



Phi Alpha Kappa

Newsreel

Fall 2024 Issue

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Presidential Greetings

Dearest Alumni and Friends of Phi Alpha Kappa,

Greetings from the Active Chapter here in Ann Arbor! As we kick off a new year and the house continues to be a home for over 20 amazing men, I am reminded of the Lord's faithfulness at PAK through late night dinner chats in Amy's kitchen, sports teams fighting for first place in intramurals, and above all a group of guys pursuing Christ together!

This fall has swooped in and I'm glad to say the Dutch House is thriving and continuing to be a home for men with a lot of character. This year we have had many members become involved in clubs, churches, and sports offered at PAK and on campus. The new pledges are a solid group as well, adding personality and boisterousness to the Great Room. It's always difficult to toss a group of new college students together and hope they get along, but I am proud to say this class is one that is cohesive and makes me excited for PAK's future.

Alumni day was earlier this year due to a complete rearrangement of our football schedule, but it was still great to see many PAK alumni come by and visit old rooms and meet the guys living in the house currently. It's always impactful to see how this home has been such a blessing for so many generations! A big thank you to the alumni board for being willing to give back to the house by working hard to have PAK be a safe place for more guys to live in the future.

Though this year has come with a lot of changes with new officers and big personalities graduating the year before, I have been thoroughly impressed and blessed by so many men in the house being willing to step up and take responsibility. As a whole, it is clear that we want to continue to grow and I have loved seeing how upperclassmen and officers have risen up to the challenge to serve those around them and make an effort to reflect Jesus Christ through what they say and do.

God bless,

Daniel Armas
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Announcements

A Word about our Website and LinkedIn Account

Please, visit our **NEW** website portfolio! This is a great way to stay up to date on the current happenings and fraternity activities. It's also a great tool for recruiting new members. If you know of any young men who might be interested in Phi Alpha Kappa, please share our website with them! www.phialphakappa.com

You can also follow us on LinkedIn as this is a great way to connect with alumni, active members, and to reach out to potential pledges! Thanks so much in advance.

[linkedin.com/company/phi-alpha-kappa-fraternity](https://www.linkedin.com/company/phi-alpha-kappa-fraternity)



Phi Alpha Kappa's Annual Spring Event: "The Smoker"

What: As we have done the last few years now, The Smoker will be a casual, open house style event in which past, present and future Phi Alpha Kappa brothers will be able to enjoy food and drinks at Founder's Brewing Company. Spouses and dates are welcome to join us, hors d'oeuvres and soda will be provided for all who attend, and there will be a cash bar. Alumni and Active members alike are encouraged to invite graduating high school seniors and their parents or anyone else who may be interested in membership. If you know any students who may be interested in attending The Smoker this year, please contact our vice president Matt Bennink at vp@phialphakappa.com.

Where: Founder's Brewing Company Centennial Room

235 Grandville Ave SW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

**Free parking is available in the Founder's lot located directly behind the brewery (to the South). The Centennial Room is accessed by using the elevator in the company store.

When: Saturday, February 1st, 2025

Beginning at 2:00PM until 4:00PM

Officer Reports

Vice President Report

Phi Alpha Kappa is blessed to have a great, cohesive group of 7 pledges this year! This class is made up of 3 freshmen, a sophomore, and a senior who have all been an excellent presence in the house so far. All of our pledges are from the state of Michigan but range in how they heard about PAK with most hearing by word of mouth, but others hearing through social media advertisements and recruitment emails. We were unable to secure a spot at Festifall this year, but have made up for it due to our strong presence within various Christian organizations on campus. We currently have 17 active members, but would love to grow in our size and our presence to the broader U of M community. As our most effective strategy for recruiting continues to be word-of-mouth, we request that if you know anyone thinking of heading to U of M, that you send them our way or point them to our website, <https://phialphakappa.com>!

Matt Bennink, Vice President
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Business Manager Report

We are off to another solid start to the semester financially. We had a pretty slow summer this year, but had the chance to complete many house-improvement projects. Additionally, we had a large class of graduating members move on from the house last spring, creating many vacancies. However, we still reached nearly full capacity with 26 residents with the help of five boarders. Moreover, a solid pledge class of 7 is a good start toward replacing the lost membership. On a separate note, prayers for economic stability are appreciated. We know that our God is faithful, and so we have faith that God will continue to bless us financially.

Jaden Ketchum, Business Manager
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Sergeant-At-Arms Report

Greetings everyone, house sergeant here with very important updates and considerations on the House for this semester's newsreel. The Dutch House is a beautiful home with nearly 100 years of history. Within the past century, it has housed countless generations of students and acted as a refuge for Christian men as they navigate their academic journey. Its significance, value, and importance lies in its history—A history we must protect and maintain. This summer marked a strong shift towards restoration and maintenance in the PAK house with many projects beginning simultaneously. As many know, for years we have been in the process of restoring our windows in the house. I am pleased to announce that window

restoration began this summer, and we have completed the first set of windows on the 3rd floor front of the house. Coinciding with window restorations, this summer's business manager and myself worked on improving conditions within the home. Caleb successfully converted all of our hallway lights from fluorescent to LED, a more efficient and cheaper alternative which will help us save money over time. Additionally, 6 rooms have been restored in the PAK house with new wall, trim, and ceiling paint, and of those 6 rooms, 4 have new flooring. Furthermore, there have been redesigns and modifications of some rooms in terms of furniture and storage to make spaces more efficient. We removed some large desks, lofts, and positioned rooms to increase space. There are plans to continue installing the flooring in other rooms to maintain consistent design and ensure that restoration projects are completed throughout the house. My recommendation is that we continue to restore 5+ rooms each summer with new flooring and paint so that we do just service not only to our tenants, but the house itself as well. Maintenance and restoration will not only increase the longevity of our home, but also increase appeal/comfort which assists in recruitment and retention of members. Continuing on, one matter of upmost importance which should be on the forefront of both members and alumni alike is the condition of our roof. We currently have rubberized roofing that was last replaced in the late 90's— it has withstood the elements for 20+ years. These roofs are typically rated for 15-20 years, and ours is reaching the end of its lifespan. In the past 5 years we have had extensive leaks and water damage to the ceilings and walls of

the 3rd floor, with leaks progressively getting worse in the past 2 years. Our underlayment for the roof is sagging in many areas with joists beginning to imprint through the rubber. We have signed a contract to do temporary repairs consisting of flash sealing and other preventative maintenance, but we will need to start enacting plans for a full replacement within the next 5 years. There should be plans to budget for this expense starting now and discussions of what qualities we search for in our contractors. I am personally in favor of locating a larger roofing company with the crews, equipment, and experience to do the job correctly to ensure maximum longevity of our roof. I have heard historically there have been numerous problems with contractors and quality of work— I believe for such a large job, it is better to use the money for quality results from a reputable company. This is a concern the alumni board needs to address as soon as possible. Our maintenance will prevent leaks but it will not solve the problem. Another matter which is important to address is the replacement of couches in our home's greatroom. They were last replaced in the late 90's and now after 20+ years they have degraded to torn husks of what they once were. Our leather is ripped, cushions stripped, and foam freely showing for all our guests to see. In a residential home such as this which collects rent from 25+ people, it is negligent to ignore the problem any longer. There should be a system developed for us to budget and plan on replacements of major furniture such as this every 10-20 years so that the condition of our furniture never reaches this state. For any alumni that came to this year's alumni day, you have seen the

state of the great room, some even voicing complaints and critiques. There are 4-5 couches which should be replaced immediately in the great room. The cost of each couch will range from 1500-2000 dollars. Even a conservative estimate of 10,000 budgeted for new couches would only be about 6% of our income from housing solely during the academic terms for one year (assuming we make \$3,200/semester for at least 25 residents for 2 semesters = \$166,000). Over 10 years we would only need to save .6% of our earnings annually for a furniture budget to be able to replace couches consistently. I am not proposing that we develop this system now, but it should be taken as a consideration. We are hoping that we can use funds to replace the sofas this year. Final considerations on the future of the house— I am overjoyed by the progress and intentionality I saw from both the active chapter and our new alumni board towards the house— and I believe that we are currently in the process of reestablishing a system that works more effectively at maintaining the PAK house. Our progress for the windows, the immediacy of attention to our roof, and involvement from new alumni board members show that proper management is possible. I encourage everyone who has the opportunity to start to consider the future of the Dutch house more intentionally. We currently sit in a hot spot of active development in Ann Arbor with multiple hundred million dollar projects being constructed around our home (the school of pharmacy behind us, the new hotel on the corner, the new medical building across the street, and the future high rises which will replace the corner of angelos), and we

could be at risk of losing the PAK house to development in the next coming decades. I believe that we need to start being more intentional about the management of our resources, budgeting for repairs to maintain the PAK house + build our reserves, and reaching out to historical institutions to establish protections for our home from development. I ask you in closing statements to consider the story of Joseph in Egypt. When famine struck, Joseph had established systems of rations to protect Egypt. He prepared during 7 years of prosperity to endure through 7 years of famine. Considering the state of development around our house, uncertainties regarding our future economy, and global instability we currently face, I ask you to consider where our house may sit 7 years from now. I ask anyone with ears to hear this wisdom to help us develop a better system which can better oversee our house's finances, maintenance, and future. Thank you for your time, and I hope God continues to bless and work through our lives together.

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Steward Report

We are very grateful for the opportunity to use the kitchen, and for the good food that is always abundant. This year, as always, the kitchen has

continued to be a place where brothers bond, whether that be while eating meals together, or indulging in late night bowls of cereal. We are also extremely thankful for all that Amy does around the house, especially the fantastic food that is prepared for our meals at lunch and dinner each day. We are so thankful for her and all she does. It has been a huge blessing to me to take care of the kitchen and ensure that it is a clean and welcoming place for all to use throughout the year.

Clayton Kamps, Steward
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Chaplain Report

The house is full and vibrant with the work of the spirit this year. We are so excited to dive into this year and see what the Lord is going to work through the guys in the house and also through so many of the Christian ministries many of us are involved in. We have started a new program call PAK packs. This is an intentional time and space for the guys in the house to get to know each other as brothers in Christ and to share in Christian fellowship together. We are continuing to host worship nights in our cherished great room and a generous donor has agreed to cover the cost of a copy of 'The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry' for each guy in the house to study together. Our dreams are for the house to continue to be a space where the gospel is alive in the hearts and minds of the dudes and we can live with, "Jesus-like Swagger" as humorously depicted by one of the campus ministers recently.

Micah Huisman, Chaplain

Pledge Chairmen Report

We have seven wonderful pledges this year

and they all feel like they've been at PAK for years. They've been settling into house routines, getting their house jobs done and were integral in setting up alumni day. The three out of house pledges have been regularly showing up to the house to chill in the great room, catch the lions games and eat Amy's delicious food. We can't wait to watch them continue to grow, work together and further become a part of our community as the year goes on.

Tyler Amprim & Dermot Molony
Pledge Chairmen

Athletic Chairman Report

All things athletic have been going well for the house thus far. The sand volleyball team is ready to defend PAK's title from last year, while we anticipate deep playoff runs in football, ultimate frisbee, and spikeball, among others. Looking ahead to the next season, the basketball teams will have deep, talented rosters. The fantasy football league has twelve teams gunning for glory, and the competition is as stiff as it's been in a while. Nor has it been too early for several brothers to begin practicing for the Super Smash Bros and ping-pong tournaments looming in the future. Although Michigan football has left something to be desired so

far this year, the brothers continue to cram into their front-row seats at the Big House (look for them on TV!) or else yell and cheer loudly from their posts in the great room. Brothers continue to find numerous ways of staying active, be it running, working out, spending time in the great outdoors, or frequenting Mitchell Field for any number of athletic activities. Go Blue!

Sam Knot, Athletic Chairman

Historian Report

The preservation of history at Phi Alpha Kappa continues. The Big/Little Tree document has been updated following the big/little reveal, along with the updating of our yearly membership size. A new document has been created to keep an annual track of the members that served in each board/officer position. A Google Drive archive of PAK photos has also begun. If you happen to have any digital copies of photos from your time at the Dutch house, I would really appreciate it if you could send them to ddehorn@umich.edu, along with any stories you have surrounding them!

Drew DeHorn, Historian
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Social Chairman Report

We kicked off the year with our annual start of year dinner with all the guys in the house. Due to the Applebees unlimited wings fiasco of 2023, we switched it up to Chili's this year. Many 3 for me's were had with as many chips and salsa 30 guys could ask for. We had a good turnout at alumni day where actives and alumni alike shared good food and good football as well as memories in the house. We are looking forward

to taking home a win against our fellow Christian frat BYX in ultimate frisbee next Friday. Another future event planned is a cider mill trip where we will share donuts and cider, enjoying the fall atmosphere. We will be running it back this year with PAKS charity event Phi Golf Alpha Kappa. A mini golf course will be constructed all throughout the house. Another future event planned is skating with Phi Ro as we get into the colder months.

Josh Andren, Social Chairman

Webmaster Report

Webmaster is a brand new officer role this year focused on maintaining and upgrading our digital presence and brand coherence across different platforms. This summer our website got a massive visual overhaul - the first time in nearly 15 years! The changes include new pages, photos, methods of contact, upgraded language, and upcoming projects such as a virtual tour of the Dutch House. Development work has also begun on a Phi Alpha Kappa

Fraternity LinkedIn page, which will be fleshed out as the year continues. I encourage everyone to explore our new website and LinkedIn page and share your thoughts. I am thrilled for the opportunity to steward this new position and look forward to crafting an online identity that truly reflects the unique and special connections within PAK. Stay tuned!

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Jesse Kemmetmueller, Webmaster



Meet the Pledges

Big brothers write these articles about their little brothers.

George Boville by Sam Knot

Joining us from the great city of Ada, MI, is freshman biology major George Boville. As a renaissance man of athletic, theatrical, and academic excellence, George is a strong addition to this pledge class and the house. Despite pledging out-of-house from West Quad, George's buzzed hair and trusty pair of jeans are a frequent sight around the house; he's often seen enjoying Amy's cooking, hanging out in the TV room, or bantering with the brothers. When he's not around the house, you might find George pumping iron, jamming out on his clarinet, playing video games, or spiking a volleyball as only an All-State outside hitter can. Even in his first few weeks, George's strength of character, adventurous spirit, and ready sense of humor have already shined through and added greatly to the brotherhood on East Ann Street.



Gideon Huisman by Jaden Ketchum

Gideon is a freshman here at Michigan, currently exploring all kinds of classes in his major-choosing process. He hails from Byron Center, Michigan, about 2 hours west of Ann Arbor. In his freetime he loves to play sports with friends and enjoy God's creation in the form of Great Lakes surfing. You can also spot Gideon around campus speeding about on his electric Onewheel, just like his older brother. Outside of classes, Gideon has been getting involved in campus ministries such as RUF, illustrating his passion for both people and Jesus. His light-hearted and encouraging demeanor is simply infectious. We are all so blessed to have Gideon Huisman in the PAK house this year!



Kledian Kollovozi by Zach Haan

Despite being a pledge, Klay is actually a senior. He is majoring in business with a concentration in finance at Ross School of Business. Klay is from Livonia, Michigan. Klay is a great friend around the house and partakes in all things PAK related. Klay is down for passing a football outside the PAK house. He watches football in the great room with the other guys. He has half of the ownership of a fantasy football team in the PAK house league. He plays ping-pong and pool in the pool room. He dominates Super Smash Bros in the smoker. His other interests at campus involve the sand volleyball club, in which he is the vice president. While at school, he is involved in Northridge Church. Since he's in business school, he's always expanding his LinkedIn empire so look out. He plans to have a career in finance after graduating from the University of Michigan.





Leif Bauman by Clayton Kamps

Leif is a Sophomore here at University of Michigan, studying Economics. He hails from Holland MI, on the west side of the state. In his free time, he loves the outdoors and enjoys that with friends. He also enjoys traveling and exploring the world that God made for us. He particularly loves to surf Lake Michigan (whenever there are waves). It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know Leif more and more, and all of us at the House love him and the chill presence he brings. We look forward to enjoying the rest of the year with him, especially as he gets further into his pledge process.

Elijah Compagner by Matt Bennink

Elijah is a freshman at the University of Michigan studying Civil Engineering. He hails from Grand Rapids, Michigan, and attended Grand Rapids Christian High School, where he repped the Eagles just like many PAK alumni have. Similar to his big, Elijah is a pastor's kid with a dad ordained in the CRC, who has mentored him and helped him to grow in his faith. Elijah has been a huge contributor to the success of our intramural sports teams here at PAK, making insane grabs in ultimate frisbee and spiking ferociously during sand volleyball games. As an outdoor enthusiast, Elijah enjoys camping and backpacking, and was able to share his passion for nature and his love for Jesus as a camp counselor this past summer at Camp Roger. We are all blessed to have Elijah as a brother in the house this year, and we are excited to see what God has in store for him in the future.



Eric Brown by Daniel Armas



Eric is a freshman hailing from Montague, Michigan. He is studying engineering, leaning towards mechanical engineering but still deciding! Eric is a classy guy shown from his impressive watch collection to a well-spoken and genuine mannerism— he is the kind of guy that lets you know who he is from the start. In his free time Eric likes to ride motorcycles, ski, and work out at the gym. One can tell from the get-go that Eric is a guy with a lot of character; he has a big heart and is someone you'd want in your corner any day of the week. We're so glad to have a man like him living at PAK this year— I'm excited to see the Lord work through him during his time at U of M.

Caidan Sias by Nicholas Alexander

Caidan Sias is a college student currently undecided on his major, though he leans towards electrical engineering, influenced by his interests in business and the automotive industry. An avid music lover and creator, he enjoys listening to music, playing video games, and watching sports, often found on the sidelines of Michigan football games. Caidan appreciates the supportive environment at the PAK house, where he can receive help related to school and life, and he looks forward to building stronger bonds and a greater sense of brotherhood with his peers.



Jack Hoferkamp by Micah Huisman

Jack is a sophomore, but he is new on campus because he has recently transferred from San Diego community college. He is in LSA and applying to the Ross school of business with the hopes of pursuing business degree. Jack has gotten involved with a campus ministry called Reformed University Fellowship. This is where he was first introduced to Phi Alpha Kappa and has since decided to pledge. Some of Jack's hobbies include golfing and body boarding in some crazy Californian swell. We are so excited to get to know Jack more as the semester and year progresses.

The Active Members



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Economics



Micah Huisman
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Senior
Biology



Carter Miller
Senior
Electrical Engineering



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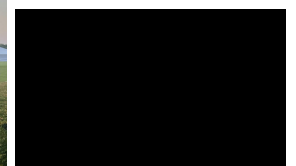
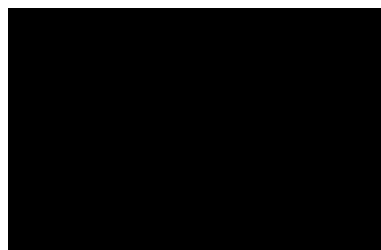
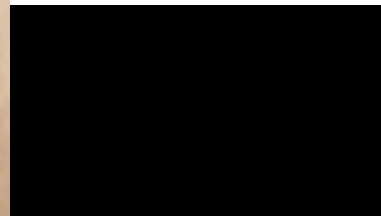
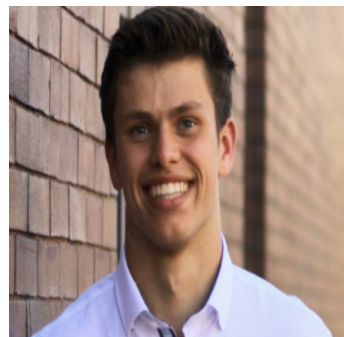
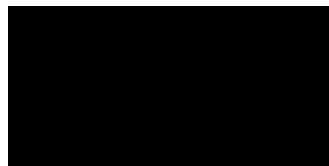
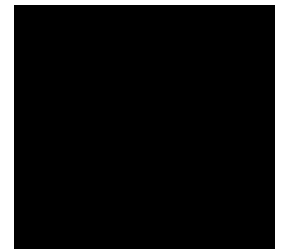
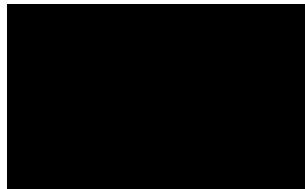
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The Pledges

