The Paragon

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Summer House Improvements Project

Over Memorial Day weekend, the Alumni Board once again hosted two days of chapter house improvements in accordance with our motto, "Give, expecting nothing thereof." This is the second year for the event and we focused on outdoor improvements to the chapter house.

Alumni members weeded out the front landscaping, trimmed the bushes and trees, and laid new mulch. In the back of the house, the overgrown bushes along the volleyball court were removed and composite lattice was put up around the deck. Lastly, some work was done on the third floor of the house to prepare wall surfaces for painting and molding. The weather was perfect and sunny both days. Breakfast and lunch was provided by Rascal House Pizza and Brueger's Bagels.

After working all day, the alumni members in attendance went out for some dinner at the Waterstreet Grille on West 9th. Thanks to Steve DeBrosse, Wayne Miller, Nate Jacobsen, Eric Pinzur, Brian Clark, and all the other Alumni and brothers who helped out with the projects! We hope that next year's event will see a continued increase in attendance of alumni members representing every decade of our chapter.

Kevin Duncan, 2004





For more pictures, go to:
http://kevin.tjmcconnell.com/gallery/

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Upcoming Dates of Interest

8/3-6	ΦΚΘ Leadership Conference
8/26	Fall Rush Begins with the Alumni rush event date and time TBA
9/12	Fall Rush Ends

Did I forget an important date? Let me know at djackal@gmail.com so I can include it in future issues!

David Jaklitsch, 2001

We would like to thank the following alumni for their generous donations:

Patrick Glynn, 2000
Timothy Maloney, 1966
Gregory Flaute, 1992

Formal Review







On March 24, 2006, the Phi Kaps of Case held their annual Spring Formal. This tradition is an annual event that is pure enjoyment for both the actives and alumni who attend.

Hosted by Cleveland's very own Great Lakes Brewing Co., we were in the upper room of what was once a part of the famous Schlather Brewery. Old brick walls and historical brewing memorabilia pulled you into a time of the old world breweries. From the room were views of the "Tank Farm" and state-of-the-art brewing equipment. Whether you are an artist, historian, or geek, the atmosphere offered something for all to enjoy.

While the guest were arriving, tours were offered to explain how beer was made and point out the different equipment used in the process. These tours were entertaining as well as informative. It was a nice feature that I have not previously seen at one of our formal events.

Although it was a change from the normal DJ services at recent formals, the live swing band was another tasteful touch. The band played a variety of mainstream favorites and up beat dance tunes. Even if you don't dance you couldn't help but tap your feet.

Finally, the best feature of formal is always the interaction with both the actives and the alumni. I arrived not knowing a single active member, but left with many new brothers. It is always great meeting new brothers, but there is nothing like reuniting with your fellow classmates. There were at least 13 alumni in attendance. I encourage all of you to attend next year, and don't be stingy — call up your long time brothers and pass on your stories.

Neal Pence, 2000

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Letter from the Editor

I hope you are enjoying the latest issue of the Paragon. We got off to a rocky start in our first issue (see below), but now we've ironed out the wrinkles (we hope). You can expect future issues to follow a similar format, so I hope you like what you see. If you have any suggestions, please let me know: paragon@ohioalphabeta.org

David Jaklitsch, Paragon Editor

Last Issue's Issues

In our last issue of The Paragon, we regrettably experienced some technical difficulties which resulted in printing problems. We fully expect to have these problem fixed by the time this issue goes to print, and sincerely apologize for any confusion it may have caused.

Ken Nagano, 2000

A corrected version of the Spring 2006 issue of the Paragon can be found in electronic format at:

www.ohioalphabeta.org/

Where Are You Now?

Joseph DiFranco:

I first pledged Phi Kappa Theta in the Fall of 1994. My 5 years at CWRU and PKT were wonderful. I learned a lot about myself and enjoyed my experiences bonding with my brothers. I held many positions including President, but my most notable position was Steward (which I held four times and I hired and managed two cooks).

I graduated CWRU with a BA in Biology and Psychology with honors in May 1999. I subsequently completed four years at the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine and then 3 years of post doctoral training at the VA hospital in podiatric medicine and surgery.

I married my high school sweetheart Laura in June 1999, and our first child, Chloe Grace, was born on May 6, 2006. We left with her the first week of June 2006 to move out of Cleveland for the first time in our lives to Erie, PA and partner with another Podiatrist in the Erie Physician's Network. I am excited to begin practice and begin raising our family.

I would love to hear from my brothers who were at the house with me, please email me at myfootdoc@juno.com.



The DiFranco family



John Dutton:

I came back from the Peace Corps in February of last year, where I was teaching biology and chemistry to high school kids in Mozambique. I came back to Cleveland in April and landed a job with Hyland Software where I worked for a year as a programmer and trainer before quitting mid-May to go to graduate school. I am now in the MUST (Masters in Urban Secondary Teaching) program at Cleveland State and I begin student teaching biology in the fall!

Congratulations to our newest alumni:

Brian Clark Zachary Rose
Timothy Sauline Chad Kaschube

Congratulations to our newest NIBs:

Daniel Banecker Christopher Carson Taylor Karr
Mitch Parlett Michael Stentz
Conrad Thompson Mark Walters

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.

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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!

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

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

Last Issue's Solution:

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

Sudoku Tip #2:
If you can narrow down the placement of a number within a 3x3 box to only numbers that appear in the same row or column, then that number cannot appear in that same row or column in a different 3x3 box.