

The Paragon

Dear Alumni,

Since you last heard from us in April, the fraternity has moved on to bigger and better things. This semester's officers are: Daryl Ehlenfield - President, Steve Brock - Vice President, Dave Hill - Treasurer, and Manish Dadhanian - Secretary. Totals are in, and last semester the Phi Kaps had the highest combined GPA of the 16 fraternities on campus.

In August, the house threw a bachelor party for Mike Mantia. He married Karla Blish, his college sweetheart and former Honorary Sister, soon thereafter. We began the year with three weeks of creative Phi Kappa Theta Rush events including the 8th annual Labor Day Bash and the first co-sponsored rush event with SAM. Our efforts were rewarded with 8 new pledges, bringing the current house size to 38. Concerning athletics, we performed the unexpected and repeated as the Ultimate Frisbee Champs, and followed up with a dodgeball championship, and a strong finish in cross country.

As October came around, so did the annual Oktoberfest. As usual, on that night, Phi Kappa Theta was the place to be. On Halloween, the brothers teamed up with the Phi Mu Sorority to Trick-or-Treat for canned goods. Over 600 items were collected and donated to the Cleveland Hunger Center. This semester's pledge philanthropy project found the pledges raking leaves and raising \$115 for the American Heart Association.

November has approached and the semester is winding down. Last week the brothers had a mixer with the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority. The house was transformed into "Candyland" and the sisters of AXO deemed the event "The Best Mixer of All Time." In the remaining weeks, four Phi Kaps will be entering the Mr. CWRU contest, the brothers will be hosting the semesterly faculty happy hour/mixer, and the pledges will be initiated.

Over the last five years, the fraternity has developed a completely new image. The house has been continually restored and Phi Kappa Theta is currently a leader on the CWRU campus. After several years of neglect, improved alumni relations have become a goal of the fraternity. Our database is about 80% accurate, but there are very few alumni with whom we are in contact. To succeed in the effort to bring back our alumni, we need your help. If you are planning to be in the Cleveland area, please feel free to stop by the house. Many things have improved, and I guarantee you and your family will be impressed. If you know of someone who is a brother, but is not receiving our newsletter, please forward their address to the house. The 50th Anniversary celebration has been in planning for 8 months and it will be a history making event. If there is any way that you can make a difference in our effort, please take a few minutes to do so.

Please consider this your personal invitation to return to the fraternity house, relive your fraternity years, and become a part of everything the active brothers have planned. To those I have not met, I am looking forward to meeting you at the 50th anniversary banquet, if not before. To those with whom I am in contact, please keep in touch.

Fraternally,

Greg Flaute

Greg Flaute,
Alumni Chairman

50th Anniversary Celebration

The 50th anniversary of the Ohio Alpha Beta Chapter is approaching, and we are working hard to plan our weekend celebration. If you received a newsletter last spring, what I am about to tell you should be familiar and already on your calendar. On Saturday, April 20th, 1991, there will be a banquet dinner at the Clinic Center Hotel. The cost of the meal will be approximately \$25/person. The evening will include a reception, a full course meal, presentation of various awards, several speakers, Phi Kap Comedian Kevin Lampe, and a special performance by the active brothers of our chapter. There will be several displays, such as the "family tree," past photo albums, and composites. In attendance will be alumni and guests, active brothers, representatives from the national fraternity, and officials from C.W.R.U.

On Sunday April 21st there will be a backyard barbecue at the house. This will be a casual afternoon event with food, volleyball, and lots-o-fun. An invitation for the banquet and the barbecue, along with additional information, will be sent to you in early 1991.

If you and/or your spouse have plans to attend, please encourage all the brothers with whom you are in contact to attend as well. Over 100 alumni from all around the country are expected to return for the weekend, we hope that you and your friends will be among them.

In preparation for the 50th celebration, we are designing our own invitations and reconditioning all our old composites. We would greatly appreciate any and all help from alumni in the printing or framing business. Please contact me as soon as possible at (216) 229-5015.

Thank you,



Daryl Ehlenfield

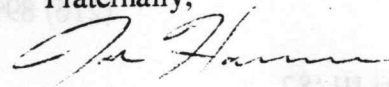
What's Changed/What Hasn't

Time and time again when alumni return to the house, they are very curious about what's changed about their fraternity. For all of us, memories and stories from our fraternity years often center around particular rooms, items, traditions, and situations. To have some fun, here's a sample of what's changed about the fraternity and what hasn't.

The Penile Rock still stands proudly in the backyard (although no one in the house knows where it came from!!) The bar in the basement still receives frequent use. The houses on both sides of the fraternity house have no permanent residents, and we have no more complaints. Our Magnolia tree, the last on Magnolia Drive, is thriving in the front yard. The fraternity now has a universally recognized cartoon mascot called the Phi Kap Guy. Lug and Hub are still called Lug and Hub! Black books are still an important part of the pledge program. Street bowling is outdated. The graffiti room is now a computer room. The three wheeler is still in operation. Phi Kaps excel at ultimate frisbee, are strong in softball, cross country, and volleyball, really want to win bowling, and are happy to score in football! After a recent sabbatical to Carnegie Mellon, the autographed portrait of JFK has returned to our mantle. New liability insurance regulations imposed on us by national have restricted the role of alcohol at parties. Ouzo and Ice are current popular nicknames. Surprisingly, the male-to-female ration at CWRU is dropping. The fraternity's current cook, Sharon is a culinary genius and is fast approaching Dora popularity status. And, Greeks represent one third of the men and one quarter of the women at CWRU and are currently held in high regard by the administration.

If you are at all curious about anything in particular, or have a unique story to relate, please consider yourself encouraged to contact the house at (216)791-2138 or (216)791-2139, or feel free to stop by anytime.

Fraternally,



Joe Hannum

P.S. Does anybody recall the electrical fire in the apartment that was caused by a urinating cat?

Brother Tree

Do you have a little brother? Are you interested in seeing if your family tree is in existence today? At the 50th Anniversary Celebration, we will have a brother tree on display, but in order to make it as complete as possible, we need your help.

If you have any big brother/little brother information, including your own, please pass it on to the house. Black books from any era are especially helpful. Please send all information to Dave Hill, 11016 Magnolia Drive, Cleveland, OH 44106, (216) 791-2138.

Thank you,



Dave Hill

Brother Tree Coordinator

Where are they now?

Over the past 50 years, the alumni of Ohio AB have scattered throughout the world. Most have settled down with their careers and families. Here's a small sampling of where the brothers of Phi Kappa Theta are now.

Jim Sasena '70

- * Served as President, IFC Representative, and IFC President.
- * Married to Kathy with two children, Christy and Michael.
- * Employed at Digital Equipment, working in Sales.
- * Best remembers the brothers pushing a car down the steps of the art museum and firing water balloons at Sammies (SAM) and Pikes(PKA).
- * Can be reached at: 51 Wesson Terrace
Northborough, MA, 01532
(508) 393-9632

Tim Oshaughnessy '80

- * Serves as president of Ohio AB Alumni Board.
- * Married to Colleen with three children, Kathleen, Timothy, and Brendan.
- * Employed at Kadeish and Bender practicing Corporate and Tax Law.
- * Best remembers "The Brick."
- * Can be reached at: 1593 Beethoven Drive
Westlake, OH 44145
(216) 899-1313

Dave Essi III '82

- * Member of Ohio AB Alumni Board.
- * Served as President, Rush Chairman, and Steward.
- * Married to Victoria, his college sweetheart, with two children, Dave IV and Christina.
- * Employed at Lorain Products as a Staff Engineer in Research Development.
- * Best remembers late night dinners at Howard Johnson's and when his pledge class rented a U-haul and stole everything from the house (his only all-nighter at Case.)
- * Can be reached at: 6610 Orchard Hill
Lorain, OH 44053
(216) 233-7421

Give, Expecting Nothing Thereof

John F. Kennedy Remembered

On Thursday, November 22, Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity will remember the assassination of John F. Kennedy. The brothers across America will be wearing a patch of black velvet beneath their badges as a memorial to the former president. Our alumni are encouraged to join the active brothers in honor of his memory.

Alumni Board Elections

On Thursday, November 29, at 7:00 P.M. the Alumni Board will be holding elections for the upcoming year. There are six positions on the board, one of which is president. The responsibilities of board members are to be available for Board meetings, at which issues of the house are discussed. If you are interested in being on the board, please make plans to be at the house on the 29th. All alumni in attendance are eligible to vote.

Tim Oshaughnessy - President
1593 Beethoven Drive
Westlake, OH 44145

Gary Jarkewicz
4661 Maple Street
Willoughby, OH 44094

Joseph Jirgal
26241 Lakeshore Blvd. #655
Euclid, OH 44132

Ernest L. Schmidt
4135 Ridgeview Road
Cleveland, OH 44144

David F. Essi, III
6610 Orchard Hill Blvd.
Lorain, OH 44053

David Revay
28 Grandin Drive
Flemington, NJ 08822

If there are any questions about the alumni board or the elections, please call Tim Oshaughnessy at (216) 899-1313.

FAX: 696-3492 →

Honor Roll of Donations

The brothers of Phi Kappa Theta, Ohio Alpha Beta would like to thank the following alumni for their recent donations:

\$25.00 and over

Mike Mantia
Russ Reynolds
Jim Sasena
Ernest L. Schmidt
Michael J. Vaccaro

under \$25.00

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As we prepare for the 50th Anniversary celebration, we anticipate our cost for the banquet to be around \$2000. Any support, financial or otherwise, will be greatly appreciated.

Donations should be sent to:

Phi Kappa Theta
c/o Dave Hill (Treasurer)
11016 Magnolia Drive
Cleveland, OH 44106

Alumni Directory

Over the summer, many of you received a questionnaire to be used for compilation of an Alumni Directory. Most of them were returned to us, and the directory is scheduled for printing and mailing in late November. The directory was to be fully funded by alumni donations and thanks to your generosity, it is now fully paid for. It will consist of alphabetical and geographical listings of all Ohio AB brothers, past and present. The goal of the directory is to put you in touch with at least a couple of brothers with whom you may have lost contact, and to let you know which brothers are in your area. I hope this information proves to be very useful.

**50th Anniversary Celebration April 20, Barbecue at the house
April 21 - Mark them on your calendars...**