

The Paragon

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Alumni Association Sets New Goals

This year the alumni association will be looking to improve its financial outlook to create stability and to better provide for our members and the active chapter. Our budget for this year has two goals in mind: first, to re-establish our link with alumni members through the Paragon and social activities, and second, to support the active chapter. As you can see, the Paragon is up and moving again and we have a number of events scheduled to bring our alumni together, such as Formal at the Great Lakes Brewery, the after-Formal happy hour, and the Memorial Day house improvements project. Activities which support the chapter include sponsoring the Jillian's rush event and providing funds to help with house improvements.

Currently the Alumni Association is receiving a majority of its income

from the rent of the apartment over the garages behind the chapter house. This agreement with the active chapter, meant to be temporary, was crucial to providing the start-up funds necessary to help the Alumni become financially self-sufficient. We expect to receive about \$7,650 this fiscal year from the apartment rent.

You can see our basic expense budget in the box to the right. The administration budget is used for postage, website maintenance, fees, state and federal filing fees, and all other expenses related to general operations. Chapter Support money is used to directly sponsor the active chapter's activities. Social Activities money is used to fund events for Alumni members. The National Obligations line includes all fees and assessments by the national fraternity to attend convention and

maintain voting privileges. All left-over funds at the end of the fiscal year will be put into savings as we begin to plan for a major capital improvements project for the chapter house.

Over time, we must begin phasing out our dependence on the chapter for funds and become self-sufficient on our 750+ alumni. With this in mind, beginning in June we will begin collecting Alumni Dues. Dues will be \$20 for the entire year. Of course,

Income	\$7,650
Paragon/Publications	\$1,600
Administration	\$1,200
Chapter Support	\$1,800
Social Activities	\$1,600
National Obligations	\$1,300

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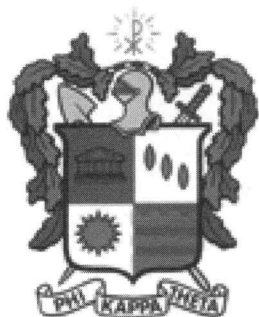
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Upcoming Dates of Interest

2/16	Scroll Signing	TBA	Greek Week	Did I forget an important date? Let me know at djackal@gmail.com so I can include it in future issues!
3/2	Phi MEB	4/21	Long Walk	
3/24	Spring Formal	5/27-29	Memorial Day House Project	
3/30	Kappa MEB	8/3-6	ΦΚΘ Leadership Conference	
4/1	AME Day	8/28	Fall Rush Begins	
4/13	Candling			

David Jaklitsch, 2001

National Convention Review



The 55th Biennial Convention of Phi Kappa Theta was held in Louisville, Kentucky last August. Among the highlights of the convention, were that three new chapters were added nationally at the University of Georgia, San Diego State University and Eastern Illinois University. A new Board of Trustees was elected, including our chapter's very own Rob Stalder who was reelected to the

board. Brother Jerry Traigle of Nicholls State University in Louisiana was elected as International President. Many articles of legislation were passed, including significant changes to the Minimum Chapter Standards in the bylaws. This legislation mainly eliminated the requirement for all chapter houses to complete First Aid/CPR certification, risk management training, and alcohol

education in order for the chapter houses not be dry. The Founders Cup was won by Kansas State University, a first time recipient of the award. Our chapter, Ohio Alpha Beta won the prestigious Gold Award, as well as the McSweeney Chapter Excellence Award for the Mideast Province.

Andrew Hsia, 2000

*Would you like to
become an
important part of
our Alumni
Organization?
Find out how you
can help by e-*

The New Alumni Board

The Alumni Board of ΦΚΘ Ohio AB has recently gone through many changes, and we are proud to have the following team representing our alumni:

President

Nicholas DeCenzo, 2001
Vice-President
Kenichi Nagano, 2001

Secretary/Treasurer
Kevin Duncan, 2004

Webmaster
James Chang, 2000

Members-at-Large
Andrew Hsia, 2001
Eric Huweart, 1991
Ben Langhals, 2000
Wayne Miller, 2004

Paragon Editor
David Jaklitsch, 2001

Letter From the President

Dear Brothers,

I hope you enjoy reading this new edition of the Paragon, and I hope it gives you a sense of the work your alumni association has been doing behind the scenes since I became president of the association in March 2005 to transform itself into a sustained source of financial and fraternal help to the active chapter. We have been working to be recognized as a not-for-profit organization by the IRS, and thankfully that lengthy

and arduous process is near its end. We have made some needed changes to our by-laws and articles of incorporation in order to accommodate this process.

We are also in the planning stages of developing a capital improvement plan for the House, the first step of which is to have the house inspected by a professional architect to determine what repairs need to be made and how much those repairs might cost. It will then be up to us as an organization to see how we would go about funding those im-

provements.

We are hoping to make some small improvements to the House this Memorial Day weekend, and I hope you can make plans to stop by the house that weekend to help. More information about the project will be posted on our alumni website:

<http://www.ohioalphabeta.org>

If you have any questions or would like to participate in this process, please feel free to e-mail me at: president@ohioalphabeta.org.

Spring Formal 2006

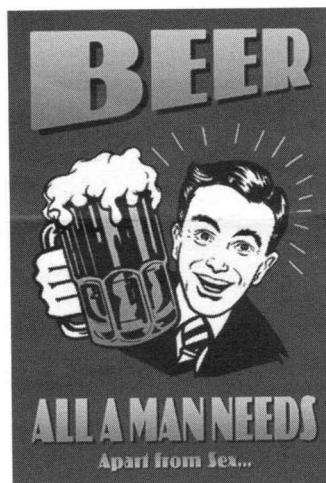
This year's formal is going to be held at the Great Lakes Brewery in downtown Cleveland. The event was chosen due to the great setting and plentiful space.

The Great Lakes Brewery is famous across the country for award-winning beer. Once you walk in the small door on the side, you are immediately greeted by its fresh aroma. The room inside is surrounded by huge tankers

containing the different beers.

Also appearing will be the Emperors of Swing, a 13 person big-swing band that should bring plenty of entertainment to the evening.

All the great lakes beers will be available on tap at the location and I imagine that will entice plenty of alumni into attending.



Post-Formal Happy Hour!

Not sure about committing to a trip to Cleveland just for Formal? Not to worry! The Alumni Association is planning on hosting a happy hour Saturday evening.

Keep an eye on the formal webpage for additional details:

<http://www.ohioalphabeta.org/formal/>

Ken Nagano, 2001

**Dhi Kappa
Theta Formal
2006**

**Great Lakes
Brewery**

**Friday
March 24, 2006
7:00-11:00pm**

Help Us Find Our Alumni



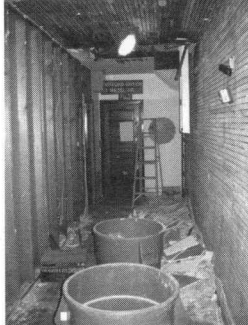
For some reason or another, we no longer have contact information for several of our alumni. If you know the whereabouts, including address, telephone number, or e-mail, of any of the following brothers, please drop us a line at:

paragon@ohioalphabeta.org

Stephen Brock, 1992
Jason Cartwright, 1994
James Chang, 2000
Steve DeBrosse, 2003
Henry Drak, 2003
Sean Dunlop, 2003
Joe Gall, 2003
Adam Greenburg, 1996
Robert Hornstein, 1984
Brian Keating, 1993
Dan "Bybluk" Liteplo, 2003
Andrew Miglino
Scott Miller, 1990

Nima Mirmadjlessi, 1990
David Modic, 1994
Thomas Noe, 1996
George Pirics, 1966
Timothy Porco, 1993
Dominic Reali, 2003
Robert Roberts, 1943
Michael Rossiter, 2003
Cheong Seah, 1998
Robert Socha, 1961
Stephen Wasko
Schuyler Wavrek
Paul Yanko, 1990

Actively Improving the House



The 3rd floor of the ΦΚΘ house, shown here in early phases of construction.

In the winter of 2004, the actives initiated the ambitious project of renovating the 3rd floor. Over that winter break, the walls and ceiling of the 3rd floor hallway, the Whiskey's Roost, and Ballroom were torn down, generating enough rubble to fill a commercial dumpster. The electrical panel on the floor was replaced and all wiring connected to it was brought up to code. The old plaster walls and ceilings were replaced with dry-wall, but not before installing

insulation for sound and weather proofing.

Every active has participated in the renovation to some degree. Along the way, many have realized the joys and pains of remodeling. It has been a long journey, but the 3rd floor is now safe and aesthetically matches the rest of the house.

For more pictures of this project, check out the following URL:

<http://zorro.case.edu/gallery/v/GregGallery/GregProjects/>



The cave and other bedrooms on the 3rd floor got a major facelift as well.

Memorial Day House Improvement Project

Memorial Day House Project

May 27-29

Mark Your Calendars!

We have received a lot of great feedback from alumni and actives alike about the Memorial Day weekend house improvements project, and have decided to bring it back again this year.

The turnout was excellent for the 2004 event, with not only local and out-of-state brothers participating, but even friends and family members helping

out. With your help, we can make this year's event bigger, better, and even more fun! If we get a good turnout this year, then we will definitely be making this an annual event.

This event is not only great for the house, but promises to be a lot of fun as well. It is a chance to get together with actives and brothers from all around and

catch up with one another.

The details of the project are still being planned, but keep an eye on our webpage for updates:

<http://www.ohioalphabeta.org>

See you in May!

Ken Nagano, 2001

Todd's Financial Corner



Everyone likes saving money, right? Wouldn't it be great if you could save money and help your brothers at the same time? In this article we're going to show you how to do exactly that. We've asked for Alumni Association dues of \$20. Compared to what the actives pay, that's not bad. After all, we're the ones who have income com-

ing in, aren't we?

Here's a few simple ways you can free up that \$20/year: pack your lunch one day/week for a month; max out your insurance deductibles... a lower deductible just means that you pay for it in your premium; for a week, make your coffee at home and pass up the coffee house; have friends over to your place in-

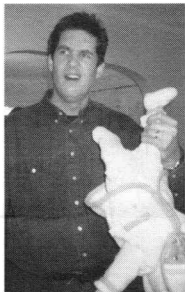
stead of going out just once; or have a romantic dinner at home instead of going out to a restaurant.

Of course, it's alright to give more than the basic \$20. For some it may even be tax-deductible as a business networking expense. I know we all want to do what we can to help

Where Are You Now?

Joe Banks, 1988

Lives with his wife Sheryl in Cleveland Heights. Married in September of 2004 at the College Club in University Circle, and expecting their first son at the end of February. Joe is now at Zin Technologies at NASA Glenn, working on web sites and other project support. (For those alum who need more catching up, he left his show at WRUW 91.1 in 2002 after 17 years on the air; and left Alternative Press in 1997.) Sheryl is publications manager at non-profit Center for Community Solutions. Joe freelances with his web developing DBA, Empathik.com. Find out even more at http://joeandsheryl.com or email

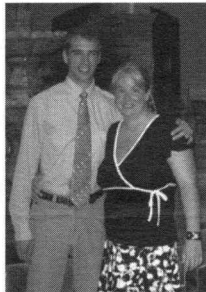


Joe Banks trains to be a dad.

jb@joebanks.com.

David Jaklitsch, 2001

AKA Jackal, finished his Masters Degree at Hofstra University during the Summer of 2004 just before his wedding to Stephanie. Jackal teaches middle orchestra in the Sachem Central School District on Long Island. He is still an active performer, playing principal euphonium in the Long Island Symphonic Winds (www.lisymphonicwinds.com) and assistant principal cello in the Sound Symphony Orchestra (www.soundsymphony.org). Jackal and Stephanie recently bought a house in



Jackal and Stephanie on their honeymoon

Lake Grove, NY, so anyone who is planning a trip to the NY area should e-mail Jackal at djackal@gmail.com.

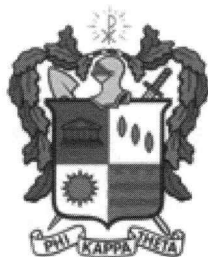
Wayne Miller, 2004

Broke with fraternity tradition by graduating *early* in January 2004. He moved back to his hometown of Chicago briefly to work for the law firm of Kirkland & Ellis, but later returned to Ohio to attend law school at OSU, where he is currently a second-year student. Post-law school, he plans to work as a securities lawyer in either New York or Chicago. Just as important was Wayne's recent marriage to Jen Lloyd (now Miller). They got married on July 15th in Chesterland, Ohio. Many Phi Kaps



Phi Kaps help Wayne and Jen celebrate their wedding.

Where Are You Now?



We Want to Hear From You!

If your address has changed, please use this form to let us know. Also, suggestions on how we may improve the Paragon are always welcome. Remember, this is your newsletter.

Do you want to contribute to the Paragon or make a donation? You can mail us at the address to the right or send submissions via e-mail to djackal@gmail.com.

Where Are You Now?

Please take a moment to write about 75-100 words describing where you are now and what significant events have happened in your life since then. Be sure to include your graduation year, and pictures are always welcome.

Name _____
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Phone _____

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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!

Sudoku Tip #1:

When a number can go in several places in the same 3x3 box, find a square where only that number can go (by eliminating all other numbers from that square). You will then be able to eliminate this number from other squares in that grid. This often leads to being able to solve other numbers in that

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	8				5		1	
	4		6		2			
				7		5		2

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