

Spring 1994

Alpha Deltan



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A Message From The Alpha

This Fall semester has proven to be one of the Alpha Delta Chapter's most productive semesters ever. An incredible improvement in the areas of philanthropy, "rush" effectiveness, and risk management (i.e. social activities), as well as continued dominance in intramural sports activities, has made this semester an overall success.

The members here at Alpha Delta were very proud of our recent awards for the 1992-93 academic year, but we were definitely not content. Our members were determined to improve on our weak aspects while continuing to stay strong in others. This determination and enthusiasm sparked an incredible "rush" period that produced 24 new members. This semester's "rush" success made up for last Spring's very poor showing and really boosted the overall morale of the Brotherhood.

Another area that made major improvements here at Alpha Delta was philanthropy and local community service. Our philanthropy chairperson organized many events and projects that kept us busy just about every weekend. We sponsored a charity softball game (Leukemia), participated in a nationally recognized "adopt-a-school" program, hosted a tree trimming Christmas party for local underprivileged children (which was publicized on two television network news shows), and we volunteered to do all officiating responsibilities during an 8-week youth basketball program at the local YMCA. These projects and others have helped us create a very respectable image on campus, with the University faculty, and throughout the community in general. Overall, this semester we have tripled our average semesterly philanthropy hours, and we hope to set a new Alpha Delta standard for an academic year.

Once again, Alpha Delta proved that academics are top priority. We achieved a 3.01

G.P.A. for the Spring semester of 1993, which marked the first time a Fraternity had ever broken the 3.00 barrier. This boosted our incredible string of achieving the highest academic ranking among Fraternities to eight out of the last ten semesters.

Phi Kaps have also been active on campus this semester. We have one member of the Order of Omega; the Greek Peer Educator Group, the varsity swim team, and the engineering society known as ASHRAE. We also have three Pulp and Paper Scholarship recipients and two Presidential Scholarship recipients.

Another activity that we at the Alpha Delta Chapter are proud of was the strong efforts that we have made to support the newly chartered Gamma Omega Chapter's (University of Southern Maine) housing renovations. Our Brotherhood agreed to loan the Gamma Omega Chapter a sum of \$4,000 (interest free), with a pay back period set for eight months. Without our support Gamma Omega would have been in a very tough financial situation, but fortunately for both Chapters things have worked even better than expected. We also hosted a very successful joint Executive Committee meeting this semester to educate and guide their inexperienced officers. We have had close relations with the Brothers of the Gamma Omega Chapter throughout the semester and plan to continue building a strong bond for the years to come.

Although things seem to be running smoothly around Alpha Delta, we are not content. We plan to continue working extremely hard to improve and solidify the ideals of the Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity here at the Alpha Delta Chapter.

Fraternally,
David A. Shaw
Alpha, Fall 1993

Fund Supports Academics

As you read the articles in this news letter you'll find the under grads had an extraordinary year. One of the areas they excelled in was academics. Being the first fraternity at the University of Maine to break a 3.0 grade point average was a great accomplishment. The men worked hard on reaching their goal. Our alumni have built one of the largest scholarship funds in the country. At the present time there is almost \$150,000 in the fund. Nearly \$7,000 is given to the under grads at homecoming from the dividends provided by the fund each year. This money is needed to help aid the men in putting themselves through school.

There has been some confusion in the past regarding this fund and I would like to take this opportunity to clear it up. If you make a tax deductible donation to the PKS National Fund the Alpha Delta Chapter will receive 1/3 of it. If you would prefer the local fund get 100% of your gift you can make the check out to THE PHI KAPPA SIGMA EDUCATIONAL FUND of ORONO. This donation is also tax deductible and will go directly to the local fund. Donations should be mailed to the Alpha Delta address:

PHI KAPPA SIGMA
Attn.: Sam Civiello
89 COLLEGE AVE.
ORONO, ME 04473

Thank you for your continued support and have a great 1994!

Fraternally yours,
Sam Civiello,
Chapter Advisor

Sporting Excellence Continues at Alpha Delta

As the Fall semester approached here at the Alpha Delta, the quest to defend our All Points Intramural Trophy began. That task will not be an easy one, as we are sure targets for eager opponents.

Our first test would be flag football. We took our two year unbeaten streak into the season and picked up where we left off. Stomping oncoming opponents at an alarming pace, we posted another championship undefeated season.

The Skulls would next take to the pool to compete in waterpolo. Led by Kendall Ring, a band of determined veterans took a first ever waterpolo championship, again posting an unblemished record of 4-0. With an indoor softball championship, a three on three basketball championship, a second place finish in the swim meet, and a third place in the mountain bike race the Skulls currently lead the hunt for the All Points Trophy.

However, our most recent and unexpected victory in the floor hockey championship has us pumped to continue our dominance next semester. After a poor start, the Black and Gold displayed their winning attitude to upset Delta Tau Delta and Sigma Nu to win the title.

Our ability to field complete teams in every sport has given us the edge on opponents. The next semester looks to be as tough as this one, but the Skulls are confident in defending their All Points Intramural Trophy.

-Shawn Doll

Chapter House Receives much needed Improvements

This past semester the Alpha Delta House saw many new improvements. The most major of which was having the dirt driveway and parking lot leveled and paved. This gave a tremendous improvement to the appearance of the grounds. Overgrown shrubs were removed from the front of the house and were replaced with new ones. This further added to the improvement of the appearance of the house by allowing more of it to be seen. These two projects were funded by the Housing Corporation at a cost of approximately \$11,000. Inside the house various painting projects were done. The bathroom stall dividers, a hallway, and the trim around a flight of stairs were all painted white. This gave a neater and brighter appearance to those areas. To further improve things a new rug was also added to the first floor.

-Tom Moran



A Strong Pledge Class

The fall semester pledge class began with twenty-four members. The number is now eighteen as we wait for grades to see who will get initiated. The class has a good mixture of personalities, hometowns, and majors. Hometowns vary from New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, and of course, Maine. Majors include Chemical Engineering, Forest Resources, Athletic Training, Accounting and International Affairs, among others.

The class had to organize a rush function, social function, and serve ten community service hours in and out of the house. The rush function entailed bringing possible rushes to play basketball at a local YMCA. An alcohol free-cocktail party with a sorority on campus served as our social function. We patched the walls of a gymnasium at the Old Town-Orono YMCA for community service hours. Inside the house we painted hallways and the bathroom stalls.

Overall the pledge class has learned how to act responsibly and get things done as a group. Many leaders emerged and showed what they were capable of accomplishing. With the graduating of about twelve brothers this year the pledges, becoming brothers, will have to take on responsibility right away.

-Mike Brown

Pledge Class Alpha, Fall 1993

The Omicron Epsilon Eta Pi Society

National Fraternity chapters are formed in a couple of ways. Perhaps the easiest is when the national or an alumnus from another chapter fosters an interest group on a campus which doesn't yet have a Phi Kap chapter. An example of this type of formation is the University of Southern Maine chapter, Gamma Omega, which was created out of just such an interest group. Another way to create a chapter of a National Fraternity is to transform an existing local fraternity. At the University of Maine this is exactly what transpired.

The Alpha Delta Chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma was formed from the members of a local fraternity, **The Omicron Epsilon Eta Pi Society**. The Society was formed on November 9, 1894 by five founding fathers. These five members (2 seniors, 2 juniors and a sophomore) held high standards for membership including good moral character, scholarship and general ability. The motto of the Omicron Epsilon Eta Pi Society was "**Find a way or make one.**" In 1896, the Society looked into buying a House. They ended up renting half of QTV Hall, which burned down two years later.

On April 15, 1897, the members of the Society wrote a letter to the Secretary of the Alpha Chapter (the Founding Chapter) of Phi Kappa Sigma asking the Fraternity to consider establishing a chapter at the University of Maine. The letter asked if Phi Kappa Sigma had any active chapters in New England, what were the chances of placing one at the University and sought more information regarding Phi Kappa Sigma. The letter was signed by R.H. Rockwood, Secretary of the Society. Correspondence between the

Society and the Fraternity continued throughout 1897 and early 1898. Phi Kappa Sigma was not the only Fraternity to receive a letter from the Society, however; Delta Tau Delta and Phi Delta Theta were also investigated.

On April 25, 1898, one year after their initial contact with Phi Kappa Sigma, the Society sent a letter and a Petition for a Charter to the Alpha Delta Chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma. The Fraternity replied to the Society, stating that, after careful consideration, the Fraternity had decided to grant a Charter to the members of the Society. It came to pass that on **May 27, 1898, the Omicron Epsilon Eta Pi Society was Chartered as the Alpha Delta Chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma.**

Alumni News

E. Parker Troland (Sparky) '38 attended a get-together that included a number of Phi Kaps in late August at Lincoln, Maine. He found out that Dwight Lord '38 and Bill Hilton '39 are both successfully recovering from heart bypass surgery.

Richard Connolly '52 is currently retired from Bellcore and serving with his wife for his church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He will be in Navvoo, IL until March 1994, serving as a tour guide in restored historic homes of the 1840's.

Bob Michaud '66 retired as a colonel in the United States Army September of '92. He is in the process of settling his family in the Wood River Valley of Idaho. He congratulates the Alpha Delta for all its achievements last year.

Alpha Delta Alumni Return Home

This year's homecoming banquet was another success. Although the attendance was smaller than in past years, both the alumni and the brotherhood had an enjoyable time. As usual a number of scholarships were given out to the undergrads by the Phi Kappa Sigma Foundation of Orono. Nearly \$7,000 were given out this year. David Grover won the highest semester G.P.A. Scholarship award. David Shaw won the scholarship for Chapter Statesmanship. Other Scholarship winners included Matt Begin, Barry Cunningham, Ken Harris, Todd Mercer, James Murphy, Robert Spreng, Edward St. Charles, and Bill Wotton. The Alpha Delta Alumni help make these Scholarships possible. This year over \$500 was donated at the Banquet. The Brotherhood would like to thank the following alumni who signed the homecoming guest book and made donations:

Don Kilgour '37
Bob Fuller '38
Bob Covell '44
Russ Budwell '45
Bill Bodwell '50
Dave Marston '58
Ian MacKinnon '61
Pete Goulet '90
Shawn Harris '91
Patrick Penly '91
John Musk '91
Shawn Cyr '92
Dan Ludden '92
Steve Urquhart '92
Robert Tracy '92
Chuck Campbell '93
Scott Cummings '93
Stanley Gerry '93
Andrew Morse '93

Alpha Delta wins Outstanding Chapter Award

The Alpha Delta chapter won many prestigious awards at the 87th Phi Kappa Sigma Grand Chapter, held this summer at the Hyatt Regency in Dallas Texas. Alpha Delta was represented by President Edward St. Charles, Michael Karras and House Advisor Sam Civiello. They were joined by alumni Pat Penley, Peter Goulet and Shawn Harris.

The convention started off with a trip to Texas Stadium. We toured the locker room and other parts of the stadium, including the field. From there we were invited to an elaborate Texas-style barbecue complete with all the fixings. After dinner former Dallas Cowboy wide receiver Drew Pearson gave a very insightful and comical speech.

On Saturday we finally began to get down to some serious work. Ed was on the Constitution Acts committee and Mike was on the rush committee. Both of them brought back some very valuable and useful information to the Alpha Delta house. On Sunday there was more committee work to be done along with some interesting guest speakers.

On Sunday night all of the hard work over the past five years began to pay off at the awards banquet. After a great dinner, a fantastic speech, and a home video presentation from Phi Kap alumni, the awards started rolling in. The first award that the Alpha Delta house received was the non-professional publications award given to the chapter with the best nonprofessional

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publication. Last fall's Alpha Deltan produced by Ken Harris received that award. The next award given to Alpha Delta was one that this house has become accustomed to, the award for outstanding academic achievement. The final award given to the Alpha Delta house was the outstanding chapter award, the most prestigious award ever given to this chapter. This award is given to the number one chapter in the nation out of sixty-six Phi Kap chapters.

A special thanks goes out to Shawn Harris '91 for his hospitality and to all of the brothers and alumni that were present at the 87th Grand Chapter in Dallas, Texas.

-Michael Karras

Officers Fall, 1993

Alpha: David Shaw
President

Beta: Shawn Doll
1st Vice President

Pi: Jon Roy
2nd Vice President

Tau: Denis Elie
Treasurer

Sigma: Rob Spreng
Secretary

Phi: Barry Cunningham
Philanthropy

Iota: Ken Harris
New Member Education

Psi: Matt Begin, Matt Rocca
Social Chairmen

Delta: Matt Rocca, Todd Mercer
Rush Chairmen

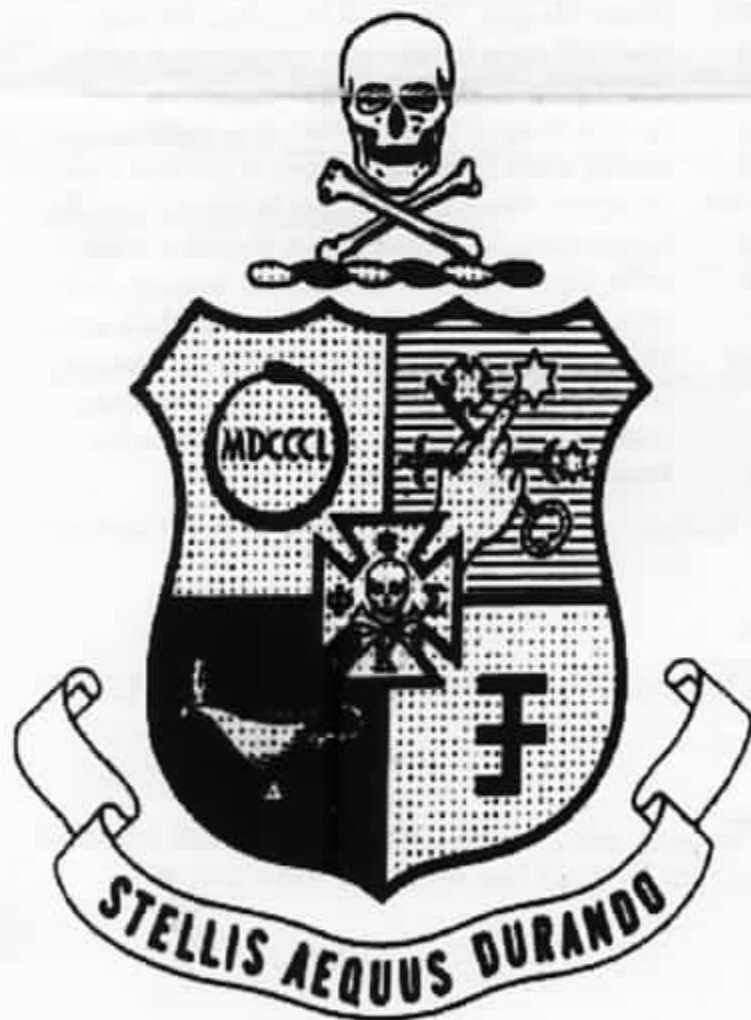
Theta: Tom Moran
House Management

Mu: Chad Hanson
Intramural Representative

Upsilon: James Murphy
Alumni Relations

Rho: Duncan Lovejoy
Risk Management

Xi: Derrick Slowikowski
Outside Brother Relations



From the Alpha Delta Archives...

ADDITION COMPLETED

At Alpha Delta we have a vast amount of archives on our chapter history. This is a story on the house addition as it appeared in the Fall 1953 Alpha Deltan:

After a considerable delay, Phi Kap's dream of expanding living quarters has become a reality. Alleviation of cramped study conditions and more favorable accommodations for the house matron are the most noticeable and welcome improvements. Secondarily, but by no means unimportant is the increased dining, living room and domicillary space made possible by the new wings.

All four new study wings are located on the second floor with two rooms to each wing. Each room is constructed to accommodate four men, but it was found necessary to assign that many men to only three rooms. Four lockers in each room provide closet space for the occupants of the room, each new room has been provided with three new maple bureaus. In order to provide a more favorable study atmosphere, the ceilings have been soundproofed and the floor are covered with inlaid linoleum in contrast to the hard wood floors found in the original structure. Rooms near the street have been painted light blue while those in the rear of the building are beige.

No longer does the house matron find it necessary to make a studio couch each night. This condition has been eliminated by the addition of a bedroom and bathroom communicating with her previously inadequate living quarters. New blond oak bedroom furniture has also been provided. The matrons sitting room has been made more attractive by the application of a new coat of paint.

An increase in space and the provision of a more adequate lighting system have made dining conditions more favorable for both diners and waiters as well. New dining room furniture is expected from State Prison at Thomaston. It will replace the old furniture which is at present in an extremely unstable condition and should improve dining conditions even more.

Phi Kap may now proudly boast of having the largest dance floor of any fraternity on the Maine campus. The south wing has not only provided more living room space but on weekends has made dancing in extremely confined space a thing of the past. Two new leatheret sliding doors resembling those of the new University of Maine Library may be opened into the dining room for greater space, should a crisis arise. These doors replace the old wooden doors which at times became a bottle-neck. Hard wood floors in the dining and living rooms of the old structure have been sanded by the contractors, making them hardly distinguishable from the floors of the new wings.

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Alumni Reply Form

The Alpha Deltan comes out on a regular basis. Your news is very important to the undergrads; we would like to hear from you. We will include any news that you send us in our next publication. Also, if you have any news of other classmates, questions, stories, or comments, Please return *this form and any attachments* to:

*PHI KAPPA SIGMA FRATERNITY
P.O. Box 947, Valley Forge, PA 19482*

(This is the National address; they will forward it to us.)

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Occupation _____ Firm _____

Home Address _____

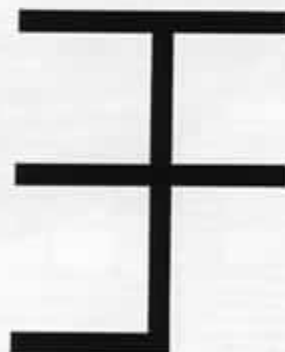
Phone Number _____

Is your mailing label correct?

What's new with you (professionally or personally)?

Do you have any questions about the house?

Have you seen or heard from any Alums lately?



Can you tell us any stories about your days as a Phi Kap undergrad?
(Please write them on the back of this form or attach them to it)

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