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The Ohio Alpha Beta Chapter of Phi Kappa Theta at Case Western Reserve University.
11016 Magnolia Drive, Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Ohio Alpha Beta Wins 1990 CWRU President's Cup Award

Recognizing Phi Kappa Theta as the #1 Fraternity on Campus

Dear Alumni,

Did you ever notice how time flies when you're having fun? When you last heard from us in March, we Phi Kaps were suffering through mid-terms and trying to figure out how we were going to survive the month of April. It's all over now, and we came through with flying colors.

We started off the month on Friday April 5th with the 1st annual Pie-A-Prof. We raised \$300 for the Bellflower Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse while throwing custard and merengue pies in the faces of our favorite professors and administrators. Later that evening, we kicked off our pledge/active work weekend. Then came Greek Week, the ultimate break between midterms and finals. We were disqualified from the pie snarf and sweatshirt relay; tried our best in the beer chug, raft race, egg toss, and beer marathon; placed 6th or better in the keg toss, obstacle course, beer pyramid, foosball tournament, and tricycle race; earned respect while playing in 6" of mud during the rope pull; came really close to winning the scavenger hunt; and dominated the variety show with our production of "The Devil Came Down to Greek Week."

With the end of Greek Week came the beginning of our 50th Anniversary Celebration Weekend. On Friday evening we initiated six new brothers at Amasa Stone Chapel. Then came Saturday April 20! The culmination of a years worth of planning unfolded as nearly 200 brothers, alumni, wives, girlfriends, national officials, and special guests attended the 50th Anniversary Banquet. Among all the reminiscing and excitement of the banquet came the announcement that we had finished fourth (out of 17) in Greek Week, our best finish of the last 10 years. This was followed by the surprise announcement that one hour earlier, at the Greek Week Awards Ceremony, we were awarded the 1990 CWRU President's Cup designating Phi Kappa Theta as the #1 fraternity on campus. Saturday, April 20, 1991 may have been the greatest day in the history of this fraternity!

May is here now and our 50th Anniversary Semester has come and gone. The brothers have recovered from both the exhausting April schedule and the hell of finals week. The school year has come to a close and we Phi Kaps are putting on new hats for the summer season. Congratulations are in order for our graduating seniors who have survived 4 years at CWRU and are leaving us to move on to bigger and better things. I speak for many when I say "It's been an awesome year in Phi Kappa Theta history and I'm proud to have been a part of everything that we've done."

To those of you who have taken the time to help revitalize our alumni program, I Thank You. To those of you who have yet to take the opportunity to contact the house, I challenge you to get involved. Have a good summer and thanks again for making our 50th Year the best ever!

Fraternally,

Greg Flaute
Alumni Chairman
(216) 791-2139

Ohio Alpha Beta Celebrates 50th Anniversary!

Over 75 alumni from our chapter participated in our 50th Anniversary Celebration Weekend held on April 20-21, 1991. Brothers from the 1940's to the 1990's enjoyed reminiscing about their fraternity days, rekindling friendships, and sharing 50 years of Ohio Alpha Beta history.

The weekend began with the initiation of our six pledges on Friday night at Amasa Stone Chapel. The alumni who attended the ceremony, Mark Setele '78 and Mike Setele '76, Mark "Moose" Francioli '76, and Christopher "#34" Perry '90, joined the 43 active brothers for a reception at the house, featuring champagne and the singing of many Phi Kap songs.

The dinner banquet at the beautiful Clinic Center Hotel on Saturday evening was a great success, attracting nearly 200 people, including alumni, active brothers, and many special guests. The ballroom was surrounded by tables displaying our composites, trophies, awards, photo albums, and scrapbooks, providing the history of our chapter for all to enjoy. Following dinner, the evening included several speeches and presentations, led by Daryl Ehlenfield, the master of ceremonies. Joe Hannum, the chapter president, gave an overview of our chapter as it stands today, followed by Doug Dilling, PKT Executive Director, who recognized our chapter as one of the best in the nation and presented an award marking our 50th year. Tim O'Shaughnessy '80 spoke on behalf of the Alumni Board and was presented with the "Outstanding Alumni Award" for his leadership and service over the past several years. Ernest Schmidt '41 received a standing ovation as he accepted the "Lifetime Achievement Award" for his 50 year commitment to our chapter. The three founding fathers in attendance, Ernest Schmidt, Joseph Curits, and Emil Lisy, were recognized and honored with special medals. Greg Stein spoke on behalf of the PKT National Foundation, the charitable and educational branch of the fraternity, followed by Gene Ney, our Mid-Eastern Province President. Many alumni were delighted to see Dora Dix, who served as the house cook and "house mother" for thirty years. Donald Fink '70 and Craig Griebel '75 presented Dora with flowers and a special plaque of appreciation. Greg Flaute, our alumni chairman, concluded the speeches by talking about our current and future alumni program. The evening continued with a hilarious performance by national comedian Kevin Lampe, who also serves as a PKT District Governor. The active brothers ended the evening by singing several PKT songs and challenged the alumni to join in. A large group took over the microphone and upstaged the actives by singing over a dozen songs, ranging from the "Yippy Yappa" to the "Engineer's Song."

Despite the adverse weather, the barbecue on Sunday afternoon allowed many of the brothers and their families to spend a casual day at the house eating and swapping stories, providing a festive ending to an already incredible weekend.

The excitement and success of our 50th anniversary celebration made the year of planning very rewarding for all alumni and active brothers. Thanks to everyone that attended, making the weekend so special! And to all of our alumni, thank you for your interest and enthusiasm this past year and also for those years to come, as we work together to build on our golden foundation!

"Building on a Golden Foundation"

Ohio Alpha Beta Launches a New Era of Alumni Relations

A year and a half ago, two brothers came back from a leadership conference with the realization that our 50th birthday was coming up. After a bit of discussion, the house decided that a banquet was a good idea. Two months later I became a distraught alumni chairman faced with a challenge. I had one year to revamp a virtually non-existent Alumni program, and somehow generate interest in a 50th Anniversary Celebration.

Up to that time, our contact with alumni was minimal at best, our alumni events drew the handful of recent graduates who kept in touch, single page newsletters were in style and over half of our 650 alumni were classified as "lost".

Since then, things have changed. Over the course of the last year, alumni contact has been nearly continuous. The alumni circles have identified themselves, the newsletters have turned into magazines, and over 200 alumni have been found. The challenge that was accepted over a year ago has ended. The 50th Anniversary Celebration exceeded all hopes and expectations and we have succeeded in resurrecting our alumni program.

Where do we go from here?

The 50th Anniversary is over, the alumni program is on solid ground, and it is time to move on. So, where do we go from here?

Several fundamentals of any successful alumni program are communication and planning. We've come a long way in both of these areas, but we still have a long way to go. Here's an idea of what's on tap for the Ohio Alpha Beta Alumni Program:

- * Starting in the fall, we will begin publishing a monthly local alumni newsletter to increase local alumni involvement in the active chapter and better publicize our schedule of events.
- * To get to know all of our alumni on a more personal basis, we are asking that all alumni fill out and return the attached alumni info sheet.
- * In an effort to establish long term stability in the alumni program, we are looking to strengthen our alumni corporate board.
- * We've already begun to establish an Alumni Secretary program to increase communication between our alumni. The secretaries will act as special links between the active chapter and their era of alumni.
- * In line with the goal of increased alumni communication, we'll be making three new services available to our alumni in the fall: an alumni directory, a PKT - Ohio AB songbook, and a PKT

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Phi Kappa Theta is Forever

- Ohio AB business card directory.

* In the area of planning, we will be looking into the idea of having annual Homecoming and/or Founder's Day Barbecues as well as inviting our local alumni to many of the other activities of the chapter.

What can you do right now to get started?

- * Help us find our lost alumni!
- * Take the time to fill out and return the alumni relations sheet.
- * Volunteer to help out with the Alumni Secretary program or take interest in the Alumni Corporate Board. These positions are the bread and butter of the alumni program, and we need more alumni to fill them. To those of you who have already expressed interest, hold tight and give us a chance to get caught up. In the fall we will be sending out detailed information about the positions.
- * Send in your business cards - we need them to put together the business card directory.
- * Get excited about the new era of alumni relations and plan for you, your family, and your friends to get involved!

Thank You to the following for attending the 50th celebration:

Alumni

Ernest L. Schmidt '41
 Emil J. Lisy '42
 Joe M. Curtis '48
 Thomas J. Lisy '49
 Edwin P. Hamburg '51
 Robert C. Pardee '51
 Edward A. Steigerwald '52
 Tom Thornton '56
 Joseph A. Crawford '60
 William B. Hirsch '64
 Fred C. Mau '64
 William R. Fulton '65
 Michael Mele '65
 Richard F. Peirman '65
 Stan F. Sech '65
 Lawrence P. Semersky, Jr. '65
 Walter R. Senetra '65
 Robert L. Smialek '65
 Bruce Tomcik '65
 Mark T. Bryan '68
 David Cesaratto '68
 Robert E. Daniel '68
 Dennis P. Hruska '69
 Richard A. Jerdonek '69
 Joseph F. Orichella '69
 Santo A. Padula '69
 Michael J. Zifchak '69
 Michael E. Ahrens '70
 Donald L. Fink '70

Dennis Nowicki '70
 Michael Urbancic '70
 Fred Epp '72
 Joe King '72
 Samuel J. Morgan '73
 Kevin L. Twigg '73
 John Fecek '74
 Jim Lipschik '74
 Thomas E. Sasena '74
 Vincent Shatlock '74
 David Stiffer '74
 L. Wayne Cassidy '75
 A. Craig Greibel '75
 Gary G. Jarkewicz '75
 Robert T. Seps '75
 Mark Francioli '76
 Jim Garrett '76
 Michael Setele '76
 Robert G. Weiler '76
 Richard J. Yannuzzi '76
 Mike Carter '77
 Thomas E. Dunn '77
 Edward S. Slane '77
 Michael A. Petro '78
 John O. Ratka '78
 David Revay '78
 Mark J. Setele '78
 Douglas P. Bewley '79
 David F. Klimovich '79
 Carl Polisena '79

Edward L. Smelko '79
 Dennis L. Carter '80
 Thomas English '80
 Michael Herczeg '80
 James A. Horejs '80
 Tim O'Shaughnessy '80
 John Petkovsek '80
 Edward R. Pike '80
 Frank Tegel, Jr. '80
 Rich Zavoda '80
 Brent Kecskemeti '81
 Mark E. Barrus '82
 David Essi III '82
 Gregory J. Vishey '83
 Joe Banks '88
 Joseph R. Jirgal '88
 Michael Mantia '88
 Russ Reynolds '88
 Eric Malkin '89
 Rick L. Cherry '90
 Dennis Ginther '90
 Nima Mirmadjlessi '90
 Chris Perry '90
 Phil Tsubaki '90
 Dor Koch '91
 Richard M. Kandrac '93
 Francis V. Reilley

Special Guests

Douglas Dilling, PKT Executive Director
 Greg Stein, President PKT National Foundation
 Joe Rude, Treasurer PKT National Foundation
 Keven Lampe, PKT District Governor
 Jerry Lind, Ohio AB Chapter Advisor and Dean
 Gene Ney, Province President
 Brian Delano, President PKT Properties
 Glenn Nichols, Dean of Student Affairs
 Dora and Herbert Dix
 Matt Tenny, PKT/I.U.P.
 Jason Warneld, PKT/I.U.P.
 Robert Davis, Dean of Collegiate Affairs
 John Lewandowski, PKT CWRU Professor

Congratulations To:

Ernie Schmidt '41 on receiving a **Lifetime Achievement Award**.

Tim O'Shaughnessy '80 on receiving the Outstanding Alumni Award.

Joe Hannum '91 on receiving the Brother of the Year award.

Ohio Alpha Beta for turning 50!

The active members for receiving honors in 8 of the 9 President's Cup Award categories:

Chapter Management: **Most Outstanding Chapter**.

Campus Leadership: **Most Outstanding Chapter**.

Chapter Programming and Member Development: **Most Outstanding Chapter**.

Greek Leadership: **Most Outstanding Chapter**.

New Member Retention and Education: **Honorable Mention**.

Philanthropy and Community Service: **Honorable Mention**.

Alumni Program: **Honorable Mention**.

Overall Scholarship: **Honorable Mention**.

Rush: Well, we're psyched for next year.

Our new initiates

Jason Cartwright

David Modic

Tom Noe

Joe Scharpf

Ted Sheridan

James Yung

Our new officers

President: Scott Stoldt

Vice President: Manish Dadhania

Treasurer: Don Manuszak

Secretary: Jeff Tseng

Our Graduating Seniors

Daryl Ehlenfield, BA Economics, Phi Beta Kappa, Summa Cum Laude, will attend Medical School at the University of Buffalo.

Joe Hannum, BA Economics, Phi Beta Kappa, Magna Cum Laude, has accepted a position with Andersen Consulting, in Cleveland.

Fred Karboski, BA Biology, will attend the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing at CWRU.

Brady Kattman, BS Mechanical Engineering, has accepted a position at Delco Products in Rochester, NY.

Eric Skorge, BS Management, has accepted a position at Nordson Corporation in Cleveland.

Mike Spisak, BA Political Science, Cum Laude, will attend Law School at Cleveland Marshall School of Law.

Elwin Wu, BS Biology, Phi Beta Kappa, Summa Cum Laude, will be a Ph.D. candidate at Harvard University.

They will be missed!

Give, Expecting Nothing Thereof

Honor Roll of Donations

The brothers of Phi Kappa Theta - Ohio Alpha Beta would like to thank the following alumni for recent donations.

\$50.00 - \$100.00

Joe King '72
Daryl Mon '82
Richard M. Zavoda '80

\$25.00 - \$50.00

Mark T. Bryan '68
Anthony W. Buttera '65
Robert E. Daniel '68
Michael J. Herceg '80
John Lewandowski (CWRU Prof.)
Mike Mantia '89
Robert G. Weiler '76

\$25.00 and under

Mark Barrus '82
David Cesaratto '68
Fred Epp '72
Walter Hees '50
Tim O'Shaughnessy '80
Chris Stephens Sr.
David Stiffler '74
James T. Vitek '69

Donations should be sent to:

Phi Kappa Theta
c/o Don Manuszak (Treasurer)
11016 Magnolia Dr.

Total alumni contributions for the
1990 - 1991 school year: \$1900.

Total number of contributions: 78.

Help!

For three years we, the active brothers, were blessed with good food and an excellent chef. However, this semester's arrangement didn't work out and we are now looking for a new cook.

The current requirements consist of preparing 5 meals per week (6:00 PM dinner Sunday - Thursday for 25-30 brothers) and cleaning up only the mess made in preparing the meal. Under our current system, each meal generally takes 3-4 hours (3:30 - 7:00 PM) to prepare, serve, and clean up, and pays approx \$25 - \$30.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in the position or have any information that might help us out, contact Dave Hill (our new steward) at (216) 791-2138. He will be waiting by the phone all summer long.



Ohio Alpha Beta Alumni Information Sheet

(Please Print)

Date: _____

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: Home: (____) _____ Work: (____) _____
Family: _____
Place of Business: _____ Job Title: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Semester Pledged: _____ Activated: _____ Date Graduated: _____
Offices and Positions held: _____

Interests or Hobbies: _____
Periodic Alumni Gatherings Held / Attended: _____
Last Visit to the House (approx): _____

Lost Alumni

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____

Lost Alumni

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____

Do you have an Announcement/Comment to be placed in the Fall Newsletter?
(Weddings/Newborns/Graduations/Address Corrections/Sly Comments/50th
Comments/Reminiscing/Pledge class spirit/Silly Jokes/etc...)

Please enclose a business card and return completed form to:
Phi Kappa Theta c/o Alumni Chairman, 11016 Magnolia Dr., Cleveland,
OH 44106.

*This information sheet is designed to let us get to know our alumni. Please
take a few minutes to help us by completing and returning it.

Lost Alumni

Help!! Although we've been continuously updating our alumni database, we are not yet complete. We've had over 200 address corrections since the beginning of the year but we have yet to obtain addresses for these alumni. Please take a moment to look over this list and if you have any information, please contact Rob Stalder at (216) 791-2139 or by mail at the following address: Alumni Chairman, Phi Kappa Theta, 11016 Magnolia Dr., Cleveland, OH 44106. We will be making an Ohio Alpha Beta alumni directory available in the Fall and we would like to make it as complete as possible.

John J. Biscan '43
John F. Graham '43
George E. Oravec '43
Lawrence D. Shergalis '43
Richard S. Pavlin '44
Edward G. Stricker '44
Bruce J. Graham '45
Father John M. Fee '46
William E. McCallister '46
Albert L. Ilg '47
William H. Dahlman '49
Robert L. Schaefer '49
Anthony Gucciardi '50
George G. Maruchnics '50
Eugene P. Roderick '50
Edward A. Yarnovich '51
Frank T. Koch '52
Alan J. Diemer '53
Dean F. Williams '53
Joseph P. Sternad '54
Thomas C. Nilges '56
Augustin D. Matso '57
Daniel T. McSweeney '58
John F. Mioduszeski '58
Robert P. Socha '59
John M. Stellmack '59
Joseph A. Sidari '60
Mario P. Delisio '61
Terrence Fagan '61
Louis H. Kompare '61
Ronald J. Rath '61
William D. Jansen '62
Tibor Kis '63
John M. Sato '63
Norman R. Berger '64
William E. Holland '64
Dean A. Lampman '64
Bruce E. McEwen '64
Stephen D. Saul '64
Michael T. Civita '65
Peter P. Greco '65

James Matt '65
David M. McCann '65
George E. Calhoon '66
Calvin J. Konya '66
Donald C. Maar '66
Andrew J. Nagy '66
Raymond T. Urban '66
Harold E. Burns '67
James P. Cerne '67
Anthony J. Czapracki '67
Frederick L. Glesius '67
Gregory F. Zerovnik '67
Gary L. Gaile '68
Richard T. Hager '68
James C. Karpowicz '68
Jack R. Krebs '68
Joseph Stecewycz '68
Dennis F. Dunn '69
Michael G. Kuntz '69
Raymond A. Lancaster '69
Richard I. Dober '70
Thomas R. McBride '70
Marcus A. Radachy '70
George L. Gregg '71
James H. Miller '71
Wilho N. Suominen '71
Craig L. Brookhart '72
Arthur P. Hannah '72
David R. Mowry '72
Robert C. Wojcik '72
Steve J. Halasz '73
Patrick Moore '73
Schuyler J. Wavrek '73
Joseph Hammer '76
Richard E. Parsans, Jr. '76
Greig P. Happoldt '77
Daniel D. Petrie '77
James C. Pinter '77
James F. Stair '77
Charles D. Winkelman '77
Randy Krupa '78

Tod A. Nelson '78
Douglas B. DeWeaver '79
Robert A. Elliott '79
Daniel E. McCaffrey '79
Gary R. Spierer '79
Mark D. Winter '79
Robert S. Bailey '80
Robert Chan '81
Donald J. Prekop '81
David M. Jargiello '82
Paul Cortelessi '83
Allen N. Branstein '84
Andy Orosz '84
William A. Dell '85
Paul P. Huang '85
Charles R. Sagraves '85
James J. Raden '87
John B. McGarrahan '89
Paul Yanko '91

Others

Rev. Eugene C. Best
John G. Gaydos
Russel E. Lenhardt
Raymond C. Loehr
Charles F. McCahill
Donald J. Nolan
Gerald B. O'Hara
Joseph M. Peese
Frank J. Pink
Andrew J. Pliska
William M. Radle
Anthony J. Rose
Richard Sanick
Robert Skimin
Marion A. Slominski
Walter V. Slominski
Harry J. Soukup
Richard A. Sundra
Charles W. Thompson
Robert J. Welsh

We've had over 30 address corrections since the fiftieth celebration! Let's keep up the good work!