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The Newsletter of Skullumni – The Alpha Delta Alumni Chapter

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## Chapter House Renovations Effort Gains Momentum

- Committee formed, support growing for first major renovations to the 101-year-old house in over half a century

At the University of Maine campus in Orono, fifteen fraternity houses still line College Avenue. While many of the houses have changed hands, closed for periods of time, or in one case foreclosed on by the university, the Phi Kappa Sigma Chapter House at 89 College Avenue remains the oldest fraternity house on campus. It has welcomed brothers every semester since opening its doors in 1903.

To those that drive down fraternity row, the massive white house, strategically set back from the road, is majestic. The colonial revival's towering half-columns and spacious wings don't tell the tale of what lies beyond the front door, however.

The truth beyond the walls is that those 100 years and the hundreds of young men who have lived in the house have taken their toll. To the untrained eye, it might appear that the house is poorly taken care of, but that simply is not the case. The fact of the matter is that no house is built to withstand the day-to-day activities of a fraternity or



Brother Shawn Harris '91, Chair of the Chapter House Renovations Committee, speaks at the Skullumni Annual Meeting in October at Homecoming.

any group of 15-30 men living together without having significant money put into it.

Aside from strategic patchwork throughout the years and even the strong presence of the Housing Corporation—which had replaced the roof and the hardwood on the first floor during the 1990's—the chapter house has only had one major renovation in the past century, which was in 1953 when the side and rear wings were built.

When Skullumni formed in 2001, there was a central idea that down the road the organization wanted to help with the undertaking of a major renovation. The Alumni Chapter understood that a full renovation of the house

would take a capital campaign and that such a campaign needed to be headed by men with the requisite experience, knowledge, and connections.

In 2004, Skullumni put the call out for volunteers to serve on a renovations/fundraiser committee. This effort started out as an exploratory

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## Wayne Johnson '65 Named 2004 Alumnus of the Year

- Despite setback of not reaching '04 Paralympics, Brother Johnson has sights set on '08 summer games in Beijing

"The impossible does not exist." These words are often uttered by Brother Wayne Johnson '65, whose inspiring story about his battle against cancer was featured in our newsletter last year. Since then, he has stayed true to his philosophy, and his commitment and perseverance to overcoming adversity and attempting to make the 2004 Paralympic Games in Athens, Greece is why Skullumni has named him "Alumnus of the Year" for 2004.

Johnson, who at the age of 18 had his right leg amputated above the knee due to cancer, began training as a disabled athlete in 1999 with the help of a one-of-a-kind prototype leg designed by Hanger Prosthetics and Orthotics. Since then, at the DS/USA's National Sum-

mer Games, he has broken 11 world records and won 17 gold, two silver, and one bronze medal (two of which came against able bodied athletes). But 2004 wasn't so kind to Johnson.

Johnson suffered work-related injuries at MBNA that prevented him from qualifying for the games. "Wounds opened up in my residual limb and did not heal quickly enough for the comfort of my doctors," said Johnson, who lives in Yarmouth, ME. "[They] finally warned that if we could not get these under control, the options might be skin grafts, another amputation, or a reoccurrence of the type of virulent cancer that caused me to lose my leg over 40 years ago."

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## A Message From Skullumni:

We hope this newsletter finds you and your family enjoying the holiday season. The Alpha Delta Alumni Chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma has another year under its belt and many accomplishments to be proud of. One thing that you've probably heard a lot about lately (and read about in this issue) is the campaign to make major renovations to the chapter house at 89 College Avenue in Orono. We are proud to get this project up and running and to have it in the hands of such capable alumni. There is still much work to be done but we know it needs to get accomplished and we look forward to working with all alumni to make this project a reality. We are also proud to have helped organize a Homecoming that again produced a terrific turnout from alumni from many different eras. By many accounts, the weekend was a great success and we look forward to seeing more of you in the coming years. We also exceeded the 100 member mark again in 2004, marking the second of three years that we have achieved this milestone. We truly appreciate the financial support and words of encouragement from these alumni. We also were successful in organizing a letter-writing campaign and sending care packages to the three alumni from the chapter serving in the Armed Forces overseas. While all three brothers returned home within the past year, we have recently learned that Captain Kyle Fox '98 will be heading to Iraq soon. We will keep you posted and get you his APO address as soon as we can. Lastly, we have begun the process of funding undergraduate members to attend events such as Grand Chapter and the Men of Honor Leadership Conference. We believe this monetary investment in the undergraduate chapter can only pay high dividends in the future. The undergraduates continue to do well with GPA (2.91, good for 2nd overall on campus), philanthropy (over 400 hours of community service and nearly \$2,600 raised for the Leukemia Society), and in winning awards (2 from the Fraternity & 1 from UMaine) all within the past year. In 2005, we will continue with these important tasks and look to improve the services offered to our alumni members. We hope that we can count on your financial commitment to the Alumni Chapter and are always interested in your comments and suggestions. Thank you for your support to date and happy holidays!

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### Please Join Skullumni Today!

Help Skullumni fulfill its missions: join or renew your membership dues today! Nearly 17% of all living alumni donate to the Alumni Chapter and your gift of at least \$25 ensures you Voting Member status through December 2005. This means that you will:

- Receive monthly updates and information that non-members do not receive
- Get discounts on alumni social events
- Have access to Skullumni's 600+ name database so you can reconnect with your long lost pals

In turn, your donation will enable Skullumni to:

- Send frequent correspondence, such as this newsletter, and maintain a top-notch web site to keep alumni informed
- Fund undergraduate attendance at important leadership conferences
- Plan fun alumni social events, such as Homecoming

We have made donating to Skullumni easier than ever in 2005 – simply fill out the enclosed membership form and return it with your donation (payable to "Skullumni") in the enclosed *postage paid envelope!* But hurry! We ask that you renew or join **before January 1, 2005**. Many thanks to those alumni who have supported us to date and to all those who will in 2004-05.

#### Skullumni Officers 2004-05

##### President (Alpha)

Scott Morelli '99

##### Vice President (Beta)

Jerome Graffam '03

##### Treasurer (Tau)

VACANT (seeking alumnus)

##### Secretary (Sigma)

Anthony Kvedar '00

##### Member Relations (Upsilon)

Jeffrey Shirland '99

##### Decade Representatives\* (Chi)

1940s: Benjamin Graham '43

1950s: Robert Chase '59

1960s: Robert Kiah '64

1970s: Chip Stephens '77

1980s: Sam Civiello '85

1990s: Pat Penley '91

2000s: Edward Regan '02

\*pending official approval

## Skullumni Funds Undergraduate's Trip to Grand Chapter

In 2003, Skullumni established the Stephen Ward Memorial Fund in honor of Brother Ward '91 who was lost in the September 11th attacks on the World Trade Center. This fund pays for an undergraduate member to attend leadership conferences in odd years and Grand Chapter in even years. This past summer, undergraduate Brother Danny Guzman '05 was the first recipient of the fund, as Skullumni paid for his attendance at the Fraternity's Grand Chapter Convention in Chicago, IL.

While at Grand Chapter, Guzman accepted three awards on behalf of the Alpha Delta Chapter. The chapter won two Chapter Excellence Awards for 2002-03 and 2003-04 and they also won the award for runner-up for Best Website ([www.umat.maine.edu/pksweb](http://www.umat.maine.edu/pksweb)). In addition, Guzman was able to participate in drafting a document espousing Phi Kappa Sigma's core values.

"We focused on creating a document known as 'The Doctrine of Excellence' which was a great way to put together a lot of ideas on how to become a great person and an overall excellent chapter," said Guzman, who hails from Union City, NJ but was born in the Dominican Republic. "I will bring back [to the chapter] the importance of doing things right and focusing to do them to the best

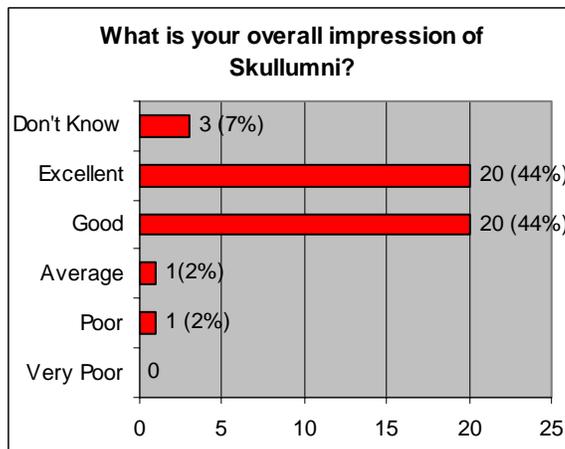
of our abilities."

Guzman said he enjoyed interacting with Phi Kaps from other chapters from across the U.S. and he also enjoyed a speech by alumnus John Spence titled "Returning to Excellence". "It was great," said Guzman, a senior majoring in Athletic Training. "By far the best session of the weekend."

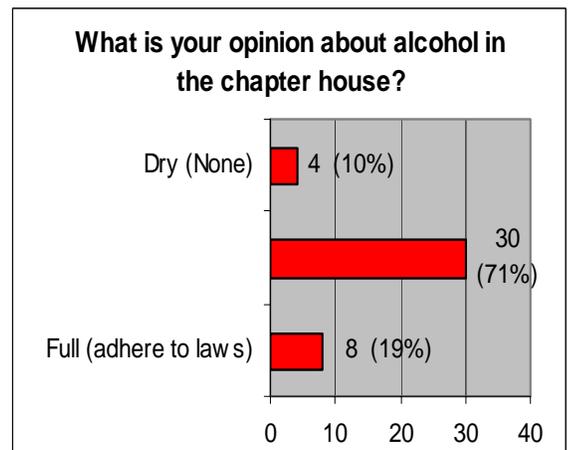
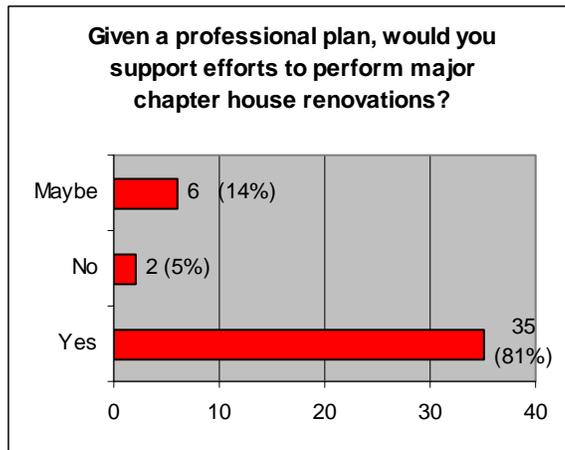
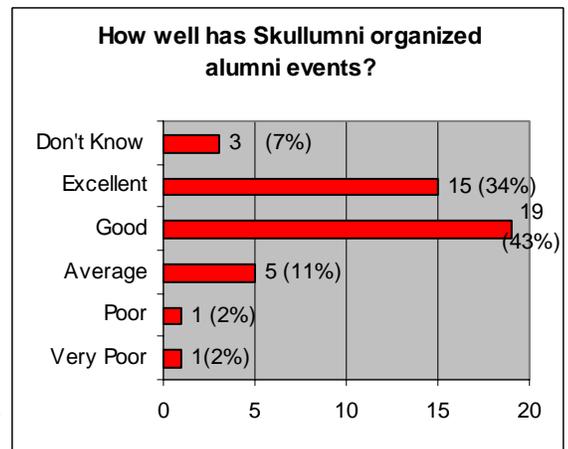
Guzman also thanked Skullumni for affording him, and thereby the chapter, the opportunity to attend the event. "Without Skullumni I would not have been able to attend and I would have missed out on a great experience," Guzman said. "I'd like to thank Skullumni for their generosity ... Grand Chapter was great and everyday I grow more and more proud to be a Phi Kap."

Guzman also attended the "Men of Honor" Leadership Conference this past year. This conference is organized by the Fraternity's headquarters and in 2005 Skullumni will pay for an undergraduate member to attend, along with the chapter president. It is our hope that investing in events like these will lead to an even better undergraduate chapter. Thanks to donations from alumni like yourself, these enrichment opportunities are available for young men from our chapter like Danny Guzman.

## Skullumni Voting Member Survey Results



Below you will find responses to select questions from Skullumni's 2004 Voting Member survey. Each year, we mail surveys to our Voting Members to gauge alumni opinion of and support for a variety of things. *NOTE: Forty-five (n=45) alumni out of 104 possible returned these surveys, allowing us to fairly comfortably make generalizations about our Voting Members. However, it is important to note that these results cannot legitimately be applied to all 620 living Alpha Delta Alumni. Due to rounding, not all percentages add up to 100%.*



# HOMECOMING 2004: BUSINESS & PLEASURE

At least 42 alumni from the Alpha Delta chapter returned to Orono for Homecoming 2004, marking two consecutive years of increased turnout. Alumni spanning 54 years of graduation (1950-2004) enjoyed a BBQ lunch and tours of the chapter house, Skullumni's Annual Meeting, tailgating and 60 group seats (along with family & friends) at the football game versus Northeastern (which Maine won), and dinner & drinks in a private room at the Bear Brew Pub after the game. Many alumni reconnected with alumni they haven't seen since last year, several years, or even decades, and overall seemed to have a good time. As Brother Pat Penley '91 put it: "The group seats at the football game was an excellent idea. I got a chance to meet Phi Kaps from all eras (including undergrads) and talk in an informal manner." Skullumni would like to thank the undergraduates for their many efforts with this event, including offering rides to and from the football game and Bear Brew Pub. We would also like to thank our Decade Representatives who helped to get alumni from their era to attend and again to Brother Tom Bartlett '65 for lending us the tents for the front-lawn BBQ. Finally, we would like to thank all those who attended this year's festivities. We will continue to update you throughout 2005 as to when next year's Homecoming will be – we are hoping for another large turnout next October! Check out the Homecoming Page on our website ([www.pksalumni.org](http://www.pksalumni.org)) throughout the year for more info on Homecoming '05. Below are photos which captured the weekend's festivities.



▲ Robert McKown '58 (with wife Lois), Foster Shibles '56, Alden Small '57, & Gil Leslie '56



▲ Alden Small '57, Bill Bodwell '50, & Foster Shibles '56



▲ Dave Cole '77 (with wife Karen)



▲ Wayne Delia (Beta Upsilon '79) and Eric Conrad '02



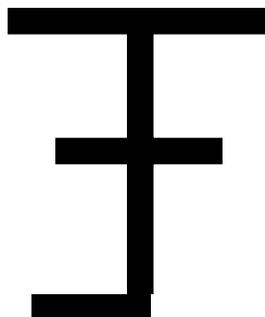
▲ Tom Palmer '92, Jeff Miller '93, Mike Archer '92, Elliot "Junior" Mitchell '92, & Shawn Harris '91



▲ Preston Maheu '97 & Dan Ludden '92



▲ Rob Williams '00, Jeff Shirland '99, Scott Morelli '99, Jerry Graffam '03, & Bob Kvedar '00



▲ Steve Kneeland '03, Mike Murphy '02, EJ Regan '02, & Dylan Reburn '04



▲ Sign welcoming back "Skull Alumni"

# PHOTOS FROM THE WEEKEND THAT WAS ...



▲ Alumni & undergraduates at Skullumni's Annual Meeting



▲ Rob Williams '00 and undergrad Collin Grady tailgating before the football game



▲ Jerry Graffam '03 and Ian Adams '04 after being tossed into the chilly waters of the Stillwater River due to their recent engagements

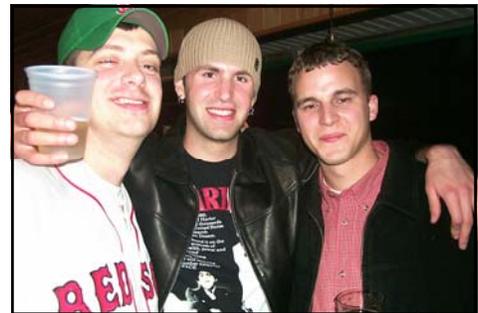


▲ Nearly 60 Phi Kaps, including family & friends, sat in group seats at the football game



▲ Phi Kappa Sigma Grand Delta Wayne Delia '79 (Beta Upsilon Chapter) socializes with Ian Adams '04 in a reserved room at the Bear Brew Pub

*Our thanks to those who attended and we hope to see the rest of you in 2005!*



▲ Former Chapter Advisor Jason Libby '99 (ΛΧΑ), Ian Adams '04, and Bob Kvedar '00 at the Bear Brew Pub

### Attendees Not Pictured:

Allan Smith '53, Michael Carney '71, Frederick Morton '77, Robert Vile '83, Alan Van Wert '84, Richard Smart '84, Michael Martorella '85, Patrick Penley '91, Chris Hopper '95, John Chretien '97, Chris Labbe '99, Kurt Feeley '99, Nick Raymond '03, Matthew Martin '03, James Flagg '03, Daniel Kinne '04, and Kevin Barry '04

## Skullumni's 104 Voting Members

For the second year in a row, Skullumni has exceeded 100 dues-paying members! A total of 104 alumni are Voting Members in the Alumni Chapter, again making us the largest Alumni Chapter of the entire Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity! Below is a listing of our 104 Voting Members (as of 11/21/04) and updates on what they've been up to (if provided to us). Skullumni's diverse membership spans 61 years from 1943-2004 and represents 37 unique years of graduation. Our members live in 20 different states across the U.S. from California to Maine. This year, we added levels of financial donation which are listed below along with the alumni within each of these five levels. Also, listed in parenthesis after each member's name and year of graduation is the number of years that alumnus has been a Voting Member in Skullumni. We want to thank all of our members for their incredible support over the past year and since our inception in 2001. You have enabled Skullumni to do many wonderful things. We hope you choose to renew your dues for 2005 and we also hope many of you consider joining for the first time.

### SKULL CLUB (\$25-\$49)

**Benjamin Graham, Jr. '43 (2)** *Grinnell, IA ... Richard Fuller '44 (2)* *Cumberland, ME ... Norman Putnam '44 (1)* *Bryant Pond, ME ... Albert Ehrenfried '44 (3)* *Acton, MA ... William Bodwell '50 (1)* *Brunswick, ME ... Kenneth Marden '50 (1)* *Whitefield, ME ... Kenneth Chatto '50 (2)* *Lugoff, SC ... Theodore Littlefield '51 (1)* *Hampden, ME - "Served 20 years as Chief Engineer at Dow AFB & 10 years at EMVTI (now EMCC) as Head of the Dept. of Water & Waste Water Engineering Technology. Ret. Lt. Col. US Army (Signal Corps)(Civil Affairs)(Instr., Command, & Gen'l Staff College). Enjoy flying, sailing, and watching grandchildren grow up." ... Robert Eastman '51 (3)* *Center Lovell, ME ... Alan Pease '52 (3)* *Camden, ME - "Volunteering web person for 5 non-profits; librarian for Knox County (ME) Law Library; Treasurer, Jackson Memorial Library, Tenants Harbor, ME. Trying to stay married to Marnie (UM '52 - Murray) for another 50 years!" ... Paul Remick, Jr. '53 (3)* *Wells, ME ... Allan Smith '53 (2)* *Farmington, ME ... Richard Gray '54 (2)* *Gaithersburg, MD - "Retirement continues to be great. My wife and I ran the San Diego marathon in January, 2003 with our son Mike. I am looking forward to my 50th class reunion at U of Maine." ... Kendall Lund '55 (3)* *Moody, ME - "Thank you for the alumni services, especially the addresses of my contemporary Brothers." ... Norman Fuller '56 (3)* *Catskill, NY ... Foster Shibles '56 (3)* *Boothbay, ME ... Gilbert Leslie, Jr. '56 (3)* *Belfast, ME ... John Hodgkins '56 (2)* *Yarmouth, ME ... Richard Bennett '56 (2)* *Denver, CO ... Robert Hutchinson '57 (2)* *Brunswick, ME ... Alden Small '57 (2)* *Winthrop, ME ... Vernon St. Amand '57 (1)* *Bloomfield Hills, MI - "Growing old 'gratefully!'" ... Dr. Richard Secord '57 (2)* *Sanbornton, NH ... John Buzzell '57 (1)* *Camarillo, CA ... Robert McKown '58 (3)* *Wayland, MA ... James York II '59 (3)* *Gaylordsville, CT ... Robert Munson '59 (3)* *Palm Beach Gardens, FL ... Robert Chase '59 (3)* *Naples, ME - "I am doing fine. Moved away from Mass. 25 years ago and settled in Naples, ME. Brother Bob McKown has been nice to keep in touch over the years. Brother Bruce Probert has been kind enough to drop by on occasion. Brother Norm Descoteaux pleasantly surprised me with a phone call from Texas last year. All Brothers appear to be doing well. Unfortunately I have not kept in touch with a terrific group of individuals at Phi Kap. My hat is off to Scott and the rest for their work organizing Skullumni." ... Richard Dudley '60 (2)* *Falmouth, ME ... Gary Auclair '60 (3)* *Saratoga, CA ... Frank Antonucci, Jr. '60 (3)* *Winthrop, ME - "Enjoying retirement. 2 daughters in Maine, 1 daughter in NH. 1 son in Kabul, Afghanistan. 8 grandchildren. Volunteer at local food bank. Active volunteer in UMA Senior College." ... David Gagnon '60 (2)* *Falmouth, ME - "Retired 8 years - 34+ in paper industry." ... Stephen Howe '60 (2)* *North Brookfield, MA ... Peter Berry '61 (2)* *Roque Bluffs, ME ... Col. F. William Smullen III '62 (3)*

*Fayetteville, NY ... Stephen DeWick '62 (1)* *Woolwich, ME ... Alvin Ahlers '62 (1)* *North Yarmouth, ME ... Paul Kiah '62 (2)* *Meredith, NH ... Lawrence McPhee '62 (1)* *Florence, MA ... Bruce Wentworth '63 (2)* *Warwick, RI - "I am a Branch Operations Officer at Citizens Bank in Providence, RI. My wife, Rosemary, is an accountant by day, a published writer and artist, and is pursuing a Masters Degree in Holistic Counseling at Salve Regina University, Newport, RI. My daughter, Kate, is married and teaches Photography in a high school in CA." ... Avard Walker III '64 (3)* *San Francisco, CA - "Sept. 19, 2004 marked my 32nd anniversary with Bechtel/Fremont Group, a small engineering/property management/investment company headquartered here in San Francisco. Since 1987 I have been responsible for the accounting and administration of the company's defined contribution plan. I am still married to my first wife, Jane, for 30 years and have three children still going to school. My oldest, Christina is attending the Univ. of Denver working on her Doctor of Clinical Psychology, my oldest son, Tim is attending Sacramento State majoring in History/Government, and my youngest son, John is finishing high school and will probably be attending college on the east or west coast. I continue to be involved in Scouting where both sons have attained the Eagle rank, volunteer at the YMCA, and to exercise/hike on a regular basis." ... Lt. Col. Robert Kiah, Jr. '64 (2)* *Dumfries, VA - "Married to Kuniko (Kinjo) Kiah, 3 Children, 5 Grandchildren. Occupation: Currently and for past 16 years: Federal Contracting - Technical Services: Part Owner and Senior VP, Computing TechnologieS, Inc. (www.cots.com). Formerly: USMC (Retired); College Instructor - Political Science, Secondary School Teacher and Coach. Retirement is not in my immediate plans." ... Dennis Vogel '64 (1)* *Dennisport, MA - "I have been watching the web site for some time now and felt it was my turn to participate. The web site is outstanding. I have been retired for 3 years and my wife of 38 years and I live on Cape Cod. Keep up the good work." ... Kenneth Howe '65 (2)* *San Bernardino, CA ... Wayne Johnson '65 (2)* *Yarmouth, ME ... Brian Bicknell '66 (3)* *Yarmouth, ME - "On 9/1/04 I retired after 32 years in sale and sales management with Reynolds/Alcoa Consumer Products. In the last two months, I ran for a seat in the Maine House, but came in second. I now plan to take some time off and rest up to become a new Grandfather in December. After the first of the year, I will figure out what to do next. If anyone has any great ideas send them my way." ... Charles Bonney '66 (2)* *Wayne, ME ... Col. Robert Michaud '66 (2)* *Sun Valley, ID ... Jay Smith '67 (3)* *Ogunquit, ME - is now the New England Director for CACI Inc., an international provider of engineering and IT services. He still resides in his childhood home at Perkins Cove in Ogunquit, ME. It is there that Jay has converted his mother's art studio to a large one room studio apartment over looking the Atlantic. In the process he has created a*

special place for furloughed Christian missionaries to enjoy a short sojourn. Jay is married to another UMainer, Jean Smith '69 ... **Thomas Dwyer '67** (3) *Manchester, ME* ... **Gordon Erikson, Jr. '68** (2) *Cumberland Foreside, ME* ... **Dennis Kiah '70** (2) *Brewer, ME* ... **Jonathan Young '71** (3) *Falmouth, ME* ... **Michael Carney '71** (3) *Lincoln, ME* - "Daughter in graduate school at Maine and son attending the Univ. of Central Florida in Orlando. Still in the restaurant industry (30+ years). Working for Governor's Restaurants and having a great time doing it. Still living in Lincoln. I would like to see more 1969 through 1972 brothers 'joining up.' And also more activity from the long line of "Lincoln brothers." Drop me a line via PO Box 331 in Lincoln." ... **Larry LaPlante '73** (3) *Presque Isle, ME* ... **Robert St. Pierre '73** (1) *Clinton, ME* ... **Chip Stephens '77** (3) *Westport, CT* ... **Patrick Penley '91** (3) *Auburn, ME* ... **Rick Malinowski '91** (2) *Gardiner, ME* ... **Shawn Harris '91** (2) *Camden, ME* ... **Matthew Rocca '96** (3) *Pasadena, CA* ... **Pete Ruggiero '97** (3) *Lowell, MA* ... **Derrick Slowikowski '97** (3) *Hookset, NH* ... **Daniel Stiehl '97** (2) *Old Town, ME* ... **Nathan McLaughlin '98** (3) *Hollis, ME* - "Wife Kelley gave birth to our second child on Nov. 4, 2004. Her name is Isabella Grace McLaughlin and everyone is doing wonderful. Also, I have been asked to manage a new office of Woodard & Curran in Presque Isle and we are relocating in late November." ... **Scott Morelli '99** (3) *Syracuse, NY* - "Married wife Beth in June 2004. Along with our daughter Olivia, we now live in Syracuse, NY while I pursue my Master of Public Administration degree at the Maxwell School of Citizenship at Syracuse University. I also serve as a Graduate Assistant at SU." ... **Christopher Labbe '99** (2) *Ashland, NH* ... **Jeffery Shirland '99** (1) *Old Town, ME* ... **Kurt Feeley '99** (2) *Portland, ME* ... **Matthew Palmer '99** (1) *Portland, ME* ... **Anthony Kvedar '00** (3) *Auburn, ME* ... **Edward Regan '02** (3) *Portland, ME* - "In my 3rd year at Lisbon High School teaching English, advising the Student Government, and coaching middle school basketball. Exploring the master's programs in education to possibly become an assistant principal, but I don't want to be an AP if I can't coach basketball! Still RENTING in Portland, but hoping to buy a house within the year. Hope all is well with everyone." ... **Eric Conrad '02** (2) *Chester Springs, PA* ... **Brad Worcester '02** (2) *Belfast, ME* ... **Jeremy Thiele '02** (3) *Old Town, ME* ... **James Flagg '03** (2) *Gorham, NH* - "Working at Nexfor Fraser Papers in Berlin, NH and coaching high school baseball at Gorham High School in NH." ... **Jerome Graffam '03** (2) *South Portland, ME* ... **Matthew Martin '03** (2) *Orono, ME* ... **Kevin Barry '04** (1) *Orono, ME* ... **Dylan Reburn '04** (1) *Orono, ME* ... **Ian Adams '04** (1) *Orono, ME* ... **Daniel Kinne '04** (1) *Orono, ME*

#### **GOLDEN SKULL CLUB (\$50-\$99)**

**Russell Bodwell '44** (2) *Orono, ME* ... **Walter Anderson Jr. '50** (1) *Rocky Mountain, NC* ... **Gerald Beach '53** (1) *Richmond, VA* ... **Donald LaRochelle '53** (3) *Wells, ME* ... **Robert Fuehrer '57** (2) *Peacham, VT* ... **S. Clyde Ross '59** (3) *Farmington, ME* - "Currently Dep. Fire Chief in Farmington. You people are doing a great job with keeping us informed. I feel closer now to Brothers than since graduation in '59. I enjoy personal items about Brothers. Thank you for your efforts, we all benefit." ... **Dr. Douglas Allen '62** (1) *Marcellus, NY* ... **Rev. Thomas Chittick '63** (1) *Portland, ME* - "I have returned to live in Maine a year and a half ago after a ten year period of service as Lutheran chaplain at Harvard. I am currently

the pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Westbrook. I recently remarried and live in Cumberland not far from Al and Mary Ahlers. I am married to my pledge class brother Judd Evans's widow Nicky. She and I grew up together in Portland and went to high school together along with Judd. So the connections are pretty deep. She has a grand daughter twenty months old and I have a grand child on the way in July." ... **David Kerrigan '66** (1) *Crystal Lake, IL* - "Between work and family we spend the summer sailing on Lake Michigan and the winter at our Florida home as time permits." ... **Zachary Longley '67** (3) *West Newbury, MA* ... **George Campbell, Jr. '71** (1) *Portland, ME* ... **David Pullen '73** (1) *Bryan, TX* - "Retired as Public Works Director, Longview TX, March 2002. Working with Texas Engineering Extension Service training public works employees in response and preparation for emergencies including terrorism." ... **Mark Connors '74** (1) *Manchester, CT* ... **Daniel Ludden '92** (2) *Hermon, ME* ... **Andrew Morse '93** (1) *Laconia, NH* - "I recently just built a house in Laconia, NH. If any alumni or undergraduates are in the area please email or call. Plenty of skiing and golfing in this area of NH." ... **John Chretien '97** (2) *Augusta, ME* ... **Robert Williams '00** (3) *North Berwick, ME*

#### **CENTURY SKULL CLUB (\$100-\$149)**

**Douglas Champeon '59** (1) *San Antonio, TX* ... **LeRoy Bingham II '63** (3) *Surry, ME* - "Currently SVP for SCA North America a Swedish forest products company doing M&A work in Mexico, Central, and South America. Now claim residence in Scottsdale, AZ where we live in the winter and still have our home in Surry, ME. Still find time to fish in Canada and Alaska. Last year had the good fortune to spend a week in Alaska at my cabin with Jim Vamvakias and our sons fly fishing for silver salmon." ... **Leonard DiCarlo '65** (3) *Laurel, MD* ... **Colin Leonard '69** (3) *Harwich, MA* - "Wife, Jane, owns and manages social stationary shop. Children Chip (golf pro), Kevin (civil engineer), Alyson (1st grade teacher), Jeff (works in family construction company). I own a residential construction company specializing in additions & renovations though I do build new homes. I am still very actively involved with Harwich Conservation trust, an organization whose mission is to protect open space. This organization just completed a project that has set aside 42 acres that abuts a tidal river and this land is adjacent to 60 acres of already protected land. Within HCT I focus on land management issues once the land is protected from development. Also I am VP of the Compact of Cape Cod. This is a consortium of land trust on the Cape to benefit land conservation for Barnstable County. I still own the family camp out to Pushaw and I do get back to the area off and on."

#### **DIAMOND SKULL CLUB (\$150-\$249)**

**Paul Sullivan '66** (3) *Dallas, TX* - "I'm still enjoying my work as VP & General Tax Counsel of the most profitable industrial corporation in the world. Outside of work, my time is spent with my wife, kids (2), and grandkids (2 but soon to be 5 including twins!). I also enjoy golf and driving my 1929 Model A Roadster and 1931 Model A pickup."

#### **PLATINUM SKULL CLUB (\$250+)**

*No members in 2003-04.*

## House Renovations, Continued ...

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measure but grew over the year with each meeting. In the spring, during an Alumni Chapter conference call, members discussed what everyone thought would be feasible for the venture and it was decided that the committee would be a separate entity from both the Housing Corporation and Skullumni, though members from both would be involved. Skullumni recognized that the success of the project hinged upon finding the right "quarterback" for the committee. Enter Shawn Harris '91 who accepted the task of heading up the committee and has already established a core group of men like Tom Palmer '92, Robert Kiah '64, Mike Archer '93, Chip Stephens '77, Dan Ludden '92, and others.

"I feel that there is a lot of enthusiasm and support for this effort based on the response I've gotten from alumni," said Harris. "This is our chance to give back to the house."

The committee already has had two contractors tour the house, explore the depth of what needs to be done, and point out key areas on which to focus. While it would be nice to entertain all the wish lists for renovating the Alpha Delta house, the reality came back with the formal estimate, first introduced at Homecoming 2004 by Brothers Harris and Palmer. The proposal and estimate from a local contractor was perhaps a little surprising at first glance but after its explanation at Skullumni's Annual Meeting, there was little doubt of the sense it makes.

While there are options the committee will explore and discuss over the next year—before a formal kickoff to the campaign—the estimate to renovate the house from the first floor to the ram is in excess of \$350,000. While not encompassing the basement or the exterior, the proposal would basically strip the house to the shell. It was determined that any renovation would necessitate all new plumbing, piping,

and electrical work. After that, the rooms would be renovated, along with a new bathroom on the second floor, and a completely refurbished ram, which would have up to eight bedrooms along with an expanded chapter room. While this proposal is not yet the final plan, it is a big step forward in this time-consuming process.

Current undergraduate president Alex Kuehling, who has participated in several of the committee meetings to express the needs of chapter, stated that these renovations are sorely needed and will help the chapter compete for members by providing an attractive living quarters. Brother Harris echoed his sentiments.

"Really, this renovation should be looked at as an investment in the next 100 years of the Alpha Delta Chapter at UMaine," said Harris. "This effort will help ensure the future of our house for the next century."

While this will be a challenging task, we are all encouraged that the Housing Corporation has pledged to kick off the campaign with a substantial donation and several alumni have already committed several thousand dollars to the project. This will be an effort that cannot hinge

upon the efforts of one man alone or the committee in isolation. The success of the house renovation campaign will depend on the efforts of all Alpha Deltans.

"This is a project that will need the participation of the Housing Corporation, the alumni, and the undergraduates to succeed," Harris said. "Like a three-legged stool, without the support of all three legs, it will fall over." Alumni are committed to ensuring that this will not happen.



**Computer and cable wires, along with electrical wire housing, litter the walls of the chapter house. Ceilings and walls also suffer from disrepair.**

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Johnson said he was "devastated" after learning he would not be able to qualify for the 2004 games. "I felt like I had let down all the trainers, coaches, sponsors, family and friends who had given me so much encouragement," said Johnson, who has three children Liza, Sven, and Eric. "I was so confident when I started this quest that I could overcome the impossible, once again, and represent this great country at the world's greatest games. I have to tell myself constantly that this is just a small speed bump on the road of life and that I still have the guts and perseverance to continue my journey." He added, "This is more than just a competition because what Hanger learns from my experience will be used to develop better, lighter, and more durable products for millions of people, including those brave men and women fighting for us in Iraq and elsewhere."

Johnson is now training for the 2008 games in Beijing and may have to alter events, to include swimming among other things, depending upon the health of his residual limb. He said he is in the process of inventing more "intense and effective dry land training programs, without wearing the prosthesis, and then to test this method in competition."

Johnson said he was "humbled and honored" after being selected as Alumnus of the Year in part because "I was so upset at my injuries and not having qualified for the Athens Summer Games that this was completely unexpected and much appreciated." He added that Skullumni's work on "the Phi Kap news, leadership, and outreach to Brothers is impressive. Other Phi Kaps have commented that they are becoming more involved because of Skullumni. This effort shows the very positive side of our social fraternities."

Congratulations Brother Johnson and best wishes on 2008!