

Sorry for the delay in issuing this newsletter. We wanted to wait until we could give you all some concrete news. In January of this year, several graduate Brothers attempted to recruit new members for the undergraduate chapter. As you probably already know, we are completely reorganizing the membership. Starting from scratch will enable us to recruit quality men who are hardworking, take their schooling seriously, and have high moral standards, without being weighed down by the negative influences of some of the recent undergrads. We held a Saturday afternoon "open house" in the Union, and had information booths on campus. Brothers participating in these efforts included: Jeff Chaney, Gregory Remec, Gary Schmitz, Brad LaPayne, Mark Bouckaert, Andy Kosowsky, Terry Kuhn, Jeff Dunning, and Steve Jereb.

We now have three undergraduates to start the "new" Phi Kappa. They are: **George Schmitz**, freshman in biology and younger brother of Brothers Mike, Gary, and Tim; **Matt Duez**, freshman in physics and nephew of Brother Tim Duez; and **Greg Lindsey**, freshman in journalism. These three new postulants took their oath in a private ceremony held in the upstairs of the historic Round Barn Steak house, after which the graduate brothers present treated them to dinner and discussed the postulant period, reminisced about past times and planned for the future. I can say firsthand that these men will be positive additions to our Brotherhood. We plan to initiate them by the end of this summer. These men are extremely eager to reenter the Chapter house.

Please note in the above paragraph that two of the three new postulants are related to current Brothers. Are there any more out there? Perhaps a friend or neighbor? We are at a crucial point in our history, but these three Postulants possess the drive and enthusiasm we need to turn ourselves around. Let's not desert them! They can't do it alone. We are grateful for your past support. Please continue to help anyway you can. **If you know of anyone who may be interested in becoming a Crow, PLEASE let us know.** We will be rushing hard

again this Fall. If you think you MAY be able to help out down in Champaign, let us know that also.

We currently have no Graduate Mentors in the fields of these three Postulants. If you or someone you know can help, please let me know as soon as possible. (847) 885-9628.

As you may have figured out, we don't have enough members to reoccupy the Chapter House this Fall, so we are working out details to rent the Chapter House to the Chi Psi undergraduate chapter for the coming school year. They have recently had to sell their historic home because of high costs of upkeep and low membership. They need a place to live until they build up their numbers and purchase a new house. The Sigma Chi Graduate President, during a recent phone conversation, expressed their appreciation for the use of our house and said that it has helped to maintain brotherhood in their undergraduate chapter. Of course, their occupancy paid our bills for the past year, so we benefited also.

Speaking of rent, bills, and costs of upkeep, it is time to pay your dues for 1996. They are still only \$25 (although additional donations will be greatly appreciated), and they help to fund not only repairs to the house, but this newsletter and future graduate and undergraduate programs as well. Hopefully all the Christmas bills are paid by now, so reach for your pen and your checkbook!

We still need Graduate Brothers who are willing to call Brothers they are still in touch with to let them know of events and important news. It is not practical to notify everyone by mail, and there are not enough of us at the moment to spread news quickly by phone. So if you can help, please let us know.

Also, for those of you who know Spence, the Executive Director of Alpha Chi Rho, he is retiring after many years of service to our Fraternity. It might be nice to call him or write a quick letter letting him know of our appreciation for all of his hard work. He can be reached at the National Headquarters.

Finally, if you can, please contribute to Jeff Dunning's project (detailed later in the newsletter). He is assembling a history of Phi Kappa, and would be happy to get all of the information, reminiscences, and pictures you can send him.

Hopefully, we can have even more good news next time around. Until then, please keep the Phi Kappa Shorts coming and remember to return your ballots.

### It's Election Time!

Because we have been running in a crisis mode for the past year and a half, we have not had formal elections. Now that things have calmed down a bit, we need to elect some new Board members. With the departure of Brian Sheehan and Mark O'Beirne, Mark Bouckaert and I are the only formal board members, along with Terry Kuhn and Gary Schmitz, who have been appointed.

This time only, we would like to have a two-tiered election process. We are proposing that **Brothers Kuhn and Schmitz** be confirmed by the Brotherhood, and begin officially serving on the Board immediately. I strongly urge you to confirm them because they have put in countless hours over the past year, and are both willing to serve on the Board.

**Brother Kuhn** has devoted countless hours to keeping the Chapter House in good repair. Terry took the initiative in organizing the all-house cleanups that helped us reduce fire code violations, personally fixing some of these violations himself, being our contact with Sigma Chi over the past year, and contracting with professional tradesmen for the jobs he could not do himself. In addition, he has helped with Rush efforts and has attended virtually every Phi Kappa function over the past few years.

**Brother Schmitz** has, in addition to assisting with house cleanup efforts and rush efforts, taken on the responsibility of pledge education for the new undergraduates. He has experience in this area, as the Postulant Educator for the Class of '87. He was also instrumental in

bringing his younger brother George, George's roommate Matt, and their friend Greg, into Alpha Chi Rho as our newest postulants.

Because I might not even be writing this now if it weren't for the efforts of these men, I strongly urge you to confirm them to the Board of Directors.

Also, we need three additional men willing to serve the Graduate Brotherhood. It would be nice to see men from different eras represented on the Board. Please be sure that the Brother you nominate is willing to serve and understands that there is a certain amount of time commitment necessary to be effective. Having said that, the time involved is not as great as you might think, and there is a certain reward to receiving letters of thanks from Brothers from the 1920's to the 1980's. If you would like to help but think board membership might be too much, please contact us about serving on a committee or just assisting on a temporary basis.

Please write any nominations in the ballot provided in this newsletter.

Andy Kosowsky '87

### Do You Remember When ....

For those of you who don't know me, I am Jeff Dunning, a '95 alumnus of Phi Kappa. Having lived in the Chapter House the last two years, I have noticed and examined the many old trophies, pictures, and other mementos around the house. It occurred to me that Phi Kappa is desperately in need of a written history in order to preserve some of the traditions and memories for both the past and future Brothers. I decided that I would volunteer to compile a booklet (with illustrations) over the summer, in time for the Fall rush period, giving a little overview of Phi Kappa's history and traditions over the years. However, I cannot do it without your help. I am asking for my Brothers to send me information that would be helpful in doing this. Specific things that I am interested in including are a list of past Chapter presidents, the history

of the Chapter House itself, Postulant Period and I-Week traditions, social events (parties, formals, pledge postulant dances, exchanges, tailgates, homecoming, etc.), intramural championships, community service and philanthropy events, room renovations or additions, dorm stories, formal dinner traditions, and anything else significant and/or amusing from Phi Kappa's history. Every one of you has something unique to contribute, and I would greatly appreciate your taking the time to write down something and send it to me. If you have any photos, party favors, or other mementos that you think are interesting and would like to submit, I will return them to you. With everyone's help, I can put together something that will not only give every Brother a better sense of the Chapter's history, but will encourage the newest group of Brothers to carry on some of the traditions that we all cherish. My address is : 275 Union Blvd. Apt. 1205, St. Louis, MO 63108.

Editor's note - Please support Jeff as much as you can. In past Homecoming gatherings, I have heard many complaints about the condition or disappearance of many items at the Chapter House. Part of the problem has been that newer Brothers do not know the significance of items around them everyday. If we teach them why the items are important to us, they will be more willing to protect the item and maintain any traditions associated to it. A history will also develop a common bond among all classes. This characteristic has not been all that strong in the past few years. We are in the process of rebuilding our undergraduate Brotherhood. Now is a great time to let the new Brothers know what Alpha Chi Rho stands for and why we do the things we do. If anyone would like to give Jeff a hand on this, please let him know. It would be nice to expand Jeff's booklet into a complete history of our Chapter.

### Phi Kappa Shorts:

**Brother Jack Benard, '40**, reports that he's "still kicking around at 78" despite requiring oxygen at night. He and his wife have traveled extensively, and he still skied at age 75! His two daughters are happily married to their first and only husbands, one of whom is a builder and the other a lawyer. Brother Benard has four grandchildren, one a junior in college this fall, one a freshman, and two young boys, ages 15 and 12.

**Brother Norman Mayfield, '49**, retired in 1987 after 25 years with the Magnavox Company. He was Division General Manager in Chicago. After retiring to Houston, Texas, he began a new career as a Realtor in 1988. His wife, Pat, who he married 48 years ago while in college, has been a Realtor for the past 25 years.

**Brother William J. Sullivan, '58**, retired from Inland Steel after 37 years in Sales. Since the move from Green Bay to Plainfield, IL has been successful, he and his wife Karen have decided to remain in Plainfield. They have, however, remained loyal Packer Backers. Their five children are spread throughout the country, so they plan to do a lot of traveling.

**Brother Peter H. Schwarz, '91.5**, is currently living in Chicago and works for Hewitt Associates in Deerfield.

**Brother Gary K. Wolf, '63**, was honored as one of the five "Comebackers of the Year" at Homecoming last October. He is the renowned author of the story that became the hit Disney film "Who Framed Roger Rabbit?". The following Brothers and wives paid tribute to him at a reception following the game: Larry and Nancy Johnson; Bill and Jane Welch; Al and Carol Reitz and their son John; Bill and Judy Terpstra and their son Billy with his recent bride Beth; and Mike and Pam Scelsi and their son Mike and daughter Jennifer.

**Brother Jim Perkins, '72**, taught high school science with his wife Sandy for a while after retiring from the Air Force. He is now the director of the Air Weather Service Technical

Library, providing reference service, traditional library support, and publishing services for military meteorologists, space scientists, climatologists, and others worldwide. His son, Laird, attends McKendree College, and his son Pierce is in the 5th grade.

**Brother Jim Sperelakis, '82.5**, has been living in Europe for the last five years, most of the time in the fun, interesting, lively, "sinful" city of Amsterdam. At the end of '95, he and his wife moved to Leeuwarden in the far north of the Netherlands. This area is stereotypically Holland, with skating on the frozen canals in winter and sailing on the plentiful lakes in the summer. He married his Dutch wife Wiepkje in June of 1994 in an "old world" ceremony on a remote and beautiful Greek island. He has been working for the same company since graduation (SC Johnson Polymer, a division of Johnson Wax), and is currently director of the coatings polymer business in Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

**Brother Andy Kosowsky, '87**, and his wife Christina celebrated their first wedding anniversary last summer with a trip to England. Upon their return, he began his new position as Senior Field Examiner with the Asset Based Lending Division of LaSalle National Bank. He was previously with Bank of America Illinois. Andy is also a member of the Republican Organization of Schaumburg Township, and served as volunteer coordinator at last year's northwest (Chicago) suburban Republican picnic.

**Brother Jeffrey Dunning, '95**, is a law student at Washington University of St. Louis. He has undertaken the task of writing Phi Kappa's history, and needs support from Brothers of all eras to be successful.

**Brother Steven Jereb, '96**, is the recipient of Alpha Chi Rho's Richard V. Olson Scholarship. He was recognized in the Fall 1995 issue of the Garnet and White. He also won a scholarship in 1994. Steve was formerly President of the undergraduate chapter and, along with Brother Dunning, worked hard for the fraternity despite

overwhelming odds. He will be starting medical school in the fall. We wish this graduating senior luck and welcome him to the Graduate Chapter.

### Dues and Donations

It is that time of year again! Please consider supporting your Graduate Chapter. Your past support has been greatly appreciated. Thanks to all the following Brothers who have paid their dues as well as those who were generous to contribute a donation.

Randy L. Bisping	Richard F. Locke
John B. Downs	Dale W. Marquart
G. William Fisher	Horace G. Marshall
Walter E. Gabehart	Norman D. Mayfield
Paul T. Gaskins	James S. Perkins
Burton C. Gerber	Michael A. Scelsi
Joseph C. Hayek	Peter H. Schwarz
Robert W. Kafka	John T. Smithson
Andrew Kosowsky	William J. Sullivan
Terry J. Kuhn	

Thank you for your continued generosity and support! A special thanks goes out to the following Brothers who were especially generous with their contributions to our Graduate Chapter.

<u>Jack H. Benard</u>	Jerome Nelson
<u>Mark J. Bouckaert</u>	Richard W. Smith
Steven R. Johnson	James P. Sperelakis
Daryl R. Lindemann	George T. Wilkins Jr
<u>Richard W. Murray</u>	

### Phi Kappa Finances

The financial results thus far for this year are mixed. As you can see from the financial statements, we are within budget for most of the accounts. We had some unexpected repairs to fix a leak in the 3rd floor bathroom and some broken drainage tiles. In addition, some fire code violations were corrected. These expenses used funds earmarked for reducing our improvement loan balance. As usual, we are running on a tight budget despite renting the

House to Sigma Chi. Just as one name makes a difference in our membership, each membership due and/or contribution makes a difference. Your continued support is invaluable and makes more of a difference now than ever before. If you have not sent in your dues, please try to help if you can.

As Andy mentioned earlier, we are looking to rent out the House again this year until we recruit enough members needed to live in the House to cover all of our expenses. Our new Postulants are determined to get back in the House. We must step forward now with any form of assistance you can think of to help them recruit some quality men for our Chapter. Please call or write to us with any leads or ideas. I (Mark) can be reached at (708)393-6588 or (312)655-2712. Andy's number is on page 1.

Due to extremely poor performance in our investments at T. Rowe Price lately, I recommend we liquidate the Funds and reinvest in a more stable and reliable fund. I have a few ideas but would appreciate some suggestions.

Also, if any of you are up on the current nonprofit requirements, please contact me. I could use some guidance dealing with the changes.

I hope you all enjoy reading about your chapter and will help support our efforts morally, financially, or via volunteer work. Although your continued financial support is critical to the ongoing efforts of your Chapter, we realize not all Brothers are in a position to help via donations. We would still like to hear of any ideas of comments about our efforts or suggestions toward our future-positive or negative.

Income and Expense Statement  
For the Nine Month Period Ended May 31, 1996

	Actual	Budgeted
Rent	25,600	25,000
<b>Graduate Dues</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>3,000</b>
Donations	2,002	1,500
Dividend Income	1,019	1,500
Other Income	71	0
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>29,392</b>	<b>31,000</b>
Property Taxes	7,101	8,000
Insurance	6,183	6,000
Improvement Loan	3,012	8,000
Rush	716	1,000
Crow News	179	350
National Conv.	0	0
Homecoming '95	0	0
Phone & Postage	446	400
Sewer	685	150
<b>Building Maint.</b>	<b>9,409</b>	<b>3,000</b>
Prior Yr Expense	3,697	4,000
Miscellaneous	29	100
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>31,457</b>	<b>31,000</b>

**Total Gain(Loss)** -2,065

Balance Sheet  
As of May 31, 1996

Assets:	
Checking	5,560
T.Rowe Price N.I. Corp.	8,172
T.Rowe Price N.I. Trust	4,225
T.Rowe Price S-T Bond	11,669
<b>Total Assets:</b>	<b>29,626</b>
Liabilities:	
Payables	7,101
Improvement Loan	27,000
Rent Deposit	3,500
<b>Total Liabilities:</b>	<b>37,601</b>
Equity:	
Operating Fund	-7,975
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity:</b>	<b>29,626</b>

