



PHI KAPPA MESSENGER



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I-L-L...
Homecoming 2008 saw a great turnout of Alpha Chi Rho men young & "less young."

SCHEDULE

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Feat. "The Chief"
The Quad
6 pm

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General Meeting
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Illinois vs. MSU
Memorial Stadium
11 am

BBQ & Catching Up
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Post-game
(approx. 3 pm)

PARKING

Available on the manicured AXP lawn

QUESTIONS?

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Where will you be Oct. 10th?

Hopefully, the answer is "at 311 East Armory revisiting the source of a great span of four (or more) years of my life." Homecoming 2009 is scheduled for the weekend of **October 9th through the 11th**, and if you haven't had a chance to revisit Champaign recently, it's time to make a visit. The undergraduate chapter has been quite busy of late and would love the opportunity to tell you all about how they're continuing to spread the tradition of Phi Kappa. The neighborhood may have changed - TKEs are now a block down Euclid across the street from the new PKΦ house - but the Crow spirit is alive and well.

Whether you come for the entire weekend or just the football game on Saturday, bring your family by the House to relax and catch up with old friends. If you have any questions or concerns about the weekend, please don't hesitate to contact Chapter President (and Alumni Chair) **Kevin Flaherty** at kflaher2@illinois.edu.

Join your fellow Phi Kappa alumni already scheduled to attend...

"Phish" Bartlett, '05
Nick Bushman, '04
*Dean Camberis, '05
Kevin Chaplin, '04
Drew DePriest, '04

Brian Dusak, '04
Jeff Dunning, '95.5
Pete Voss, '79
Brad LaPayne, '76
Brian Brauer, '94

Andy Kosowski, '87
Rich Furr, '79
Mike Mann, '05
Paul Ahn, '05
Alger Saldanha, '04
Sean Rohan, '09

John Hung, '04
Will Ni, '05
Kevin Bacigalupo, '04
Alex Gordin, '05
Matt Millitello, '05
...and many more

* All the way from San Francisco

HOMECOMING 2009



Fiddling on the roof

The Phi Kappa Building Association ("Alum Board") oversees major upkeep and maintenance needed at 311 East Armory. By far the largest scale project undertaken in recent years, a new roof recently replaced the deteriorating old shingles covering the heads of the undergrads. The work was performed by a local Champaign roofing contractor, managed by alumnus Brad LaPayne. The construction efforts even made a large photo spread in the Champaign News-Gazette!



photos courtesy of Brad LaPayne

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Mr. Schmidt goes to Orlando

photo courtesy of Facebook



This year was Alpha Chi Rho's 100th National Convention, held at Disney World. Brothers from all over the nation were present, as well as alumni and members from several new colonies. Kevin Flaherty and Brian Schmidt represented Phi Kappa at the Convention and are returning to 311 E. Armory with many new ideas for improving the chapter. Phi Kappa had a great victory at the Convention, as Brian is now **one of two undergraduates** elected to serve on the National Council. Since the Convention, the undergraduates already have events planned with chapters at Ferris State, Purdue and Penn State. Congratulations, Brian!

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HOMEcoming 2009

From the Chapter by Kevin Flaherty Chapter President

This fall will be a very exciting and busy time to be an undergraduate brother at Alpha Chi Rho. With recruitment beginning to get into full swing, studying for classes, and hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive, we all have a lot on our plate, but are enthusiastically working together to grow the house to a place of prominence on campus. We have 20 brothers starting out the semester, after graduating quite a large number of seniors last Spring. We already have a few promising potential new members, and look to top last year's fall class of eleven postulants.

There have also been a few changes around the house this summer to add to the new roof we received last winter. We removed the carpet from the main stairwell and attempted to refinish the original wooden steps to match the rest of the woodwork on the first floor. Also, the basement has been reconfigured to improve the study spaces. More desks and workspace in the old dungeon were created by moving the computers to the grotto, where all of the old books and study files are currently kept.

With the improvements to the house and the optimism and work ethic that is spreading amongst the brothers, the Fall of 2009 looks to be one of the best semesters in recent memory.

Do You Know the Crow?

Name

Kevin Flaherty

Hometown

Cincinnati, Ohio

Class Year

Junior

Major

Materials Science & Engineering

Current Offices Held

President, Alumni Chair

Hobbies

Following Illini & Cincinnati sports, playing racquetball and soccer (poorly)

Favorite Crow Memory

Everyone out together at Clybourne's the weekend it reopened



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Continuing the Tradition



Establishing a Colony

Posing with the Alma Mater after receiving postulant pins, thus establishing Phi Kappa as a colony. September 22, 2001.



Rebirth of Phi Kappa

An incredible number of Phi Kappa alumni joined the celebration and Ritual that officially restored us to chapter status. November 22, 2003. Phi Kappa was originally founded May 29, 1916.

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