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# Black & Old Gold

THE NEWSLETTER OF SKULLUMNI:  
THE ALPHA DELTA ALUMNI CHAPTER  
OF PHI KAPPA SIGMA

*The Alpha Delta Chapter House is over a century old and in need of repair. The Chapter House Renovations Committee has a plan.*

## Extreme Makeover: Alpha Delta Edition

Five years of work will soon result in fifty five years worth of needed repairs to the Phi Kappa Sigma chapter house at the University of Maine. The Chapter House Renovations Committee unveiled architectural plans at Homecoming in October outlining the impending house repairs and renovations. The intent of these repairs is to address life safety issues, improve heat efficiency, fix the leaking roof, give a cosmetic face-lift to deteriorating floors and walls, and to transform the house into a more attractive living space for the brotherhood while also fostering interaction between the members and a stronger sense of comradery. The physical footprint will remain the same.

“We reached a consensus on the need of a comprehensive assessment of the building’s condition by an engineer so that we didn’t overlook any critical needs,” said Br. Shawn Harris ’91, the committee’s chairman. “At the same time, we recognized the need to update the layout and function of the house for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, going beyond an ‘as is’ renovation. We needed professionals, with an architect to guide the effort.”

Funds from the Housing Corporation and a generous up-front donation from alumnus Russell Bodwell ‘44 enabled the committee to hire Woodard & Curran and DGC Architecture to assist with the renovation plans. After several meetings with the architect, the committee decided on a final plan.

The biggest changes will occur on the third floor, also known as The Ram. For over a decade, The Ram has not been utilized as mass sleeping quarters, with members preferring instead to sleep in their rooms on the first and second floors. Several makeshift rooms were also constructed in the wings of The Ram in recent years. The committee recognized that The

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*An architect's rendition of a renovated second floor hallway with refurbished rooms and new common area suites*



*Br. Dave Gates '54 discusses the proposed renovations with alumni and undergraduates at Homecoming 2008*

# President's Message: A Year of Firsts

This past year marked a lot of firsts for Skullumni and the undergraduate chapter. We had the first house lease signed with the university in at least several decades, and quite possibly the first since the house was built in 1902. We had the first fire/water-resistant safe purchased to store and protect irreplaceable chapter archives that are in some cases over 110 years old. We had the first female live-in advisor in nearly half century occupy a room in the Skull House. We had the first \$500 donation from an individual in Skullumni's seven year history. And we had the kickoff of the first chapter house capital campaign since the early 1950s.

As you undoubtedly have surmised, these things don't "just happen". They require a great deal of work and support from a number of people. Our chapter is fortunate to have an array of caring and dedicated alumni who espouse the motto, *Once a Phi Kap, Always a Phi Kap*. From the Skullumni officers, to the Housing Corporation trustees, to the volunteers on the Chapter House Renovations Committee, to the Skullumni Voting Members whose dues provide critical funding for our initiatives, our chapter

is truly blessed. Thank you to the countless alumni who give their support in so many different ways.

In the coming months, the Chapter House Renovations Committee will be asking you for a monetary donation for the first major repairs to our chapter house in over 50 years. This will be one of the most important ways that you can help ensure the viability of the Alpha Delta Chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma. The house that we all once called home during our college days is old, tired, and worn. She is structurally sound but far from her glory days. We as alumni have an obligation to ensure that this house has its pride restored and will be able to house future generations of Phi Kaps at the University of Maine. To quote a relevant portion of the Oath of the Athenian City State, "We will transmit this city not only not less, but greater, better and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us." The task is a large one but it is one that we can all agree is worth it.

In closing, it continues to be my privilege to be involved in this organization and with many alumni who care so much about our fraternity. May you all have a safe and joyous holiday season!

~Scott Morelli '99

<p><b>Thanks to the 'Founders Club'</b></p>	<p><b>Skullumni would like to thank the following 32 alumni for their financial support in each of our 7 years of existence:</b></p> <p>Albert Ehrenfried '44, Robert Eastman '51, Alan Pease '52, Donald LaRochelle '53, Norman Fuller '56, Foster Shibles '56, Gilbert Leslie, Jr. '56, Robert Munson '59, James York II '59, Frank Antonucci, Jr. '60, Col. F. William Smullen III '62, LeRoy Bingham II '63, Avard Walker III '64, Leonard DiCarlo '65, Brian Bicknell '66, Paul Sullivan '66, Zachary Longley '67, Jay Smith '67, Thomas Dwyer '67, Michael Carney '71, Jonathan Young '71, Larry LaPlante '73, Chip Stephens '77, Patrick Penley '91, Matthew Rocca '96, Peter Ruggiero '97, Nathan McLaughlin '98, Scott Morelli '99, Robert Williams '00, Anthony Kvedar '00, Jeremy Thiele '02, &amp; EJ Regan '02</p>
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## Join Skullumni on Facebook

Facebook is a website that enables people to connect with long lost friends and find new ones. It is a social networking site where users can sign up for an account, create their own profile, upload and share pictures and videos with their friends, and much more! Users can ask other people that they may know who are already on the site to be their "friend". Being someone's friend enables you to view the profile of that person and keep up to date with what is going on in their lives. Users are free to share as little or as much

information as they'd like. Millions of people of all ages across the world use Facebook everyday and it is one of the most popular sites on the web.

Skullumni has joined the growing number of businesses and organizations who have created their own page on Facebook. Alumni can become "fans" of Skullumni by visiting our Facebook page and clicking on "Become a Fan."



*The Skullumni page on Facebook—become a fan today!*

This will enable you to keep tabs on what is happening with the Alumni Chapter and share your comments and photos on a message board with other alumni. Don't yet have an account? Visit facebook.com and click on the "Create a Profile" link. It is free to join and literally takes seconds to set up. We look forward to seeing you soon in cyberspace!

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# Grand Chapter 2008

The Alpha Delta Chapter was well represented at the 94<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter convention in Atlanta, Georgia this summer. The chapter sent three undergraduates and two alumni to the event, tying them with two other chapters for the fifth most attendees out of the 49 chapters present. Skullumni funded two undergraduates' attendance through the Stephen Ward Memorial Fund, marking the third straight Grand Chapter where young men from our chapter were able to take advantage of these scholarships. Attendees took part in various workshops such as a recruitment training session, regional caucuses, and a liability insurance primer, and also attended the general sessions where legislation was debated and voted upon.

The Alpha Delta contingent also attended the Awards Banquet on the last night of Grand Chapter. While Alpha Delta was one of about 20 chapters to receive an award for 100% new member retention, it did not receive any of the other awards presented during the course of the evening. These awards are based on a chapter's score on the Mitchell Chapter Standards (MCS) program, which gives chapters points for things like community service and grades. The chapter attendees were disappointed that they did not qualify for an award but Br. James Baum '09 viewed it as a motivational experience.

"The Awards Banquet was one experience that made me believe that the Alpha Delta chapter has a lot of work to do and we have the ability to if we only put our minds to it," said Baum, a senior Business Administration major from Buxton, Maine. "Not going up to accept any awards to distinguish our hard work and effort made me personally what to change this."

His sentiments were shared by the two other undergraduate attendees, Br. Kyle Russell '10 and Br. Josh Moody '09, both Business Administration majors from Auburn, Maine in their junior and senior years, respectively, who have brought lessons from Grand Chapter back to Orono this fall to improve the chapter.

"One thing that I have definitely taken back from Grand Chapter is the importance of MCS. Poor ratings on MCS is embarrassing,"



*They sure clean up well: Alpha Delta Men at Grand Chapter 2008 (L to R): Scott Morelli '99, Shawn Harris '91, Josh Moody '09, Kyle Russell '10, and James Baum '10*

said Moody, who is currently the chapter's president. "Myself and the MCS Chair have taken the initiative to improve this office one week at a time. We strive to be one of the most improved chapters at MCS this year."

Based on this type of feedback, Skullumni feels the attendees seemed to get the intent of the scholarships to Grand Chapter.

"The ability to send several undergraduates to Grand Chapter is vital," said Skullumni president Scott Morelli '99, who also attended Grand Chapter and served as the Alumni Chapter's Voting Delegate. "We are opening up a new and inspiring experience to many different Brothers who can then go back and bring needed improvements to chapter."

Skullumni will also continue to fund up to three undergraduates to attend the annual *Men of Honor* conference at the Marist Retreat House in Esopus, New York in January 2009. Scholarships to both *Men of Honor* and Grand Chapter are only possible through alumni donations. On behalf of Skullumni and the undergraduate chapter, thank you to our alumni for your gifts that have enabled us to offer these valuable opportunities.

## Undergraduate Update

by Josh Moody '10 (President) & Elias Eder '12 (Alumni Chair)

The Alpha Delta Chapter undergraduates have been hard at work and the chapter is as strong as it has been in quite some time. Last semester our efforts to maintain our academic standards paid off when we placed 6<sup>th</sup> of 15 in the All Fraternity GPA competition. After participating in many intramural sports we placed 4<sup>th</sup> overall in the B.C. Kent Intramural Competition.

During the University's Maine Day we hosted our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Hotdog Eating Contest to raise money for Habitat for Humanity. Phi Kappa Sigma, of course, placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the men's division, while Chi Omega placed 1<sup>st</sup> for the women's division.

At the start of the semester we initiated ten new brothers and pinned six new pledges shortly after. The chapter house is almost at full capacity with twenty-one brothers living in, and we are looking forward to the house renovations that will soon be underway.

Homecoming this year was a great success. We had near perfect attendance by the undergraduates and were pleased to see many alumni stop by throughout the day.

We placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in this semester's Greek Week with almost full participation in all the events and were honored with the 1<sup>st</sup> place prize for the Greek Week Talent Show with our own rendition of the top ten YouTube© videos.

This semester we have also made incredible headway towards house improvement projects, which include a new sign and mailbox as well as a finished front porch, amongst others. We are also thrilled to announce that we have created a new website for the Alpha Delta chapter, which will be up and running very shortly.

Most recently we hosted our 14<sup>th</sup> annual Haunted House, which once again was a huge success. Because of this event we were able to raise \$1,100 to benefit the Leukemia Lymphoma Society. We also took part in the All Greek Food Drive to benefit Manna Ministries.

We are proud of the work that has been done so far, and plan on continuing all of our efforts to improve the chapter and look forward to see what the future will bring.



*Try knocking this one down! The new, all-steel chapter sign built by the undergraduates*

# Skullumni's 137 Voting Members

Skullumni's membership again reached great heights in 2008, with 137 alumni paying dues to become Voting Members (as of November 21, 2008). These alumni represent 44 unique classes from 1944 to 2008. Listed below you will find the names of all 137 Voting Members, broken out by donation amount. You will see their class year, the number of years they have been a Voting Member (indicated in parenthesis), along with an update about what they've been up to (if provided).

Thank you Alpha Delta alumni for your tremendous support!

## Platinum Skull Club (\$500+) (1 Member)

Matthew Rocca '96 (7)

## Diamond Skull Club (\$250-\$499) (7 Members)

Dr. Douglas Allen '62 (5)| LeRoy Bingham II '63 (7)| Leonard DiCarlo '65 (7)| Kenneth Howe '65 (6)| Paul Sullivan '66 (7)| Zachary Longley '67 (7)| Jeff Hengsbach '68 (5)

## Century Skull Club (\$100-\$249) (22 Members)

Russell Bodwell '44 (5)| Donald LaRochelle '53 (7)| Allan Smith '53 (5)| Richard Herrlin '55 (5) "I'm still alive, working and doing a lot of traveling."| Robert Fuehrer '57 (6)| David Ober '58 (3)| James Scott '58 (2)| Richard Dudley '60 (6)| J. Bruce Johnson '60 (3)| Jonathan Ord '60 (3)| Willard Bishop, Jr. '63 (5)| Robert Kiah, Jr. '64 (6) "Rob graduated with a degree in Secondary Education. He enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserves his senior year, with an OCS guarantee upon graduation. As an undergrad, he participated in all Phi Kap events and was a member of the ROTC Judo Team. He graduated from OCS in Dec '64 and served one tour of duty in Vietnam. He left active duty in '68 to accept a position as a secondary school math teacher and wrestling and track coach, Weymouth, MA. He returned to active duty, accepting a commission into the regular component, USMC in '69. He received his MS in Curriculum Development from the Univ. of Michigan '72. Upon retirement from the Marines '88, he has helped build two Federal Services small businesses. He's currently a partner and the Sr. VP of COmputing TechnologieS, Inc. He's a member of various professional, veterans', and social organizations, including the Maine State Society of Washington, D.C. Rob values the friendships and experience he gained as a member of ΑΔ and is interested in ensuring Phi Kap ΑΔ remains viable for future generations. Rob's wife, Kuniko, is a native of Japan. They have two sons and a daughter. They currently live in Dumfries, Virginia. They return to Maine frequently to visit their older son and family and many relatives living in the greater Bangor-Brewer area."| Dr. William Gould '65 (5)| David Kerrigan '66 (5)| Col. Robert Michaud '66 (6)| Colin Leonard '69 (6)| Jonathan Young '71 (7)| Chip Stephens '77 (7)| Shawn Harris '91 (4)| Daniel Ludden '92 (5)| Andrew Morse '93 (5)| Jeremy Thiele '02 (7)

## Golden Skull Club (\$50-\$99) (57 Members)

Hugh Brownlee '44 (3)| Walter Anderson Jr. '50 (5)| William Bodwell '50 (5)| Kenneth Chatto '50 (6)| Dana Davis '50 (3)| Robert Eastman '51 (7)| Alan Pease '52 (7)| Gerald Beach '53 (5)| Richard Gray '54 (6)| Kendall Lund '55 (6)| Earle Gowell, Jr. '56 (3)| John Hodgkins '56 (6)| Gilbert Leslie, Jr. '56 (7)| Foster Shibles '56 (7)| Edric Starbird '56 (3)| John Buzzell '57 (5)| Dr. Richard Secord '57 (6) "Not much new to report for the year - at least our health remained good! We had a pretty good year of fishing with several trips to Canada and our camp in Maine. We are now looking forward to ski seasons. Keep up the good work!"| Alden Small '57 (5)| Leslie Whitham '57 (2) "Charlotte and I enjoyed the 50th reunion and loved spending time with so many brothers and their wives."| James Callan, Jr. '58 (3)| Charles Abbott '59 (1) "After serving as a plant engineer and plant manager at building products plants in Lisbon Falls, ME, Danville, VA, Chicago, IL, Atlanta, GA, Garden Grove, CA, Paris, TN, Marrerro, LA, Port Clin-



Charles ('59) & Joy Abbott

ton, OH, and L'Anse, MI, I retired to Santee, SC in '98 to be near our daughters and son and 5 wonderful grandchildren. Although of much lesser importance, Santee is also home to three fine 18 hole golf courses, Lake Marion of the Santee Cooper lakes fame with some fine fishing available. In '03, I was invited to join the local Rotary Club of Lake Marion at Santee and am now serving my second term as president of the club. My wife, Joy, has become very active in theatre with the Orangeburg Part Time Players and is currently rehearsing the *Music Man* play to be presented soon. In my spare time, I do a lot of woodworking crafting heirloom type furniture mostly for the kids and grandkids but also occasionally for friends and churches as well. One recent project involved stripping and rebuilding a 26 foot pontoon boat including carpeting, rewiring, and installing new furniture. There is now another boat waiting in the wings for similar treatment. I still have a sister and brother-in-law living in Bowdoinham, ME and try to get back every couple of years to visit with them. I hope to make the trip again next fall or maybe for homecoming (50 years - can you believe it?)| S. Clyde Ross '59 (6) "During the past year I've been busy with gardening, cutting fire wood and taking care of my camp and lawns. I also took care of a raspberry bed and harvested several quarts that were sold at local markets. I was in Boston a few times, driving an ill friend for treatments. I'm still busy with the local fire department, the Emergency Management Agency, the local agricultural fair association and I do find time to cast a mean fly for the fine Maine Brook Trout. I was back for Homecoming, first time in many years, it was great to see so many Brothers."| James York II '59 (7)| Frank Antonucci, Jr. '60 (7) "As some of you know I have dementia and now live at Glenridge Nursing Home in Augusta. Megan comes to see me about every other day. I'm still very mobile so Megan and I go out to do errands or a bit of shopping. Most Sundays I go to my other home in Winthrop and our daughters Karen and Nina and the grandchildren come to visit. I enjoy their visits very much. I also see our granddaughters Mair and Hannah quite often and I especially like that. I find it difficult to remember words to express myself but I listen intently and, most of the time know what is being talked about. Occasionally I will laugh, or give a one or two word comment. Yes, I know Megan and all our children and grandchildren. I cannot recall their names always but I do know them. We also enjoy seeing our son, Rob, his wife, Iris, and their three teens, Stephanie, Peter and Marissa. They are here, far from their home in Afghanistan, for one year. Rob is in his first year at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Hamilton, Massachusetts. He is going for his Doctor of Divinity. He will be able to do only one year now, but will come back in about 3 years to finish up. It has been fun to see the three grandkids who arrived in August to spend a week at a camp on Lake Cobbossee. At Thanksgiving we will go to Bedford, New Hampshire, to have dinner at Debbie's home, our third daughter. I love to eat so I will enjoy myself immensely until the noise gets to be a bit too much then Megan will drive us back to Augusta. We will be with all the grandchildren, nine of 'em, from age 4 1/2 to 20. Megan and I talk about the Phi Kaps and Megan reads me all the e-mails and Skullumni news. I am always delighted to hear about the upgrading of the house and all the hard work all Phi Kaps do. Being a Phi Kap has always been one of my proudest achievements. Had it not been for the Phi Kaps I am not sure I would have stayed in college. My mother died suddenly one month before school started. I had enough ambition to stay the first year, but the support from all the Phi Kaps helped me stay in school and finish. I was the first in my family to do that and it made my father very proud. Thank you! Love, Frank Antonucci."| Gary Auclair '60 (6)| David Gagnon '60 (6)| Stephen Howe '60 (6)| Robert Sterritt '60 (2) "Enjoying retirement with summers in Colorado Springs, CO and winters in Tucson, AZ. Had two memorable accomplishments on the golf course this past summer. On July 8th, just one month prior to my 70th birthday, I shot my

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age.....69, at my home course, The Country Club of Colorado. Then, 3 weeks later, I had a hole - in - one. 187 yd. 4 iron on hole # 2 at Kissing Camels CC, also in Colorado Springs. This was my 6th hole-in-one, so it wasn't as exciting as shooting my age."| **Dr. Robert Bogdan '62 (3)**| **Paul Kiah '62 (6)**| **Lawrence Libby '62 (1)** "My wife Lois (U Maine '63) and I live in Lamoine about 6 months of the year. This summer we spent 2 weeks traveling in Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick. I attended my 50th high school reunion in Orono in September. I retired from Ohio State University at the end of '06 and we still spend winters in Columbus. I am now doing some consulting with Michigan State University where we lived for 17 years at the beginning of my academic career. We love being back in Maine and may spend all 12 months a year there very soon."| **Col. F. William Smullen III '62 (7)** "Recipient 2007 University of Maine Career Alumni Award, 2007 Public Relations Society of America Career Achievement Award."| **Rev. Thomas Chittick '63 (4)**| **Dr. Edward Higgins '63 (3)**| **Bruce Wentworth '63 (6)**| **Dennis Vogel '64 (5)**| **Dr. Fred Wildes '65 (1)**| **Brian Bicknell '66 (7)**| **Charles Bonney '66 (6)**| **Willard Flynt '66 (5)** "Tell the brothers that Annette and I are grandparents, that I still am teaching law, that I am no longer engaged in the practice of trial law (the money you make after 60 trying cases is the money that will kill you) and am still playing rock 'n roll in various clubs around Western New York in a band with other geezers and one or more of my sons. (The under-40 crowd love tried and true frat scrapping stuff played by the original cast--Louie Louie, Sloopie, Gloria and Little Latin still live.)"| **Thomas Dwyer '67 (7)**| **Jay Smith '67 (7)** "After 26 years in the Navy (including 3 years of commuting from Phi Kap to the Bangor Naval Reserve Unit from '67 to '69) I retired in '93 and went to work for CACI, an international corporation that provides engineering and IT solutions to numerous federal agencies. I currently run CACI's New England operations out of the Portsmouth, NH office which puts me in close proximity to my primary client, the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. I reside with my wife Jean, class of '69, at our home adjacent to Perkins Cove in Ogunquit, ME."| **Gordon Erikson, Jr. '68 (4)**| **Samuel Pickering '68 (3)**| **Richard Armstrong '69 (3)**| **William Stevens '70 (2)**| **George Campbell, Jr. '71 (5)**| **Michael Carney '71 (7)** "After nearly 40 years I am still working in the restaurant industry as the operations director for Governor's Restaurants here in Maine. I also operate a small consulting business focusing on customer service and organizational management working in several fields. I am currently also serving on the board of directors for the National Restaurant Association as well as the Maine Restaurant Association. Jeanne is back teaching school and we have two grown children; our daughter, a Maine grad, lives in Boston, and our son, a University of Central Florida grad, lives and works in Orlando. Life is fine!"| **Larry LaPlante '73 (7)**| **David Pullen '73 (5)**| **Jeffrey Welch '79 (4)** "Your latest newsletter on hazing brought a smile to my face. It was hell at the time - but we all survived and bonded. I'm wrapping up 22 years as a manufacturer's rep in the Industrial Refrigeration industry and am currently serving as the chair of the International Institute of Ammonia Refrigeration - www.IIAR.org."| **Rich Ruhlin '85 (1)**| **Peter Ruggiero '97 (7)**| **Scott Morelli '99 (7)** "Happy to be back in Maine!"| **Robert Williams '00 (7)**| **Edward Regan '02 (7)** "Just married to Chelsey, new job at Windham High School, and house hunting in the Windham/Standish area."| **Scott Nichols '05 (2)** "The past year has seen a lot of change for me. This past January I moved to San Diego, CA to pursue a career in higher education. I currently work for a company called Bridgepoint Education that was recently named the 14th fastest-growing privately held company in the US by Inc. Magazine. We offer accredited continuing education programs and I recruit students for our programs. Many of you know I was a manager prior to that for Bangor Daily News but I have decided to chase my dream of living by the beach and playing golf year round. I am pleased to hear that progress is being made on house renovations and if I was living locally to the chapter I would be excited to have a more active presence in this endeavor. I wish everyone well and if you ever have a chance to make it out to the west coast look me up!"



**Michael Carney '71**



**Paul ('67) & Kathy Herer**

## Skull Club (\$25-\$49) (50 Members)

**Albert Ehrenfried '44 (7)**| **Alan Johnson '48 (1)** "Remembering the Days of Haze" article was very well done. Reminds me of 'Hell Week' as a pledge. I accomplished my mission so I did not have to stand and catch the egg. At lunch I had to eat chocolate pudding with an egg beater. Pledge year 1942. WWII B-24 Pilot - 23 missions. Based in England 491st BG No. Pickenham England. Working on memoirs."| **Theodore Littlefield '51 (5)**| **Alton Cole '52 (1)** "Alice and I are now living in Carrabassett Valley and spending summers at the family cottage in Old Orchard. We still ski during the winter months here at Sugarloaf and volunteer where needed at the Competition Center alpine races. As co-president of the class of 1952, I am on the Orono campus occasionally. During Fall Welcome Weekend, '52 Class Agent Perry Hunter and I led the Class of '12 through the Bear's Head out on to Morse Field. We challenged the class to "out-do" our class in accomplishments. Our class has "adopted" the Class of 2012 and will assist the class financially and with advice during their four years."| **David Gates '54 (3)**| **Frank Fenno, Jr. '55 (3)**| **Richard Bennett '56 (6)**| **David Foster '56 (2)**| **Norman Fuller '56 (7)**| **Kenneth Henrikson '56 (2)**| **Col. David Schlieper '56 (2)**| **Wilson Dyer '57 (3)**| **Robert Gibbs '57 (2)**| **Robert Hutchinson '57 (6)**| **Dr. Jerry Vincent '57 (3)**| **David Wolfert '57 (2)**| **James Dunlap '58 (4)** "My girlfriend, Ida, and I attended my 50th reunion this summer. I enjoyed seeing my old (I mean from 50 years ago, Pat) room mate, Pat Callan, and many other brothers. I visited the house but it was locked. I think it was in some phase of re-construction. A deer was feeding in back of the parking lot."| **Douglas Champeon '59 (5)**| **William Hutchinson '59 (2)**| **Robert Munson '59 (7)**| **Joseph Carroll, Jr. '60 (1)**| **Stanley Chenoweth '60 (5)**| **Col. Jerry Lambert '60 (4)**| **Peter Berry '61 (6)**| **Ewen MacKinnon '61 (3)**| **Alvin Ahlers '62 (5)**| **Stephen DeWick '62 (4)**| **Avard Walker III '64 (7)**| **Paul Herer '67 (4)** "Paul Herer retired from the National Science Foundation after 34 years. He now sells books on the internet. He and his wife Kathy are enjoying their four grandchildren."| **William Roberts '68 (2)**| **Gary Ackendorf '70 (3)**| **Dennis Kiah '70 (5)**| **Kevin Stephens '83 (3)**| **Richard Smart '84 (1)**| **Patrick Penley '91 (7)**| **Tom Moran '95 (1)** "Married with one son. Living in beautiful Sonoma County in Northern California's wine country. Working near the north end of the Golden Gate Bridge in Marin County as a firefighter. Had the opportunity to meet President George Bush last year when I was deployed to the San Diego wildfires for 10 days. Still in contact with many Phi Kaps."| **John Chretien '97 (6)**| **Nathan McLaughlin '98 (7)**| **Anthony Kvedar '00 (7)**| **James Flagg '03 (6)**| **Danny Guzman '06 (3)** "Not much has changed with me, living in the NJ/NY area. Currently working as a personal trainer at a local health club and also practicing physical therapy as an aide at a new state of the art facility on the Hudson River called Scerbo Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine Institute. No new family members and I was very bummed about missing Homecoming but some brothers from the chapter came down to NYC for a great weekend of fun in mid-October."| **Keith Flagg '07 (2)**| **Timothy Bossie '08 (1)**| **Jacob Callan '08 (1)**| **Robert Cloutier '08 (1)**| **Corie Drake '08 (1)** "Since graduation I've moved to Scarborough to begin my career as a Mechanical Engineer. I took a job at Stantec (previously Neill & Gunter) performing stress analysis on industrial piping. I am also involved in the design of pressure vessels. It was great to see everyone at Homecoming and I can't wait for Homecoming '09!"| **Patrick Fitzgerald '08 (1)**| **Samuel Gerges '08 (1)**| **Kyle Perry '08 (1)**| **Sean Vaillancourt '08 (1)**

# House Renovations Continued

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Ram was being underutilized and that current students wanted more rooms available for single living quarters. As such, the committee has decided on transforming The Ram into a similar set-up as the second floor living area, adding eight rooms and a common suite area where members can congregate. The addition of these six double and two single rooms on the third floor will drastically increase the capacity of the house and allow the chapter to charge a premium rent for those wishing to stay in a single room.

As for the second floor living quarters, all will receive a complete makeover to make the rooms more modern and to repair any damages that have resulted over the past several decades of good living. Three common suite areas will also be added in the hallways where members can hang out and talk, watch TV, play games, or study. These improvements are critical to increasing the amount of live-ins.

The first floor will see a significant renovation as well, with the current serving area and adjacent bedroom being transformed into the new kitchen. This new kitchen area will connect to a revamped dining room and will facilitate the re-hiring of a cook so the brotherhood can once again enjoy meals together, something the undergraduates are quite excited about. The current trophy room will be combined with the current living room to make one big living room area for members to congregate and watch TV. A library will also be built at the other end of the first floor, allowing for a mass study area and for the storage of books and other academic materials. The front stairwell will again be opened up and a trophy case will be created.

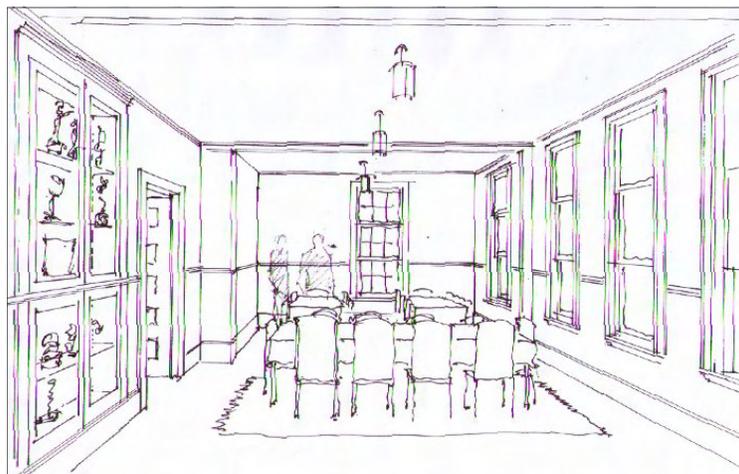
“The design taken on by the committee utilizes the space,” said current undergrad president Josh Moody ’10, who has been an active member of the committee. “There is a lot of dead space in the current house and the new design really leaves a lot of goods options.”

The basement area will remain unaffected by the current renovation plan, aside from the removal of the kitchen. The basement will still be used as an area of mass congregation, laundry, and mechanical and supply storage. The vacant kitchen area could potentially be used as a weight room, another activity that would bring the Brotherhood together. As for the exterior, the leaking roof will be replaced and reinforced while the siding will also be replaced. The heating and electrical systems will also receive needed upgrades.

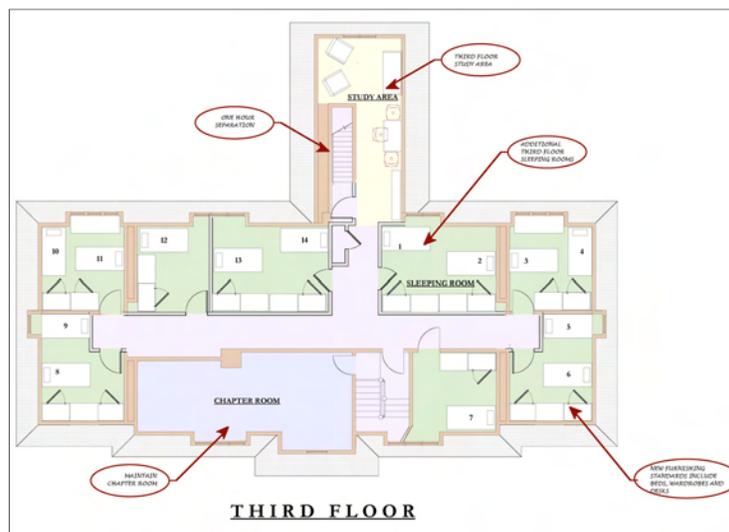
The plans and feasibility for these renovations did not happen overnight. To the contrary, a committee representing alumni from the 1950s, 60s, 70s, 90s, and 00s has met for over four years to ensure that everything was in order for this capital campaign. From signing a new lease with the university, to reactivating the Housing Corp, to hiring an engineer and architect, to creating a pro forma budget and analysis of what the live-in numbers are needed to support the house, this committee has done the necessary leg work.

Committee members are currently finalizing fundraising materials and will soon be asking alumni for their critical financial support of this \$1 million renovation effort. Most funds will come from alumni, with other funds coming from undergraduate rent increases and potential Housing Corporation loans. A significant amount of the costs will be able to be offset by holding planned “Alumni Work Weekends” where skilled alumni can donate their time and talent to perform some basic and semi-complicated tasks.

“Phi Kap played a major role in my years at Maine,” said committee member Foster Shibles ’56. “I like to think that life in the house was the source of friendships that endure and enrich our lives today. I hope to be able to contribute to the effort of giving other young people some of these experiences. Hopefully many alums will feel the



*Architectural rendition of new dining room area*



**THIRD FLOOR**

*Redesigned third floor layout*

same as I do.”

The renovations come at a time when the university has taken a renewed interest in Greek life on campus, with a goal of increasing the percentage of Greek undergraduates from the current 11% to 20% of the student body in the next few years. The Renovations Committee has received letters of support from the university, as well as from the Alumni Association and Phi Kappa Sigma International office.

“Phi Kaps should feel good about the leadership role that Phi Kap is taking in the Greek community,” said Harris. “We were the first Greek organization to sit down and negotiate a new lease with the University, which will serve as a template for other Greeks. Likewise, we are far ahead of our peers in terms of the level of organization and communication with our alumni, not to mention the professional approach to planning, fund raising and execution for the renovation related capital campaign.”

Alumni have not been asked to invest in the chapter house in over half a century and these repairs are long overdue. The chapter is one of the largest and strongest on campus but the house is beginning to deteriorate to a point that is hampering their efforts. We owe it to current and future generations of Phi Kaps to be afforded the same opportunities we had as undergraduates to live in a safe and clean house that brings the brotherhood even closer together. Thank you in advance for your financial support of this necessary project. Together, we can and will restore the pride of the Skull House!

*For more photos and information on the House Renovations Campaign, visit [www.skullumni.org](http://www.skullumni.org)*

## Safe (and Sound)

This summer Skullumni's Voting Members authorized the purchase of a storage cabinet that will protect our chapter's historic archives from possible fire and water damage. The Schwab Trident fire/water-resistant file cabinet, weighing about 700 pounds, now houses irreplaceable chapter archives, such as minutes books and photographs from the late 1800s and early 1900s. These items were previously stored in cardboard boxes in the chapter room.

The purchase of the cabinet is the first step in a multi-phase plan to preserve and restore the Alpha Delta Chapter's historic records. Skullumni soon plans to digitize these items so they can be viewed by alumni and undergrads without further handling and deterioration. Long-term, Skullumni plans to have these items professionally restored and saved in air-tight containers.

"It should give alumni a secure feeling that these one-of-a-kind documents will be protected from natural disaster," said Skullumni President Scott Morelli '99. "We are fortunate to have retained so many rare and special archives from our 110-plus years of existence. This storage cabinet will enable the long-term protection of these items from fire and water damage and it also offers us the comfort of knowing that these items will be secure while we try to raise the funds necessary for their restoration."

Northeast Document Conservation Center in Andover, MA put the restoration of the small minutes books from 1894-1898 at about \$2,000 each. This quote includes protecting the pages from acidity, mending tears, and housing in a storage box, among other actions. Skullumni is looking to set up a tax-deductible fund to begin raising donations for the restoration of these archives. This fund will be established in 2009, with fundraising efforts to begin after the house renovations campaign is completed. We thank alumni for providing the initial funding to keep these records safe and sound.



*The new Schwab fire/water-resistant cabinet*

## Morelli Named Alum of Year

Skullumni has selected Br. Scott Morelli '99 as the 2008 Alumnus of the Year for his efforts and dedication to the organization. Morelli, along with Brs. Rob Williams '00 and Bob Kvedar '00, came up with the concept of an alumni chapter and implemented it as a nonprofit organization in November 2001. Morelli has served as Skullumni's president in six out of its seven years of existence.

"From his vision for increased alumni involvement to his execution of ideas, Brother Morelli has helped bridge alumni with the undergraduate chapter and has truly united a community of Phi Kap alumni," said Br. Williams, Skullumni's VP, who presented Morelli with the award at Homecoming. "Many such alumni have since reconnected to one another and reignited their ties to the fraternity."

Morelli said he was "greatly appreciative" of receiving the Omicron Epsilon Eta Pi Society Award, so named for the group that became chartered as the ΑΔ Chapter of ΦΚΣ in 1898.

"Phi Kap meant a great deal to me as an undergraduate and it still does to this day," said Morelli, who currently resides with his wife

### Join Skullumni Today!

Help Skullumni fulfill its missions: join or renew your membership dues today! Nearly one-quarter (25%) of all living alumni donated to the Alumni Chapter in 2008. Your gift ensures you Voting Member status through December 2009. This means that you will:

- Receive **updated contact information for all alumni** from your era, including exclusive access to a searchable online database of all alumni via our website
- Receive **discounts on alumni social events** such as free Homecoming football game tickets
- Be **recognized** for your donation in our annual newsletter

In turn, your donation will enable Skullumni to:

- **Keep alumni connected** through newsletters, emails, and our website ([www.skullumni.org](http://www.skullumni.org))
- Fund undergraduate attendance at **important leadership conferences**, such as Grand Chapter and Men of Honor
- Plan **fun alumni social events**, such as Homecoming

So **donate today** via the enclosed personalized membership form and return it to us with the included postage paid envelope. Or visit our website to pay immediately with PayPal. But hurry! We ask that you renew or join before January 1, 2009. Thank you!

### A HALF DECADE OF THANKS!

Skullumni would like to thank the following 25 alumni for donating to Skullumni in 5 of our first 7 years:

Russell Bodwell '44, Walter Anderson Jr. '50, William Bodwell '50, Theodore Littlefield '51, Allan Smith '53, Gerald Beach '53, Richard Herrlin '55, John Buzzell '57, Alden Small '57, Douglas Champeon '59, Stanley Chenoweth '60, James Vamvakias '62, Alvin Ahlers '62, Dr. Douglas Allen '62, Willard Bishop, Jr. '63, Dennis Vogel '64, Dr. William Gould '65, Willard Flynt '66, David Kerrigan '66, Jeff Hengsbach '68, Dennis Kiah '70, George Campbell, Jr. '71, David Pullen '73, Dan Ludden '92, & Andrew Morse '93

Beth and their two daughters Olivia and Isabelle in New Gloucester, ME, where they recently built a new house. "Like many alumni, I want our chapter to thrive and to give young men the same opportunity I had as an undergraduate. A strong alumni base is a critical component to the chapter's success."

Morelli graduated with a BA in Public Management, Minor in Political Science and held various leadership positions as an undergraduate, including Chapter President and VP of Student Government. He claims to have "helped keep Margarita's in business during the late 1990s" as well. He went on to earn a Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree from Syracuse University in 2005.

Morelli currently serves as the Executive Assistant to the Town Manager in the Town of Framingham, MA, where he supervises office personnel, oversees \$2 million in budgets, serves on the management's collective bargaining team, and assists in making Town policies. When home on weekends, he enjoys spending time with his family and doing as much yard and house work as possible.

# Homecoming 2008 Recap

**At least 29 alumni from 1953 through 2008 return to the Skull House for Homecoming 2008 weekend**

Alpha Delta alumni spanning 55 class years returned to Orono, Maine for Homecoming weekend on October 25, 2008 and learned of the impending chapter house renovations (see front page article). At least 29 alumni representing 21 different classes from 1953 to 2008 attended this and other various activities throughout the day, including tailgating and group seats at the football game; dinner, drink, and conversation in a reserved room at the Bear Brew Pub; the annual meetings of Skullumni and the Housing Corporation; and even an unplanned game of tag football on the front lawn, where some out-of-shape alumni proved they could still throw and catch the pigskin. One of the more memorable parts of the day was when Brs. Frank Fenno '55 and Clyde Ross '59 made an appearance at the house for the first time in 50 and 35 years, respectively.

"It was great to see some Brothers that I hadn't seen in years," said Br. Ross, who was last at the house in the summer of 1973 as a graduate student. "They looked great and we shared some good laughs."

Br. Fenno said upon entering the house he had a "flood of memories of misbehavior—all good." He added that he was "delighted to see old friends" and hoped more alumni from his era would attend future Homecomings, as he planned to do.

Skullumni would like to thank both the undergraduates for being hospitable hosts and the alumni who returned and took part in the events of the weekend. Homecoming is a special chance to not only reconnect with the Brothers from your era but it is also a great way to meet alumni from many different eras and to see the current state of the Alpha Delta Chapter. That is why we are committed to annually assisting with the planning of Homecoming weekend and that is why we hope to see you there next year in October 2009!



*Alumni and guests sit together in group seats & enjoy watching Maine football give a good roger-ing to Northeastern, 20-0*



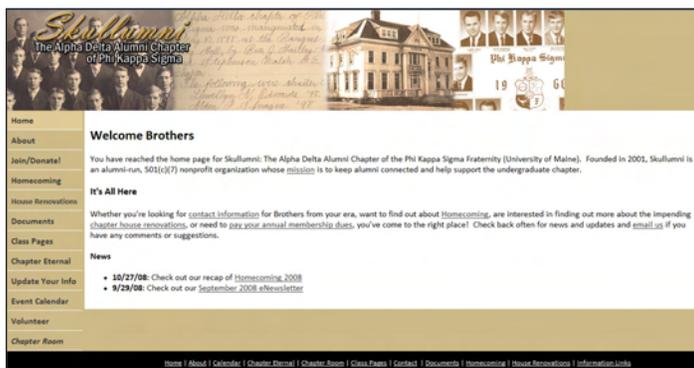
*Man with the plan: Br. Nate McLaughlin '98 discusses the chapter house renovations*

## Homecoming 2008 Known Alumni Attendees

Allan Smith '53, Dave Gates '54, Frank Fenno '55, John Hodgkins '56, Foster Shibles '56, Gil Leslie '56, S. Clyde Ross '59, Bruce Johnson '60, Richard Dudley '60, Ian MacKinnon '61, Larry LaPlante '73, Stephen Young '79, Shawn Harris '91, Dan Ludden '92, Chris Hopper '95, Preston Maheu '97, Nate McLaughlin '98, Scott Morelli '99, Robert Williams '00, Anthony Kvedar '00, Matthew Martin '03, Tom Pollard '03, Alex Kuehling '05, Daniel Bowe '06, Stephen Raggiani '07, Ben Sweeney '07, Kyle Perry '08, Jacob Callnan '08, & Corie Drake '08



*(L to R) Glade Taylor (TKE) and an incognito Chris Hopper '95 enjoy being back in Orono*



## Visit Skullumni's Website

Skullumni's website has all the information alumni need to keep current with the goings-on of the Alpha Delta Chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma. Our website offers fresh content updated weekly, including Homecoming information, an archive of our monthly (and annual) newsletters, information on the house renovations, and the ability for alumni to make donations online. Also, for our dues-paying Voting Members, our website offers these alumni access to the contact information for all alumni in the Skullumni database. Upon submitting their dues, alumni are emailed an exclusive user name and password to access this feature. **Visit [www.skullumni.org](http://www.skullumni.org) today!**