

The Paragon

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Letter From the President

A check of the roster of the alumni board officers will reveal to even the most casual observer that we are mostly recent graduates, twenty-somethings who are attempting to build an alumni association that will act on behalf of all Ohio Alpha Beta alumni. Obviously this is not an ideal situation, as our board does not reflect all eras of the Ohio Alpha Beta chapter.

In order to change this, I would like to find an alumnus brother from each decade of the chapter to serve as a "decade representative." My hope is that not only would the decade reps represent their eras on the alumni board, but that they could also represent the alumni board to those brothers who were active with them in order to in-

crease their participation in our activities. Some activities where I would like to see increased alumni attendance include spring formal, the alumni rush events (one per semester), initiation (one per semester), and the Memorial Day alumni house improvements project. Additionally, I'm envisioning the decade reps taking the lead in organizing happy hours or other alumni specific activities for brothers of the same era.

If you are interested in serving as a decade representative, or if you have any other questions for me, please feel free to e-mail me at president@ohioalphabeta.org

YITB,

Nick DeCenzo

Web Update!

The active chapter recently invested in a new computer to power the chapter website.

The new computer, which is many times faster than the old machine, has allowed the chapter, under the direction of the Computer Chair, Ben Chodroff, to deploy a new web site with many new features.

Some new features include an event calendar, a photo gallery, and the ability for members to edit their own profile information. Another welcome improvement is that any member of the chapter can modify content and add event information with ease, without going through the computer chair. In the near future, the alumni directory will be merged into the new site.

Once this is done, it will be easier to search for old members as well as update your information in the directory.

The chapter website can be accessed at:
<http://phikap.case.edu>

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Would you like to contribute to the next Paragon? Write an article, send a picture, submit your Alumni Spotlight, donate to the chapter, or anything else you can think of. Every submission will help to make the Paragon the best alumni newsletter you can imagine! To make a submission, e-mail Dave Jaklitsch at: djackal@gmail.com.

Fund Drive Still in Full Swing

In our last Paragon, you received a letter and a bright gold piece of paper describing our organization's first-ever annual fund drive. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 this fiscal year. In these first few months, 31 brothers have responded with generous donations totaling \$1,507 dollars!

We are well on our way of achieving our goal, but we can't do it without your help. There are over 850+ alumni from our chapter at

Case Western Reserve University. As we mentioned in the last Paragon, if every alumni member donates only \$12, we would go far and above our fundraising goal! Please consider making a donation as we work to expand our newsletter, assist the active chapter, begin renovation plans on the house and plan a number of social activities for all of our alumni.

Donations may be made through the PayPal link on our website or

by mailing a check (made payable to the Cleveland Phi Kappa Theta Alumni Corp.) to Kevin Duncan at 18 Blue Jay Lane, Grand Island NY 14072.

Kevin Duncan, 2004



Thanks to all the alumni who have already donated!

John Beall '69
Steve Brock '92
Mark Bryan '68
Michael Calabrese '60
Carl Delaune '68
Kevin Duncan '04
Paul Farley '54
John Frier '56

Walter Hees '50
Edwin Homburg '51
Gary Jarkewicz '75
Kevin Kiger '92
Wayne Kuenzli '74
Eric Malkin '89
John Mioduszeski '58
Robert Modic '62
Joseph Orichella '69

Robert Pardee '51
Francis Reilley '48
Hackel Ross '57
Robert Smialek '65
George Ursick '68
James Vitek '65
Ralph Vollbrecht '56
Leonard Weiss '61

Thanks especially to the following alumni who donated \$100 or more:

David Duray '78
Mark Francioli '76
Robert Lubick '51

Donald Manuszak '93
Christopher Perry '90
Robert Sepsi '75

Michael Spisak '91
Robert Wojcik '72

So far we have raised \$1,507 in donations. We are still short of our \$10,000 goal, but the year isn't over yet! If you would like to donate to your alumni organization, please mail a check (payable to Cleveland PKT Alumni Corp.) to Kevin Duncan, 18 Blue Jay Lane, Grand Island NY 14072 made out to the Cleveland Phi Kappa Theta Alumni Corp.

Thank you for your support!

Did You Graduate Between 1941 and 1980?

If you did, we could really use your help! The Alumni Board is looking for brothers, especially those who graduated in the 40's-80's, to volunteer their time as Members-at-Large. Currently all of the alumni involved on the board have graduated within the past 10 years. We are eager to have more alumni with diverse backgrounds involved to share their experiences and knowledge!

Our goal is to recruit one or two representatives from every decade in an effort to improve communication and promote alumni events and gatherings. We want to plan things that YOU want to do and fit around YOUR schedules so that we can all truly be life-long

fraternity brothers. Furthermore, our list of alumni offers a cross-county network of engineers, artists, businessmen, leaders, scientists and every other field possible and it is time we used that to our advantage.

The responsibilities are simple: attend our monthly meetings via conference call and offer your opinions and feedback on business matters and activities. Beyond that, we could always use help and advice in planning events, writing articles for the Paragon, setting long-term goals, fundraising, etc.

We realize that everyone has busy lives and plenty of work/family responsibilities. We do our best to

spread out work as much as possible to keep things as simple and flexible as possible. Please consider donating a fraction of your time to joining the Alumni Board as a Member-at-Large!

Contact Nick DeCenzo at: president@ohioalphabeta.org for more information.



Can You Help Us Find Our Lost Alumni from 1941-1960?



In our effort to update the contact information for our hundreds of alumni scattered across the county, there are a few which we have not been able to get in touch with. If you know where these brothers are located, please let them know we are looking for them!

Lynn J Ebert '41
Robert A Krumhansel '41
Joseph F Luther '41
Joseph Janus '42
John Biscan '43
John F Graham '43
George E Oravec '43
Raymond S Gurnick '44
Bruce J Graham '45
John M Fee '46
William McAllister '46
Albert L Ilg '47

Andrew J Pliska '50
Eugene P Roderick '50
Brady R Kattman '51
Robert M Mamot '51
William A Sanders '52
Alan J Diemer '53
Ralph Melda '53
Salvatore S Guarino '55
John J Murphy '55
Charles G Hoot '59
John M Stellmack '59

Financial Update

As treasurer, I am excited to share with you our financial progress. For the first time in many years, our organization is a legally-recognized corporation with a stable financial outlook. Over the past year, we have worked very hard to obtain non-profit status under section 501(c)7 of the federal IRS code and finally succeeded this past September. This allows 100% of the money we receive to be put towards our programs. Last fiscal year (which ended June 30) saw the completion of many projects, such as restarting the Paragon newsletter, compiling a functional database of our members, co-sponsoring formal and rush events with the active chapter, and a Memorial Day house improvements project.

Our income from last year was reliant upon donations made by the active chapter. Their contributions amounted to over 90% of our income. We feel that this is an unfair burden

upon the chapter, and in fact the money flow should be in the opposite direction! The chapter is generously willing to continue assisting us this fiscal year and has pledged to donate \$6400. It is time, however, for us to become self-sufficient through alumni donations alone. This is why our fund drive was initiated in July and we are counting on you, our 850+ alumni, to make a contribution!

In this year's budget, we aim to maintain all of the initiatives started last fiscal year. Printing and mailing the Paragon will cost an estimated \$5300 this year. We have allocated over \$3000 in the budget in support of the active chapter through rush events, house improvements and an academic scholarship. \$1000 has also been allocated for a variety of alumni social events. Other expenses include banking fees, dues to the National Fraternity and national convention, postage, website hosting, and other

administrative items.

As our organization becomes more active and offers more programs, the accounting aspect becomes more difficult. We are in need of legal and financial advice to ensure that our alumni corporation continues to operate within legal parameters, especially with the myriad of rules that go along with being a tax exempt organization. If you or somebody you know would be willing to offer their services, please contact me at duncan.kevin@gmail.com.

If you have any questions about our finances or would like to see copies of our tax return or financial statements, please email me. Again, please consider making a donation if you haven't done so already. Thank you for your support!

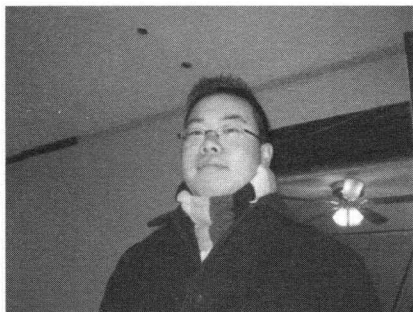
Kevin Duncan, 2004

Alumni Spotlight

Kevin Duncan '04

After graduating with my music education degree, I moved to Newark, OH where I taught elementary orchestra and general music. Columbus was a lot of fun, but the job didn't work out very well. I recently moved back to my home town of Grand Island, NY and am

teaching high school band and orchestra with Lewiston-Porter Schools on the banks of Lake Ontario. I survived the great Buffalo October snowstorm with minimal damage, but alas no snow days. I currently serve as the alumni board treasurer.



James Chang '00

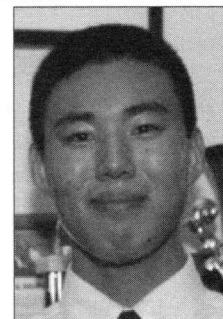
After serving briefly as President of the Alumni Association in 2004, I transferred to London, United Kingdom for a two-year technology assignment for Knight Trading Group. I traveled to about 12

countries in Europe and Asia and became a season-ticket holder to East London's soccer (football) team, West Ham United F.C. I recently returned back to Morris Plains, NJ and continuing my work for Knight in Jersey City.

Meet the New Members

Samuel Hai:

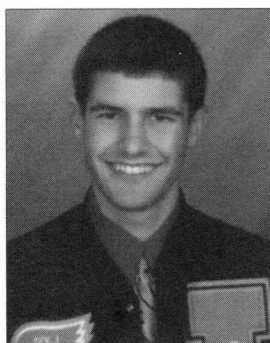
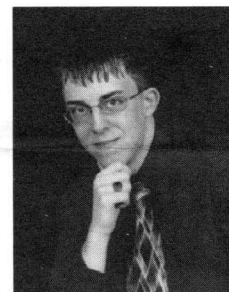
Sam, or "Asia" is a freshman living on the second floor of Hitchcock, on the north side of campus. Sam has been incredibly active as a pledge, getting nearly half of the active seconds during the first three weeks of the associate education process, as well as emptying out both Hitchcock and Norton residential halls for Phi Kapp parties on numerous occasions. Sam aspires to take as many leadership roles in the Brotherhood as possible should he be inducted and is interested in becoming a member of EC as soon as possible. Sam's big is brother Eric Dailing.

**Alex Budkie:**

Alex is currently residing in Clarke Tower as a second year student here at CWRU, but hopes to move into the house as soon as possible. Budkie's first interest in Phi Kappa Theta began with both brothers Michael Stentz and Mitch Parlett whom he takes classes with and resides with the latter. While Budkie seems to enjoy challenging his AME to contests of strength, he has yet to manage to succeed. Budkie also enjoys Denny's. Alex's big is brother Ryan Shumacher.

Matthew McJunkin:

Matt entered into the associate member program as a shy, reserved young man, well mannered and quite. While he has still retained his manners and gentlemanship, McJunkin has socially 'blossomed' as an associate member here at Phi Kappa Theta. A freshman living on the third floor of Hitchcock, McJunkin enjoys Monty Python, weekends and IHOP. Should he be inducted, Matt is interested in beginning the long road to becoming treasurer and is considering a major in accounting. Matt's big is brother Michael Stentz.

**Mark Savinell:**

A junior, Mark surprised the chapter by requesting a bid during the last days of rush. As both legacy of Alumni Rob Savinell and son of chapter advisor Dean Savinell (now on hiatus), Mark is quite humble, asking no favors for his last name. An Honors Classics Major, Mark is the president of the Classics Club as well as the founder of an Honors Classics Society chapter here at CWRU. Mark spends a considerable amount of time the house working on his BlackBook and is excited to become a member this November, should he get inducted. Mark's big is brother Chase Kuntz.

Abraham Del Rio:

A sophomore living in Clarke Tower, Abe became interested in Phi Kapp through his suitemate brother Mitch Parlett and fellow associate member Alex Budkie. Abe's family hails from Puerto Rico and he likes to involve his ethnic heritage in all that he does. While Abe is not partial to either Denny's or IHOP, he is interested in the roles and responsibilities of Risk Management. Abe's big is brother Eric Moschetta



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Sudoku! What is Sudoku? Sudoku is a number puzzle where you must use each number 1-9 in every row, every column, and every 3x3 box without repeating any numbers. Look here each issue for a new puzzle and a new tip for solving Sudoku puzzles!

Last Issue's Solution:

9	3	1	7	4	2	5	8	6
7	6	5	8	9	1	2	3	4
4	2	8	6	3	5	1	9	7
1	7	2	3	6	4	9	5	8
3	8	4	2	5	9	7	6	1
6	5	9	1	8	7	4	2	3
8	9	7	4	2	6	3	1	5
2	1	3	5	7	8	6	4	9
5	4	6	9	1	3	8	7	2

Sudoku Tip #3:

Search for 2 squares within a 3x3 box that can only contain the same 2 numbers. Since those 2 numbers must appear in those 2 squares, they cannot appear in any other square within that 3x3 box!

		8					7	2
	5			1			6	
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