

# ALPHA DELTA

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## The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Haunted House was our best to date!

Despite a cold and rainy Halloween night in Orono, our Fifth Annual Haunted House was a tremendous success. Students and Orono residents alike lined the streets of College Ave. waiting to enter the "Skull House." While waiting, they were accompanied by the live radio broadcast of Radio Station B97, who entertained the crowd and gave away many fantastic door prizes. Through our commercial broadcasts on B97, flyers and word of mouth, the brotherhood was able to raise over two thousand dollars for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society; this is our highest total to date. "We thought this year's Haunted House would be a great success, but I never imagined to such a degree," Philanthropy Chair Dylan Reburn said. "I kept hoping for a break, but every time I came around the corner there was another group ready to go," Tour Guide Alex Kuehling said.

Throughout the week, brothers and pledges transformed 89 College Ave. into a real spook house. The tour began up the front stairs to the RAM where strobe lights, narrow winding passages and many ghouls met them. The tours then winded down the back stairs to the basement, with many more scary characters. With visits from Joe Goss, Michael Myers, Norma Bates, chainsaws, caged creatures and many other devilish beasts, none of our visitors left disappointed.

We would also like to thank our corporate sponsors- B97's advertising, Toys "R" Us for donating costumes and decorations and Staples for donating printing services, to make this year's Haunted House the best yet.

## A Brand New House?

**Skullumni and The Undergrads are working together for the largest house renovations in half a century!**

In 1903 construction of the Alpha Delta Chapter House of Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity was completed. Fifty years later, with the help of alumni generosity, the house saw the addition of the wings. Now one hundred years later, Skullumni, the Alumni Chapter of Alpha Delta, and the Undergraduate Chapter are looking to update the skull house into the twenty-first century.

"Overall the house is in pretty good shape. The brothers have put in a lot of time and money for the upkeep of the rooms, but some areas need to be improved to ensure the longevity of Phi Kappa Sigma at the University of Maine," President Dan Kinne said.

The renovations project is being headed by Brother Nate McLaughlin, Skullumni Secretary, along with the Skullumni Executive Board and Brother Alex Kuehling, Undergraduate Alumni Relations Chair. A meeting is scheduled later in the month to discuss the proposed options. The main areas we are looking to improve are the first floor and the chapter room. The chapter wants to remove the first floor's dilapidated wood paneling and the fraying pink wallpaper to give the house a more modern look while still cherishing the ornate woodwork. We are looking to expand the chapter room back into the north wing of the RAM and also create a "brothers only lounge." Everyone who is working on the project is very excited to see the changes at 89 College Ave.

The Undergraduate Chapter and Skullumni, our new alumni chapter, would like to thank all of the brothers who traveled from far and near to attend Homecoming 2002. From tailgating, a Maine football win and a night at Bear Brew Pub, we hope all who attended had fun. And if you didn't attend, we hope you will join us next fall!



## Pledge Class Educator Report

After having the largest fall pledge class on campus, the spring rush period was a little disappointing. Although we only have three pledges, Colin Lucas-Maguire, Keith Trask and Christopher Currier, I have been very pleased with their progress and promise. We will continue to hold the right of initiation, if they are worthy, until the following semester to ensure their grades are worthy of Phi Kappa Sigma. I have ensured the house has followed Phi Kap's National's non-hazing policy. But that does not mean the pledges get off scot-free. Pledges had been individually required to pass all house tests, sand and have brothers sign their pledge paddles. As a pledge class, the pledges are required to hold a philanthropy event, a rush event, write letters to alumni (I hope some of you got them), hold a dry social with a sorority, conduct a house project and a

secret paddle ceremony. Teaching and relearning the ideals of the house to the younger members was a great way for me to finish up my career at Alpha Delta and I see a bright future for Phi Kappa Sigma.

Respectfully, Brother Nick Raymond

## Skullumni Report

Skullumni is Alpha Delta's Alumni Chapter. Formed less than a year ago, Skullumni is already one of the largest and most active alumni chapters of the Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity. As of March, Skullumni boasted 84 members representing 34 different years of graduation between 1941-2002.

Alumni Chapters are established to help support the undergraduates in any way possible and to organize events where alumni can have fun and reconnect. Currently, Skullumni is working with the Housing Corporation in what we hope results in a fundraiser for the biggest chapter house renovations in 50 years. We have also organized several social outings including a night out in Portland's Old Port and an August 24<sup>th</sup> Foxwood's golf and gambling event. And we have worked with the undergrads to plan a fun and eventful Homecoming. In the future, we hope to continue to organize fun outings for alumni as well as working on other events to help enrich the undergraduate chapter.

All alumni are members of Skullumni by virtue of their Brotherhood but those wishing to become Voting Members can send their donation of \$25 (or more) to us at Skullumni, PO Box 3093, Portland, ME 04104-3093. In addition to being able to vote on all matters and hold office, Voting Members also receive exclusive updates and information, as well as access to Skullumni's 600-name database so you can find your long lost pal. Many thanks to those who have already joined! Visit our website at [www.pksalumni.org](http://www.pksalumni.org) for more info or e-mail us at [Skullumni@yahoo.com](mailto:Skullumni@yahoo.com). We hope that the solid foundation we have built in these eight months will translate into a stronger chapter and rekindling the feeling of Brotherhood for all alumni of all generations for years to come.

## President's Report

For the last year, I have served as the President of the Alpha Delta Chapter. Holding such an office brings with it the responsibility of ensuring the prosperity of our Chapter and all its members. While the task has not been easy, hard work from all of our dedicated members was recently rewarded when we were given the Most Improved and Chapter Excellence awards on our latest Mitchell Chapter Standards application. Success has continued in many ways to make the fall of 2002 an exceptional semester as well. In particular, our Haunted House was the best one we have had to date, and we were able to raise \$2,200 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Although the National Fraternity recently placed us on probation until June 2003, I believe that we will have no trouble exceeding the terms set forth and reestablish our position as leaders on campus and within the Fraternity.

From a personal standpoint, being a member of Phi Kappa Sigma has been an incredible experience. I left home and came to college over three years ago with very little understanding of what to expect from life on my own. While our purpose here is to gain an education to prepare us for the rest of our lives, I was given the opportunity to become a member of an elite organization on campus. I have often heard from several alumni visiting the Alpha Delta Chapter that the college teaches us how to be successful in our careers, but more importantly, Phi Kappa Sigma teaches us how to be successful in life. It is here that we learn the skills that we will need to thrive in a world where communication and leadership among our peers is a necessity. I arrived as a quiet individual who was used to following the crowd. After a year as the President, I now know that I have the ability to be a leader, and that is something that cannot be taught in any classroom. Upon my graduation in May, I will look back at my short time here with memories that will never fade, and I will always cherish everything that Phi Kappa Sigma has given to me.

Fraternally,  
Stephen Kneeland +LT

## Phi Kaps Fight For Freedom

Amongst many other Phi Kaps, three known Alpha Delta Alumni are serving in the Armed Services to protect our freedom. Capt. Eric S. Puls, F-Troop 1/10 CAV, Unit #92623. Puls, '94, is a Captain in U.S. Army (Army Aviator). He was deployed on 3/27/03 to Kuwait as part of the 4th Infantry Division. His wife Monica and two daughters are anxiously awaiting his return in Killeen, Texas. Capt. Puls is from Bangor, ME.

Capt. Kyle I. Fox is stationed in Korea, working for U.S. Army Intelligence. Hopefully Capt. Fox will return home to his wife and child in Texas this fall barring a further conflict in Korea.

Jeff Shirland, '99, still resides in Old Town, Maine. 1st Lieutenant Shirland, a member of Maine Army National Guard, serves as a platoon leader in a tactical transportation unit. Although we do not know where Brother Shirland is serving, we do know his unit has been mobilized.

A current undergrad, Brother Benjamin Drouin, '06, is enlisted in the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Marine Infantry Reserve Unit. Currently Ben is still attending classes, however, on May 18<sup>th</sup> he will report to South Carolina for basic training.

The Alpha Delta Chapter would like to thank all of the men and women serving in the armed services, especially our fraternal brothers, who are fighting to protect our freedoms as Americans.

## Are You A Member of Skullumni?

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# Homecoming 2003

**Will you be there?**

Come back to 89 College Ave.

**October 3-5**

Meet the undergrads and relive old memories with long-lost brothers in an action-packed weekend.

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**See you there!**

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