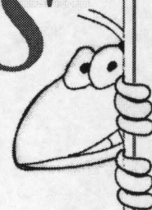




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# Phi Kappa news



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 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Call or e-mail our Alumni Chair, Steve Heiss with any questions or to let us know you're coming!*

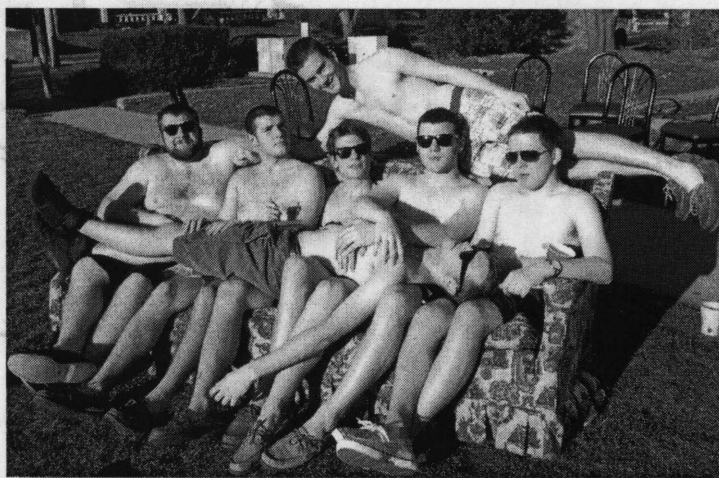
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## A word from our president.

Welcome alumni, to another edition of the Phi Kappa newsletter. A big thank you goes out all the brothers and alumni that were present at the Chicago Wolves game. An additional thanks goes out to Steve Heiss and Paul Mastrantonio for organizing the event.

Reading alumnus Pete Voss's message in the previous newsletter inspired me to share some of the current nicknames in the house. There are simple ones, such as Matt "Mentler" Entler, or Sean "Breezy" Bresnahan. I myself am sometimes called "Science Ben" because of my affinity for a certain field of study. Some of our nicknames don't really have much of a reason, such as David "General" Sherman, or Tim "Chad" Noffke. Younger alumni might recognize Sean "Spaceman" Robinson. His nickname arose from the day he was asked, during an election for external social chair, what theme his barcrawl would be. He answered (rather brilliantly I might add) that we would have a spaceman barcrawl. I'm not sure anyone knew what that would be, but the name has stuck. One nickname stands above the rest- Michael "Michael Michael Motorcycle" Skulski. Has he ever ridden a motorcycle? Not at all, but his nickname stands. Here's to hoping all is well with everyone and that you enjoy the April issue of Phi Kappa news.

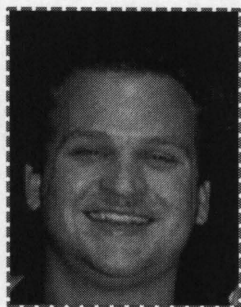
Ben Rosborough, Class of 2012



*Some Crows enjoying the nice warm March weather in Champaign!*

# Brotherhood Profiles

## Senior



Name: Doug Wood  
 Major(s): Civil Engineering  
 Hometown: Whitinsville, MA  
 Graduation: Spring 2012

### About me:

"Grew up in central Massachusetts and came to U of I to study engineering. Didn't know anyone coming in freshman year, but I've made a lot of great friends throughout my time at AXP."

### Favorite moment in Alpha Chi Rho:

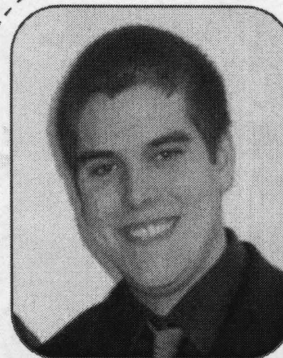
"Staying up all night at fall campouts."

### Where am I headed next?

"On the search for a job in construction management."

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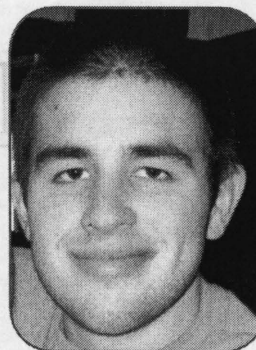
## Underclassmen



Name: Michael Sykes  
 Hometown: Inverness, IL  
 Major(s): Finance, Supply Chain  
 Graduation: Spring 2014

### Favorite moment in Alpha Chi Rho:

My favorite moment in AXP is easily everytime there is a group of a couple guys and we start swapping hilarious stories. To be specific, during my pledgship some Brothers came home during live in week and spent the better part of three hours telling me all the hilarious moments that they had with Neil Kilcovne. Good times.

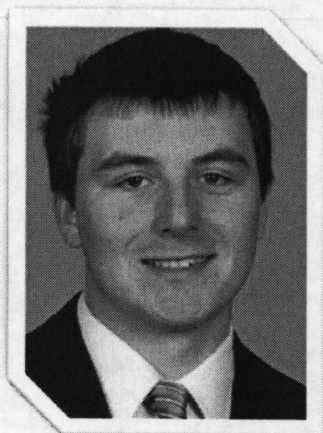


Name: Adam Hatcher  
 Hometown: Decatur, IL  
 Major(s): Undecided  
 Minor(s):  
 Graduation: Spring 2015

### Favorite moment in Alpha Chi Rho:

My favorite moment in my short tenure in the house was getting second place in the Fall 2011 Frattle of the Bands. Playing on stage in front of all of my brothers was one of the greatest things I have ever done. I will continue to play in every Frattle for the rest of my time at the University of Illinois.





## Chair in the Spotlight

*Webtorian Chair, Kris Kockinski, discusses updates to keeping Crows always connected!*

Brothers.

When I was elected Webtorian Chair, I approached the position with many ideas. My main goal was to implement things that would sustain the house for years to come.

My committee and I have done a lot this semester. We have upgraded two of our routers and have installed a new 24 port switch, providing the house with a full gigabit simultaneous, dual band network. We now have a very reliable internet connection throughout the house. The file server has been repaired, enabling us to share files easily. Ian Eckles has built a secure website for us to efficiently report our grades for the scholarship chair. Pathum Karunaratne and I have built a web server to host our new house website which can be accessed at:

[xpillinois.dyndns.org](http://xpillinois.dyndns.org). Finally, I have installed a four camera security system that covers multiple approaches to our house, allowing us to see anything that may have happened to the house. My other plans include moving the networking equipment to the second floor closet for safekeeping and rewiring the main nodes.

In the bond,

KRIS KOCINSKI

B.S. COMPUTER SCIENCE | CLASS OF 2015

### Looking Forward

-May 21st – Graduation

-October 27th – 2012 Homecoming Game

Have good memories from the

house you want to share?

E-mail Steve Heiss at

[heiss2@illinois.edu](mailto:heiss2@illinois.edu) to get it in the

next newsletter.



## Alum Board Update

Crows, Wolves and Bulldogs can get along!

On Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup>, the Phi Kappa Chapter stepped into the Wolves den for an excellent event watching the Chicago Wolves play the Hamilton Bulldogs at the Allstate Arena in Rosemont. It was a great display of family-style hockey with great action, fanfare and fireworks. Although the Wolves wound up losing 3 to 2 in spite of an exciting 3<sup>rd</sup> period comeback, the game was a lot of fun. The game was attended by many Undergrads wrapping up their Spring Break and a number of Alums including Drew DePriest, Brian Schmidt, Andrew Kosowsky, Pete Voss and former Crow Little Sister, Esther Voss (Gosser). Major credit goes out to Steve Heiss for setting up this great event. Steve is already working on the next event coming up soon.

With that said, Brothers, keep your eyes open for this fall's Homecoming event at the Chapter on October 27th. It will be bigger and better than ever, well at least since last year. Make plans to attend this year and bring back some great Crow memories.

Pete Voss – 1979





# REQUEST FOR OLD NEWSLETTERS

The Department of Content Creation at the University of Illinois' Main Library in partnership with the University Student Life and Cultural Archival Program has offered to scan and create digital versions of ALL past Phi Kappa Newsletters.

If you have access to any old copies, please contact the Alumni Chair, Steve Heiss, at [heiss2@illinois.edu](mailto:heiss2@illinois.edu). Your copies will be scanned and added to the University Archives for future generations of Crows to enjoy.

This project was initiated by the Alumni Chair and may ultimately expand to other Fraternities and Greek organizations all across the country. We are privileged to be the pilot organization for this project.

In the bond,

Steve Heiss



# more construction

I want to report the progress made over the spring break holiday and make an appeal. Over the recent break we had contractors in to work on the main stairway, the 2 rear window wells and the boiler room. I can report that the main stairway is looking much better than it has in the recent past. Oleson Construction sanded and glued as needed the spindles and shelves that run along the west side of the stairs. He then coated the spindles, shelves and 2nd floor landing with 3 coats of urethane to finish the job. Jones Construction fabricated a new cover for the window well nearest the basement stairway from treated lumber. Seems someone 3 or 4 summers ago saw fit to take the metal covers out and replace them with poorly constructed wood covers. Or maybe someone stole them for scrap, I don't know where they went, only that they are gone!

In the west window well, we laid block and brick to completely do away with the old window opening. The current new initiatives will be filling in the old window well so that there will no longer be any hole there whatsoever. No more tripping or falling hazard either when the project is completed. In the boiler room, the ceiling was falling and we removed the old and replaced with 5/8 fire code drywall. There was also some old abandoned plumbing that was removed to clean up the area. I am seeking bids to replace the basement door to the exterior stair. The ceiling and door were cited by our friendly city inspector.



Over break, I took a look at the old grandfather clock that has been in the House for many, many years. It is in very poor condition and needs extensive repair just to keep it standing. The base is very deteriorated, the glass is broken and it is completely inoperable. Does anyone have the skills to fix it, or know someone who could do the restoration? We are in imminent danger of losing this artifact of Phi Kappa. Similarly, the old pie safe or cooler or whatever that cabinet is need immediate attention to preserve it as well. The years are showing on it too. Would anyone be willing to make a contribution designated to save one or both of these two oldest artifacts of the House???? Call or email me your thoughts:

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-Brad LaPayne



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