

Crow News

Phi Kappa Chapter

Winter, 1995

Established,

Undergrads Need Our Help

By: Steve Jereb
Undergraduate President

Greetings, Alumni! I am not going to mince words. The undergraduate Chapter is in dire straights.

At the present, we have twelve Brothers living in the Chapter house and two living outside the house. At the end of the school year seven of our Brothers will graduate. It does not take a mathematician to figure out that we will not have many men returning next year.

With this in mind and poor fall rush results, we requested the National Fraternity to come in and reorganize our Chapter. National has been very helpful in this process. They put ads in the paper, printed fliers, and made t-shirts. Our Chapter Consultant, Steve Nelson, spent a month on campus, coordinating and leading the recruitment process.

The results have been mixed. We recruited four new men who are interested in restarting a fraternity, but these men will need alumni support in their quest to rebuild ΦΚ.

I have tried to remain positive throughout my Presidency, but as I look to the future, it is to say the least uncertain. Please help in any way you can, whether it be names, suggestions, etc. We will listen. The new Executive Council and the alumni board have a tough task ahead of the, but it can be done. We have a strong core to build on.

This is my last report as President and I thank you for your time and support throughout this past year.

A Note From the Alumni Board

By: Andy Kosowski
Phi Kappa Building Association
President

I have taken over for Mark O'Beirne, who stepped down from the Presidency after several years of service to our Chapter. Brother O'Beirne has put in much time and effort, often with little support from most of the rest of the Graduate Chapter. He will remain a member of the Board despite his heavy time constraints.

Homecoming

A number of ΦΚ alumni and their families from various eras made the trip down to Champaign past season. Food and drinks were served a reception before the game, a heartbreaking defeat at the hands of the sad Purdue Boilermakers. After the game, we shared a steak dinner at the Chapter, and many Brothers shared stories from the various eras represented about our favorite former neighbor fraternity.

All donations were greatly appreciated and went directly to the undergraduate Chapter. It was an enjoyable afternoon despite the undergrad's limited resources.

Undergraduate Crisis

I will leave it to the undergrads to describe the current situation at ΦΚ. We are getting much needed support

from National. However, most of the support must come from the alumni. If the current situation doesn't improve, we will have to make some serious choices, not excluding shutting down the house.

We need help including: names of potential rushees, help with rush itself, visits to the undergrads to let them know we care, and of course financial support. If you haven't paid your 1994 dues yet, please send them in as soon as possible. A few hundred dollars have been received since Homecoming, so it's not too late.

Graduate News

The Crow News needs information on recent marriages, births, deaths, and other newsworthy personal items. If you want to let everyone know what you've been doing lately. We will include this information in the next newsletter.

Also, please note the January 28th housekeeping weekend plan described in this Crow News.

Finally, the 100 year anniversary of the National Fraternity of Alpha Chi Rho will be held June 1-4, 1995 near Hartford, Connecticut. Your Garnet and White will have a schedule of events.

This Old Chapter House

On January 28th, the graduate Brothers will be getting together in Champaign to perform needed minor repairs on the House. The

plan is to spend the day working and go out at night.

Brother Terrence Kuhn and Steve Burns recently conducted an inspection of the building, and drew up a list of needed repairs. These are jobs which require more work than money. Over the years, normal wear and tear has taken its toll on the interior of the House, and the poor appearance can put off potential Brothers.

If you can attend, please call Terry at (217) 352-6649, as he is organizing the event, or Andy Kosowsky at (708) 885-9628. Carpools will be arranged if there is interest.

If you are unable to attend, but would like to help financially, please make a note on your check, and your donation will be used for this project. This will keep us from having to deplete FK's bank account. Brother Burns, who is knowledgeable in these matters, has estimated the cost at between \$1,000 and \$2,000 for materials.

Both manpower and financial support are needed, so please let us know as soon as possible how you can help.

Phi Kappa News Shorts

- * Michael "Sluggo" Enright '87, married Julie Eisenberger in March of 1994. Rich Ashmore '87, Andy Kosowski '87, Blake Russell '88, Brad Huebner '87, and Karl Huebner '86 were in attendance.
- * Andy "Snake II" Kosowski '87, married Christina Samycia (U of I '93) on July 9, 1994. Brothers in attendance included Bradley Huebner '87, Wes Welch '87, Richard Ashmore

'87, Tom Keeley '87, Blake Russell '88, Karl Huebner '86, Bob "Snake I" Cook '85, Marty Idasyak '88, and Galib Huesseini. The newlyweds moved to Schaumburg. He works for Bank of America Illinois and she owns a fitness-nutrition consulting business, Wellness Innovations.

- * Brian Sheehan '93 and Nancy Kaluzny married in August of 1994. Brother "Dickie" Rich Sul was the best man and Brothers Eric Menendez, Scott Shah, and Jay Solovy (all '93) were also in attendance. They live in LaGrange.

Dues and Donations

We would like to recognize and thank the following Brothers who have paid their Phi Kappa dues since our last newsletter as well as those who were generous enough to contribute a donation to the Graduate Chapter:

**Ronald J Ayotte
Carter Black
Brian R Bland
Michael L Charles
Roger C Clemens
Seth W Dietz
John B Downs
Keith A Erickson
Thomas W Fifer
Earl F Fox
Paul T Gaskins
Burton C Gerber
Charles H Gouveia
John C Hall
Richard A Harding
Steven R Johnson
Jeff Jordon
Robert J Lemke
Gary E Lindemann
Steven M Lowell
Robert B Meyer
Dr. Michael D Miller
Fred L Moore**

**Ralph C Murphy
R. Morgan Ochenschlager
Mark O'Beirne
Richard A Piper
Thomas L Richardson
Edwin E Roland
Brian M Sheehan
John W Shriver
Ronald J Skupien
Craig A Stevenson
Joseph M Trautman
Thomas J Wright
Robert W Youman**

We would like to give our special thanks to several Brothers who were especially generous with their contributions:

**Jack H Benard
Mark J Bouckaert
John W Elgin
Michael Enright
Charles L Norton
Alvin W Reitz, II**

Your Building Association would like to thank all of you for support over the last year and hopes you will continue to think of your Chapter House in the years to come.

Phi Kappa Finances

By Mark Bouckaert
Building Association Treasurer

I would like to take this time to explain a little about the financial structure of the Building Association as it currently stands and where I would like to see it go.

Currently, the Board relies on undergraduate rent as the primary source of income. This practice is fine as long as the House remains close to capacity. However, recently in-house membership has declined and the amount of rent needed to support the House has been unreliable or unavailable. The undergraduates are doing an excellent job managing their limited

funds and recognizing their responsibility to the Building Association.

The annual fixed costs for the House consists of the following approximate amounts:

\$ 7,000	Property Taxes
4,500	Property Insurance
3,400	Mortgage Payments
1,200	FIPG Insurance
<u>650</u>	Boiler Insurance
<u>\$16,750</u>	

I Believe we need to become a self sufficient Association in order to turn our current financial status around. Under ideal, but NOT unrealistic, conditions, the annual dues would cover the fixed costs. This would free up the rent for the purpose of maintaining and improving your Chapter house and the donations for the purpose intended by the donee. A few actual requests are rush, fire code upgrades, dishwasher, drapes, and even a room 5 party. Currently, we must channel all cash from

donations to cover our immediate cash needs. However, we earmark ALL donations for the intended purpose and, as cash becomes available, we WILL carry out your wishes. So don't count out that Room 5 party yet!

Therefore, my goal for 1995 is to be able to cover our fixed costs with dues received. That equates to 670 graduate members paying their dues this year. That may seem like a lot. However, if every Brother who reads this letter contributes to his Fraternity only \$25, we could achieve the goal with some cash available to help rebuild the principal used over the last few years.

For those who do consistently support your Fraternity, we SINCERELY appreciate your generous contributions. For those who have been unable or simply forgot, PLEASE reconsider. Think back to the last time you wrote a check for ANY amount. What kind of memories did it bring you? Did it

remind you of the great times you had at some of the parties down in Champaign? Did it remind you of the last time you went to bed and found the "I" buried under your sheets? How about those speech topics or after dinner showers? Did it remind you of [sorry, censored by wife]? Would you pay \$25 dollars for those kinds of memories? The last check I wrote was for my phone bill. I assure you I had no pleasure writing that check! On the other hand, the check I wrote to the Association brought me great pleasure knowing they deeply appreciate the support and will use it to keep all our memories alive.

You were all able to enjoy Fraternity life as a Crow because of the support of the alumni before you. Please contribute what you can no matter how little it may be. Every little bit DOES help and will allow the Building Association to give all of you the attention you deserve.

Phi Kappa Building Association
Income and Expense
Quarter Ended November 30, 1994

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenues			
Undergraduate Rent	\$ 500.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ (6,500.00)
Graduate Dues	300.00	11,000.00	(10,700.00)
Dividend Income	643.75	2,760.00	(2,116.25)
Citibank Account Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations	218.00	400.00	(182.00)
Total Revenues	\$ 1,661.75	\$ 21,160.00	\$ (19,498.25)
Expenses			
Real Estate Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
House Improvements	0.00	0.00	0.00
Insurance	661.00	7,000.00	6,339.00
Improvement Loan	838.92	3,360.00	2,521.08
Phi Kappa News	100.00	400.00	300.00
National Convention	500.00	500.00	0.00
Homecoming	0.00	500.00	500.00
Phone & Postage	18.00	100.00	82.00
Sewer Fee	0.00	200.00	200.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	100.00	100.00
Total Expenses	\$ 2,117.92	\$ 21,160.00	\$ 19,042.08
Net Loss	\$ (456.17)		

Notes

As of 12/28/94, we are current on our Real Estate Taxes and all other old debts. The budget for current taxes includes an allocation for penalties and interest on prior taxes. I expect the current taxes to amount to around \$7,000.00.

Phi Kappa Building Association
Balance Sheet
As of November 30, 1994

Assets (excluding property)	
Cash - Citibank Checking	\$ 5,752.25
Investments	
T.Rowe Price New Income Corporate	19,013.04
T.Rowe Price New Income Trust	6,641.45
T.Rowe Price Short Term Bond	10,645.26
Other Assets	
Prepaid Expense	279.64
Total Assets	\$ 42,331.64
Liabilities	
First of America - Improvement Loan	\$ 28,215.65
Real Estate Taxes - 1991-1992	13,940.99
Total Liabilities	\$ 42,156.64
Equity	
General Fund Balance	\$ 0.00
Donations - Restricted	175.00
Total Equity	\$ 175.00
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$ 42,331.64

Notes

We redeemed \$12,000.00 from the New Income Corporate Fund and \$3,000.00 from the New Income trust fund to pay all delinquent taxes in December 1994. The Combined fund balance at T. Rowe Price as of December 27, 1994 was \$21,360.47. (Note this year's budget totals \$21,160.00)

Letter from the Editor and the Board Members

By: Brian Sheehan

Volunteer

I am helping out the Alumni Board with this news letter because I feel strongly about our fraternity. If you can volunteer in any way, please step forward sooner rather than later. You know the reasons why.

Future Crow News

If you have an interesting story to tell and would like to share it with you Brothers please drop us a note in the Phi Kappa mailbox (address listed below). Of course the story will be screened.

Alumni List and Database

We want to make the Alumni list as current as possible. Please include with your return stub and any correspondence with the Board any

address changes of your friends that you know of.

Also, please list addresses of anyone that has graduated from the Chapter since about 1990 that you know of. These more recent classes have never been updated with the database.

Crow Correspondence

Phi Kappa Dues \$25

Brother _____

Please Send dues/ donations to:

**Phi Kappa Building Association
P.O. Box 255
Champaign, IL 61820-0255**

I would like my donations to be put towards: _____

I would like to help the Graduate Chapter/ Building Association, please contact me: () _____

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