not only financially, but spiritually. Please keep the house in your prayers, that ΦAK may continue to be a beacon here at the University of Michigan.

Paul DeKraker
Business Manager

Sergeant's Report

The year has begun and so has the counting of the days to summer vacation. We have picked up a bunch of great guys, and I am excited to get to know all of them throughout the year living here at the House, which is looking better than ever. Everybody is willing to pitch in and help whenever needed. It looks as though a lot will get done during Work Day this semester (Oct. 16th). One of the major projects that is under discussion includes replacing some of the wood on the backside of the house. This, most likely, is not a Work Day job, but a project for the Preservation Committee (see "House Preservation" on page 3). During Work Day we would like to see plasterwork get done in some of the rooms that have been damaged from the leaking roof (which still needs to be repaired as well). We would also like to bring life to the back stairwell, with better lighting and new paint. Another

big project: stripping the wood trim and doors on the second and third floors and then staining them to give the natural wood look, is a good possibility as well. These are just some of the things that we are planning on doing this semester's Work Day. The house is looking better and better every year, and all are encouraged to stop by and observe the progress of the House. And besides, how else will you get a chance to meet all the wonderful members in the House?!?

Josh Moll
Sergeant

Social Chair's Report

A Barn/Contra dance was the kickoff social event this year for the members and pledges of Phi Alpha Kappa. In coordination with the University Reformed Church next to the house, a great time was had by all who attended in the Jimmy John's parking lot, with numbers ranging into the mid-70's at the pinnacle of the night. A professional caller was hired and several fun dances were learned.

A week later, sixteen Members and Pledges made the trip to Milford, MI (15 minutes east of Brighton) to a camping sight on September 13, with 12 staying the night and canoeing the illustrious Huron River the next morning. Select individuals sported loincloths on Friday night, and tipping canoes was a common occurrence throughout the day on Saturday.

Many house members also attend U of M home football games, with the house section still in the nosebleeds, but we still have a great time. An instant classic was seen in the first game of the year against Washington, with other teams such as Utah, our favorite

opponent in Michigan State, Penn State, Homecoming against Iowa, and Wisconsin coming to A² this season.

Upcoming events include the always-enjoyable bowling, the wonderful sport whirly ball, dance parties with Campus Crusade in the Great Room, a Fall/Costume Party, a Christmas Party, and many more fun-filled weekend events.

Daniel Lanning
Social Chair



A collage of various social events from the new website: www.phialphakappa.com

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Big and Little Brother Reports

First, let us hear from our two lame duck Pledges regarding their Big Brothers:

Dan Lanning

My Big Brother Dan Lanning hails from the Metropolis of Manton, MI. He is currently in his fourth semester in the house and expects to graduate with a Bachelors Degree in Architecture this winter. Afterwards he hopes to continue at U of M and get his Masters in Architecture. This past summer he worked at an architecture firm in Ypsilanti. Dan lives in the Starboard Torpedo room of the house which was remodeled this summer by Paul DeKraker and Joel Triemstra. This remodeling included new paint, carpet, and lofts. Dan is the Social Chair at Phi A K and is very involved in the house. He also is involved with the college-aged group at his church, North Ridge Church in Plymouth. Dan is a sports enthusiast and can often be seen shooting hoops in the CCRB or playing golf on the University course.

-Doug Douma

Chris Steenwyk

My Big Brother is Chris Steenwyk. He grew up in the land where tulips reign, that's right, Holland, MI. An electrical engineering major, who is possibly thinking about going to law school for patent law, Chris stays very busy with his studies. He is also our Vice President, and he has been working tirelessly to get more people to know about Phi Alpha Kappa.

As of right now, Phi Alpha Kappa has nine pledges and around 15 prospectives, so our house is definitely growing. It is possible that next year we will not need boarders to fill the house. Chris also spent many hours updating our Web page. When Chris does have free time, he is seen hanging out in the great room with his ever-popular Playstation II (video game system).

-Kevin Koorstra

Having heard from two of our Pledges concerning their Big Brothers, now let's hear from some Big Brothers concerning our 1st semester Pledges:

Brian Cooper

One of the new pledges this year that I have the privilege to call my Little Brother, even though he is older than me, is Brian James Cooper. He is a junior here at the University of Michigan, and was born on June 6, 1982. He is the oldest of eight kids. He is from the great town of Grand Rapids, where he attended GRCC for two years before transferring to U of M, where he is currently majoring in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering. He went to GR Baptist HS. And in his spare time he enjoys snowboarding, water skiing, and sleeping. This year he likes the idea that the house is big and there are a bunch of great guys living here that were very easy to become friends with right away.

-Josh Moll

Kurt William Heinold

Kurt Heinold is a 20 year-old junior at the University of Michigan. He hails from Saline, MI, where he grew up as an only child and attended Saline High School. In high school Kurt was a varsity athlete active in both cross-country and track. Kurt's father is currently a pilot and realtor, however, he also has spent time as a police officer. Kurt's mother works at Ford Motor Company which affords Kurt the luxury of driving a Explorer which he readily uses to chauffeur his brothers around town. Kurt is currently majoring in Business with a focus on Marketing, however, he also has aspirations to be a high school teacher and cross-country coach. Kurt is an active member of Campus Crusade for Christ and he currently co-leads a weekly Bible study at Markley Hall. Kurt loves to stay in shape and he enjoys running and playing ultimate frisbee, with that in mind Kurt is certain to avoid the wrath of dehydration. His fridge is loaded with purified water and he drinks about 15-glasses a day making Kurt thankful to have his room located adjacent to the second floor bathroom. Of final notability is the thrifty yet stylish fashion sense which Kurt possesses. According to Kurt, he has to give all of the credit to his friends at TJ Maxx.

- Jeff Brink

Chris Rosema

Chris Rosema is Phi Alpha Kappa. Not only does Chris hail from West Michigan—the man is 7/8 Dutch! And not in blood alone, by his own self-admission he struggles to spend money and move his body in correlation to a musical beat. Such individuals are few

and far between these days at the ΦAK—wait a minute...I take that back—there are plenty of us that can't dance. Chris' pledgeship has also been a relief to those of us experiencing the tension surrounding the proposed affirmative action program to ensure proper Dutch West Michigan representation here at the ΦAK.

Chris was born on February 4, 1982, the grandson of Tom Rosema, ΦAK alum from the 1940's. He grew up in Grand Rapids and attended Grand Rapids Baptist High School, where he played varsity golf and tennis. A lifelong U of M fan, Chris seriously considered coming to the U of M immediately after his senior year of high school. However, he decided to spend a couple years at Grand Rapids Community College to save money, following in the footsteps of his Big Brother. In pursuit of a lifelong dream, Chris is studying Aerospace Engineering here at the U of M with the hope of working for NASA some day. He decided to pledge at ΦAK because of his desire to live with fellow Christians in an environment much like the one he grew up in. We look forward to years with Chris, as well as his roommate and cousin Brian. The self-proclaimed daredevils of the house, we intend to take them at their word.

-Joe VanderJagt

Matt Ross

I have known Matt since we lived just down the hall from each other in Mosher-Jordan Hall our freshmen year. Now juniors, Matt and I have been paired up as Little Brother – Big Brother for his pledgeship. Matt hails from Grand Rapids, Kentwood specifically, and is pursuing a dual major in Honors Physics and Honors Mathematics. In

addition to his academic pursuits, Matt enjoys music and is an avid audiophile, having recently purchased a very nice sounding pair of B&W speakers. Rooming with one of his fellow pledges, Byron Scerri, Matt lives in the lower triple and always has his door open and is willing to talk. Well known for his impressive intellect and quiet demeanor, he also has a great, dry sense of humor and is a very good cook. Often he can be found helping Doug Douma and me on our duties as Sunday Dinner Cooks, and we are very grateful for his help and company. A man I proudly call my friend, I am very glad that Matt has decided to pledge here at Phi Alpha Kappa.

-Mark Eadie

Godwin Sathianathan

Godwin Sathianathan became a pledge under circumstances that caught many, including himself, quite by surprise. Sometime this past summer, Godwin's school year housing plans fell through, and suddenly, our dear, dear friend (an all-around great guy, whose name is Old English for "excellent friend") found himself on the street...not quite dancing for nickels, but nevertheless a long, long ways from his parents' East Lansing home. A man of whom the world is not worthy, Godwin was left to wander Ann Arbor's pavement deserts, overpass caves, and crane-be-laden holes in the ground until that great and glorious day when the sun broke forth and he heard of rooms for rent at Φ AK Christian Fraternity. Having applied for and gained a room in this House Upon a Hill, Godwin was yet one step (although one very LARGE step) from complete redemption: for he was still, in fact, neither Member nor

Pledge, but a mere boarder, scavenging for scraps from the Members' table. But our good Godwin would not let his lowly position get in the way of establishing quick and kindly relations with the Brothers of the Fraternity. In short shrift, Godwin's maturity, thoughtfulness, helpfulness, kindness, experience, and leadership capabilities revealed themselves as excellent qualifications for membership in our fraternal band. Likewise, Godwin's own inclination towards the House began to grow as he learned more about the strong spiritual focus of its Members and of its potential to influence the University's campus for our Lord Christ. Already seeing himself and the Fraternity as a fairly good match, Godwin became convinced of his place in Φ AK when he realized that membership would allow him to uniquely obey the decrees of our Savior by serving others in a more committed and closely connected way.

Mr. Sathianathan is a 3rd year student in the University's Industrial Operations Engineering program. He is an avid music fan, having played the violin since shortly after exiting his mother's womb. Godwin also enjoys playing soccer, reading, and amateur writing, and to that end, has joined the Christian Writer's Guild under the tutelage of Jerry Jenkes of the "Left Behind" video series.

In the coming year, the Fraternity eagerly looks forward to forming more excellent friendships with our good, good Godwin, and I gladly count myself among that fortunate number.

-Brad Sprecher

Byron Scerri

Byron is beginning his second year at Michigan and plans on studying

Business. He calls Harper Woods, Michigan, home, but his family is originally from Malta. He is a very friendly and courteous person who always takes the time to say "hi" to people as they walk by the lower triple, his room for the year. He is a good, organized student with an excellent work ethic. The sophomore year of a student who plans on studying Business can be very busy with finishing the requirements and applying to the Business School, but Byron seems ready for the challenge. Even with his busy schedule Byron is involved with some of the student groups on campus, including the European Student Association, which he has been actively involved in and is currently a member of their board. He is also debating studying abroad for a semester in the near future. Byron is very athletic, especially in soccer. He also enjoys rock climbing, racket ball and biking. Hopefully, he is the missing piece to a ΦAK Intramural championship. Byron is a great guy, and I hope he is enjoying ΦAK as much as we enjoy him being here.

-Paul DeKraker

Chris Smith

Like his name suggests, Chris describes himself as fairly ordinary. But don't be confused. Chris is special. Not only is he the only pledge from Bedford, MI, but he is the only one living off campus (near Elbel Field). Personally, I like to think of Chris's house as Beta chapter, ΦAK's south campus representation. Chris loves the University. Aspiring to follow in the paths of members like Brad Sprecher and Joel Triemstra, Chris wants to stay in school for as long as he possibly can. His plan to do this involves getting into the Medical School.

If someday you were offered \$1,000,000 if you could name 3 words that describe Chris Smith, the words that would ensure your victory would be funny, serious, and curious. Chris has spent nearly every weekend wading through the Huron River looking for his wallet, which mysteriously disappeared there (during another campus-group event). Yes, this is both curious and funny, but I think we can all see how indeed it is a serious matter as his only membership card to the cat-lovers club of America was in that very wallet. That's right, he is the future of your Fraternity. Chris sure is special, and I am proud to have such a devoted man of God as my Little Brother.

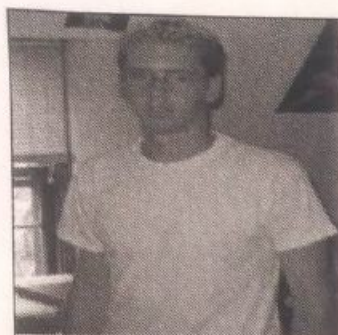
-Chad Goldstein



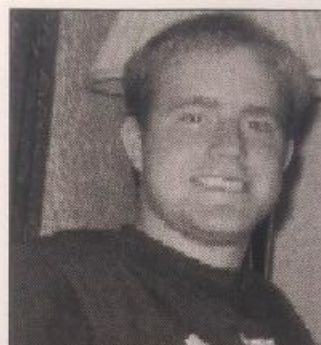
Pledges at ΦAK Christian Fraternity, 2002-2003

Name	Major	Home	Pledge Term
Brian Cooper	Naval/Marine Engineering	Grand Rapids, MI	1
Doug Douma	Mechanical Engineering	Grand Rapids, MI	2
Kurt Heinold	Business Administration	Saline, MI	1
Kevin Koorstra	Pre-Med	Zeeland, MI	2
Chris Rosema	Aerospace Engineering	Grand Rapids, MI	1
Matt Ross	Honors: Math and Physics	Kentwood, MI	1
Godwin Sathianathan	Industrial & Operations Engineering	East Lansing, MI	1
Byron Scerri	Pre-Business	Harper Woods, MI	1
Chris Smith	Biology	Benton, MI	1

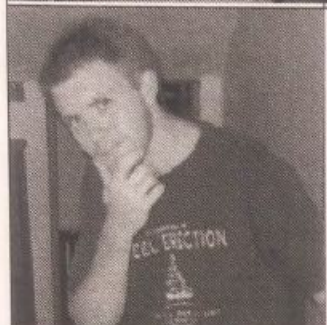
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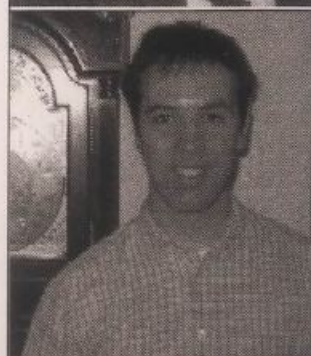
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Major: Dentistry
(Grad. Stud.)
Home Town:
Grand Rapids, MI
Years in the House: 3



Name: Ian Murray
Major: Microbiology
Home Town: Flint, MI
Years in the House: 3



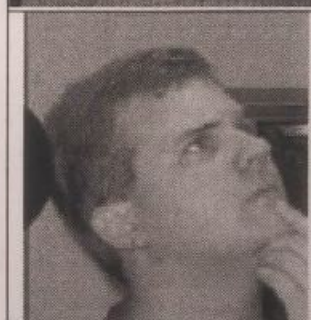
Name: Paul DeKraker
Major:
Electrical Engineering
Home Town:
Kalamazoo, MI
Years in the House: 2



Name: Brad Sprecher
Major: Pharmacy
(Grad. Stud.)
Home Town: Canton, MI
Years in the House: 3



Name: Mark Eadie
Major: Computer Science
Home Town:
Rensselaer, NY
Years in the House: 2



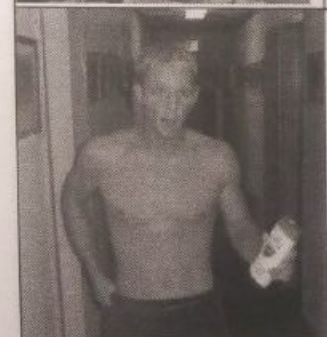
Name: Chris Steenwyk
Major:
Electrical Engineering
Home Town:
Holland, MI
Years in the House: 2



Name: Chad Goldstein
Major:
Mechanical Engineering
Major: Haslett, MI
Years in the House: 2



Name: Joel Triemsrta
Major: Computer Science
Home Town:
Kalamazoo, MI
Years in the House: 6



Name: Dan Lanning
Major: Architecture
Home Town:
Manton, MI
Years in the House: 3



Name: Joe VanderJagt
Major:
Secondary Education
Home Town:
Rockford, MI
Years in the House: 2



Name: Josh Moll
Major:
Chemical Engineering
Home Town:
Grand Rapids, MI
Years in the House: 2



Name: Taz Maraz Atang
Major: Dog
Home Town: Φ AK
Years in House: 1



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"How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!"
- Psalm 133:1

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