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Phi Kappa news

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR ALPHA CHI RHO ALUMNI FROM THE
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

*Have you thought about visiting for Homecoming? The date for Homecoming is October 27th, 2012. Call or e-mail our Alumni Chair, Steve Heiss with any questions or to let us know you're coming!
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A word from our president.

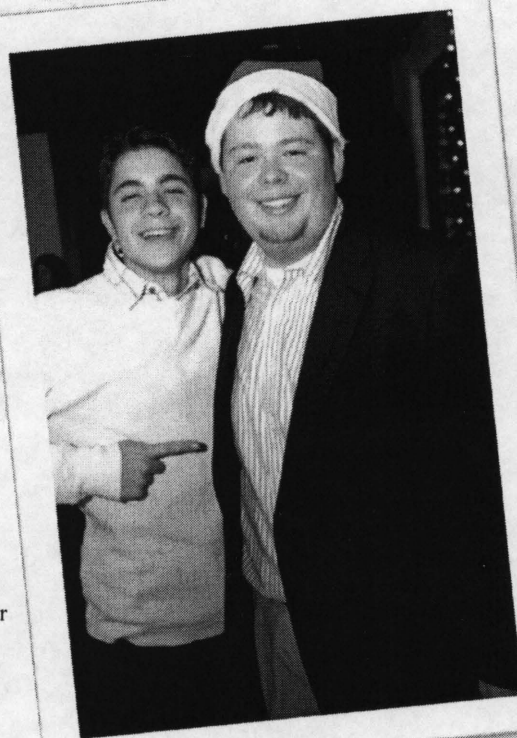
Greetings Alumni,

I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday season and are ready for the New Year. This semester has been full of excitement. We welcomed twenty new Brothers into the bond, and we are all looking forward to their future contributions to the house. Late in the semester, we received a very welcome donation of a few old Illios from Alumnus Jim Dickson. We are very grateful for these, and have given historian duties to our Alumni Chair in hopes of improving the collection of historical items at the house. We hope this will be another reason for Alumni to come back and visit. Having 50

active Brothers in the House for next semester is certainly exciting. We are once again excited about rush, having added many new Brothers to the process. We hosted two blood drives this semester, and we are looking at new philanthropy opportunities to take advantage of our larger Brotherhood. As always, Alumni relations remain an important part of our mission, and I personally am looking forward to more positive interactions with our Alumni this semester.

Wishing everyone happy holidays and a happy New Year.

Ben Rosborough



*Newly Initiated Brothers John Binkley and Ian Eckles
at the Christmas-themed pledge party*



20 new brothers initiated!

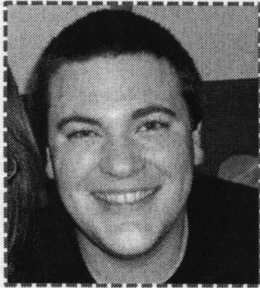
Initiation Complete!

"From a pledge point of view, I believe the pledge process went very well. Not only did I meet another 19 other great guys my age, but they have become my best friends. We all worked together to get through the process and it is very rewarding to see what we have all been through together. I am very excited to spend the rest of my four years with my fellow pledges and also the great Brothers of the House."

-Brandon Holland Fall 2011 Rush Class President

Profiles

Senior



Name: Michael Skulski
 Major(s): Engineering Physics
 Minor(s): Mathematics, Spanish
 Hometown: Schaumburg, IL
 Positions Held: Secretary, House Manager, Steward
 Graduation: 2012

About me:

"I am a physics major interested in the field of high energy physics. After I attend graduate school, I would like to pursue working at a national accelerator laboratory or become a professor to teach physics at the college level."

Favorite moment in Alpha Chi Rho:

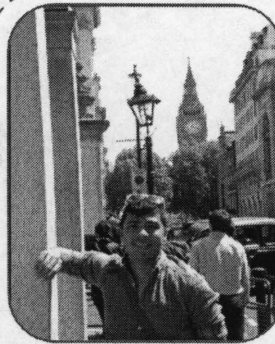
"Rush events. The activity that our House generates with events such as Car Bash and Lawn Dodgeball brings everyone in the House together to participate in purposeless fun. It is also great to be active in meeting and befriending the freshmen that will become the new generation of the House."

Where am I headed next?

"I will be attending graduate school in the fall of 2012 to pursue a Ph.D. in Physics."

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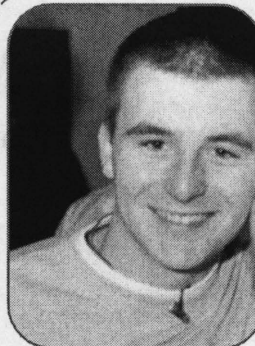
Underclassmen



Name: José R. Ortiz
 Hometown: Mayaguez, Puerto Rico
 Major(s): Sociocultural Anthropology and Global Studies
 Minor(s): French
 Graduation: 2014

Favorite moment in Alpha Chi Rho:

"The epic White Horse night before the start of the Fall '11 school year where I felt I got to see the campus and the people in the House in a whole new different way"



Name: Kris Kocinski
 Hometown: South Holland, IL
 Major(s): Computer Science
 Minor(s): TBD
 Graduation: 2015

Favorite moment in Alpha Chi Rho:

"My favorite moment in AXP so far has been live in week. Spending time with everyone for a week has been a great experience as have all the different activities. We have really grown together as a pledge class with all that we have done this week"

CHICAGO WOLVES FREE TICKETS!

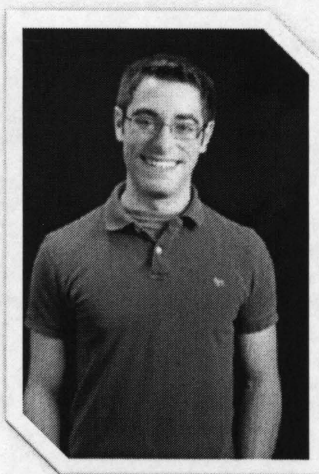


The active Brothers would like to invite our Graduate Brothers to a Chicago Wolves game on Saturday, March 24, 7pm at the Allstate Arena. Tickets for Alumni will be **FREE** for the first 10 Graduate Brothers who contact our Alumni Chair, Steve Heiss:

heiss2@illinois.edu
847-421-5120

Chair in the Spotlight

New Alumni Chair, Steve Heiss, shares his expectations and optimism for his new position.



Brothers.

It is a true privilege to have been elected as Alumni Chair for the Spring semester. I cannot stress how important it is for the future of this house to maintain a strong Brotherly bond after we graduate. In the past it is in my opinion that the importance of this chair has been underappreciated and the House has fallen away from its Alumni.

So it is with great optimism that I predict a new era for our House.

We are in the midst of our Phi Kappa Capital Campaign, raising funds for the House and it is more crucial than ever before to reach out to our Alumni.

Therefore, I challenge both

current students and Alumni alike to help me write this new chapter of our house's legacy. Active Brothers, seek out our Alumni. They are ripe with work advice, professional networks, and plenty of hindsight to guide us towards success.

Graduated Brothers, come visit the House for Homecoming. Homecoming this year is Oct. 27th. I'm giving you plenty of time to plan your schedules. I know it would mean a lot to our newly initiated Brothers to see what a great Alumni base we've built at this House.

It will take a broad effort from active Brothers and graduated Brothers but I am confident in what we can achieve together as a Brotherhood of men.

In the bond,

STEVE A. HEISS

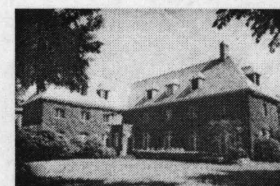
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Looking Forward

-March 24th – Wolves Game

-May 21st – Graduation

-October 27th – 2012 Homecoming Game



Alum Board Update

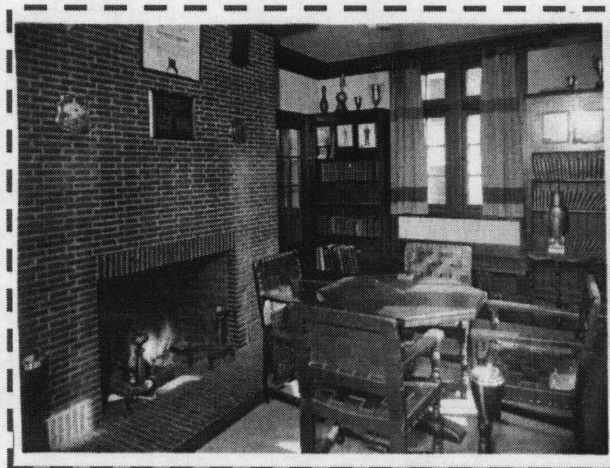
From the Graduate Board, Pete Voss, Class of 1979:

As we begin 2012 with much anticipation of another great year, we remember 2011 as an excellent year for the Phi Kappa chapter. The House has not looked this good in years thanks to a number of improvements in the latter half of the year. We have replaced virtually all of the windows in the house except for the French Doors—nearly a \$50,000 investment. In addition, we rebuilt the main stairs from the first to the second floor with new oak stair treads, new risers and new structural wood under the stairs for strengthening and stabilizing. The second floor landing will be refinished over Spring Break, as will the spindles and flat oak that is on the west side of the stairway. Furthermore, the second floor main bathroom was also revamped and upgraded with new plumbing and bathroom fixtures, the second floor hallway carpeting was replaced, and the library wood floors and the dining room tables were both refinished. Whoa, I am out of breath just talking about all those improvements.

What you see here are examples that the Phi Kappa Campaign "Building for the Next Century" is in full swing and will continue for the next few years. All it takes is a lot of energy and funds. Speaking of energy, Brad LaPayne, Class of 1976, has done an amazing job coordinating all of the upgrades mentioned. He was named "Graduate Brother of the Year for 2011" at Homecoming this past October. The Building Campaign raised funds approaching \$200,000 since its inception two years ago. I call on all Brothers to continue to help us out to keep the momentum going. The Undergrads are doing well and growing in membership every year with 20 pledges this past semester.

Please remember your great days at Alpha Chi Rho and help us continue to grow and enrich the lives of Crow men just like we experienced in our day.

the good old times



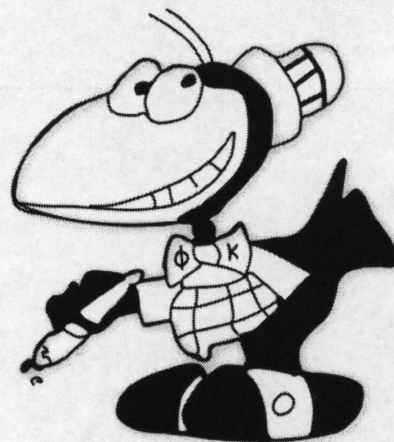
Spring 1937: Photos taken by our late Brother Douglas Clayton Montgomery



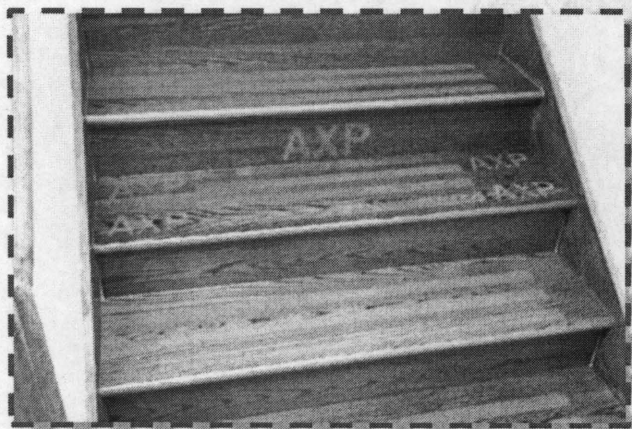
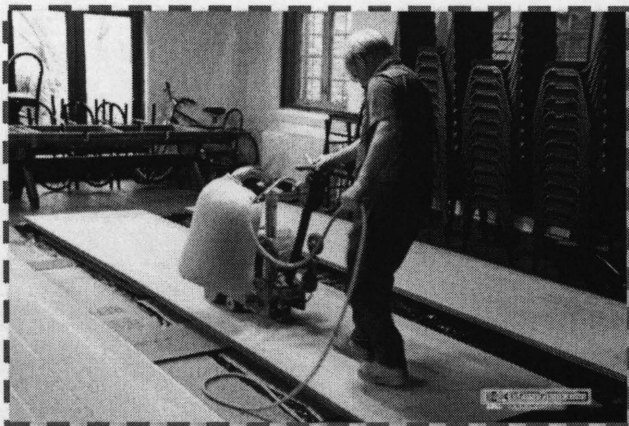
Have good memories from the house you want to share?
E-mail Steve Heiss at heiss2@illinois.edu to get it in the next newsletter.

Bringing Back an Old Friend

"JOE CROW"



311 E. Armory Renovations



- Clockwise from top left:**
- 1) Steps removed as part of the process of rebuilding the stairs
 - 2) Refinishing the dining room tables
 - 3) New windows for the house
 - 4) AXP now visible on the rebuilt staircase
 - 5) Refinishing the floor of the parlor
 - 6) The rebuilt steps back in place



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