

# the crows are back!

On Saturday, Sept. 22, 2001, the official return of Alpha Chi Rho to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign campus began. At 11 a.m. in Room 314 of the Illini Union, several alumni brothers returned to their alma mater to pin the new wave of Alpha Chi Rho men.

In a ceremony which lasted approximately an hour, the young postulants took their oaths to the fraternity, administered by the alumni present. After the colony introduced themselves to the crowd of 40 or so, the group headed to the adjacent room for a buffet luncheon in honor of the ceremony.

During lunch, Executive Director Matt Jenkins addressed those in attendance, delivering a speech concerning the events of the day. Representing the colony itself and fighting a recent battle with a cracking voice, sophomore Drew DePriest spoke about what he expects in the future from the guys and our general mission.

Needless to say, it was quite the ceremony, appropriately ending with the singing of *Amici*, despite a lack of harmony. The only thing left to do from there was gather everyone for a picture in front of the alma mater, naturally (see page 4).

Check out the next few pages to meet the guys, find out who we are, what we're about, where we plan on going in life and what we have in mind for Alpha Chi Rho. If you get a chance, send us an e-mail - we've included all our e-mail addresses on page 5.

Be on the look out for e-mail regarding the colony showing up in your inboxes. We're very excited about establishing contact with alumni and learning the ways of the Crows. So let us know about you, share some stories about life as a Phi Kappa or even offer us any advice you might have.

Also, we're working on a new Web site with some pretty cool design tricks to it. Check it out and see what's new with Phi Kappa (it's under a lot of construction, be warned).

[www.uiuc.edu/ro/axp](http://www.uiuc.edu/ro/axp)

Homecoming this year is Oct. 20, with the football team hosting Wisconsin. A few of us would like to know if any alumni in town would be interested in going to play golf that Saturday afternoon, depending on the weather. E-mail Drew DePriest at [adepries@uiuc.edu](mailto:adepries@uiuc.edu) if you're interested. Hope you enjoy getting to know us, the pleasure is all ours.

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## HOMECOMING 2001!

**We're trying to set up some sort of tailgate or a get-together so all the alumni in town can meet us and hang out the weekend of Homecoming, Sat., Oct. 20.**

**Watch your e-mail for updates on time and place.**



# meet the crows



Jay Patel

senior, Bio-engineering

**Hometown:** Gaborone, Botswana, Africa

**Activities:** EMBS (social chair), Rotaract

**Sports:** Pool, golf, football, field hockey

**Greatest Accomplishment:** Completing a survivor challenge in South Africa

**Why AXP?** The feeling of brotherhood

**Where will you be in 10 years?**

Entrepreneur, owner of Bio-tech company

**Important aspect of life:** Happiness and prosperity



Kevin Bacigalupo

sophomore, Biology/Chemistry

**Hometown:** Wheaton, IL

**Activities:** IMPE referee, club tennis

**Sports:** Basketball, tennis, golf, football

**Greatest Accomplishment:** Camping in Minnesota for nine days and surviving

**Why AXP?** To jump on a fraternity and run it the way we want it to be run

**Where will you be in 10 years?** Living in

Colorado with my wife and a science-field job

**Important aspect of life:** Accomplishing goals



Nital Patel

sophomore, MIS (minor in CS)

**Hometown:** Des Plaines, IL

**Activities:** ISA, job in dorm computer labs

**Sports:** Basketball, football, tennis

**Greatest Accomplishment:** Being able to look back at what I've done with no regrets

**Why AXP?** The opportunity of beginning something from scratch

**Where will you be in 10 years?** Working in the IT field

**Important aspect of life:** Happiness and prosperity



Tom Kim

sophomore, Education

**Hometown:** Morton Grove, IL

**Activities:** Army ROTC, vis-vis tutoring, MAFE, Rifle team, Illinois Climbing Club, ISA, IFC, Panera Bread, Illini Pride, Adventure Club

**Why AXP?** To create a multi-cultural brotherhood that consists of high and clean morality in life.

**Where will you be in 10 years?** Riding one of my six horses on my 25-acre ranch in the middle of the Colorado Rocky Mountains.

**Important aspect of life:** Pursuit of happiness



Nick Bushman

sophomore, Elementary Education

**Hometown:** Morton Grove, IL

**Activities:** Starcourse, intramural soccer, tutoring

**Sports:** Soccer, football, baseball

**Greatest Accomplishment:** 4.0 GPA last year

**Why AXP?** Brotherhood

**Where will you be in 10 years?** Teaching in California

**Important aspect of life:** Happiness, family and friends



Huss Bhanpuri

sophomore, Business

**Hometown:** Des Plaines, IL

**Activities:** ISA, Habitat for Humanity, intramurals

**Sports:** Mostly anything, basketball is my favorite

**Greatest Accomplishment:** Coming to U of I, helping my father out with his business

**Why AXP?** To prove to myself I'm responsible

**Where will you be in 10 years?** A successful person who's made a difference, big or small

**Important aspect of life:** Living





**Drew DePriest**

sophomore, General Engineering

**Hometown:** Alton, IL

**Activities:** The Daily Illini student newspaper, Illini Pride

**Sports:** Golf, basketball, football, baseball

**Greatest Accomplishment:** Going to college

**Why AXP?** The atmosphere, the vibe of the guys

**Where will you be in 10 years?** Good job, live on east coast, driving a silver Porsche Boxster

**Important aspect of life:** Success and happiness



**Kevin Chaplin**

sophomore, Computer Engineering

**Hometown:** Mt. Prospect, IL

**Activities:** U of I Climbing Club, Illini Pride, Save the Chief

**Sports:** Golf, soccer, tennis, watching football

**Greatest Accomplishment:** Getting into U of I engineering

**Why AXP?** Brotherhood

**Where will you be in 10 years?** Married, living in Chicago with a McLaren F1

**Important aspect of life:** Occupation (money)



**Reggy Kizhakepunnur**

sophomore, MIS Finance

**Hometown:** Des Plaines, IL

**Activities:** ISA, Big Sib/Lil Sib, E-Commerce

**Sports:** Football, tennis

**Why AXP?** Sense of brotherhood and to create something that will stand out in my life

**Where will you be in 10 years?** Working in a consulting firm in a major city, hopefully

**Important aspect of life:** Happiness and \$\$\$



**Alger Saldanha**

sophomore, Biology

**Hometown:** Schaumburg, IL

**Activities:** Wireless Retail, ISA

**Sports:** Basketball, soccer

**Why AXP?** Great opportunity

**Where will you be in 10 years?** Residency for medicine

**Important aspect of life:** Have success



**Brian Dusak**

sophomore, Civil Engineering

**Hometown:** Glendale Heights, IL

**Activities:** work at Famous Footwear

**Sports:** Golf, baseball, basketball, football, etc.

**Greatest Accomplishment:** Juggling school, baseball and work in high school, still doing well

**Why AXP?** Great opportunity, sense of brotherhood

**Where will you be in 10 years?** Working in a prosperous engineering firm

**Important aspect of life:** Family

**Ed Cha**

sophomore, Math/Chemistry/Pre-Med

**Hometown:** Lincolnwood, IL

**Activities:** Chem tutor, E-Commerce consultant

**Sports:** Basketball, tennis, hockey, soccer

**Why AXP?** Unique fraternity

**Where will you be in 10 years?** Retired

**Important aspect of life:** Happiness of those around me

not pictured: Ed Cha (above right)

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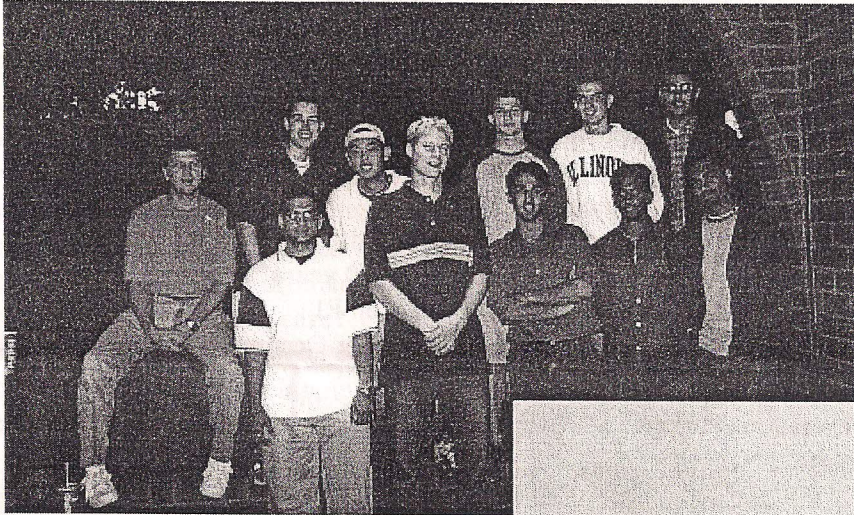
Rex Lee, sophomore, from Los Angeles, CA

Sarim Murtaza, sophomore in Business,  
from Dubai, United Arab Emirates



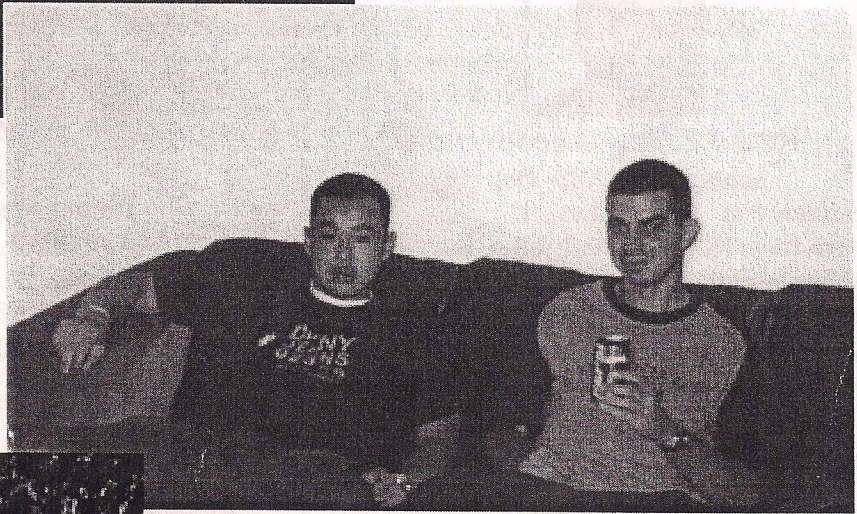
# the evidence

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(left) Matt Jenkins, Executive Director of Alpha Chi Rho (far left), and the Crows, after dinner the night before pinning at Empire Chinese Restaurant on Green Street (in the Skylight Apartment complex).

(right) Rex Lee (left) and Kevin "Baci" Bacigalupo relaxing at a cookout. We proved we really can make dinner all by ourselves.



Here's just a few of the many pictures we've already started taking to chronicle everything. We'll be putting more up on the Web site as we get them in, and feel free to send us anything you'd like to see on the site.

(left) The newly-pinned members of the Phi Kappa colony pose in front of their Alma Mater Sept. 22. Technically, one of our first "official" pictures.



# famous last words

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## A message from the Phi Kappa president...



Tom Kim

Dear Alumni,

Greetings from the revitalized Phi Kappa colony! I am proud to announce that our fraternity's comeback to this campus is official! It has taken a lot of perseverance and commitment by many individuals who have dedicated themselves completely to our brotherhood. We are a strong, tightly-knit group with high standards for success. We are a diverse group composed of 13 quality individuals. We are quickly expanding in membership as "The Crows are Back" campaign is spreading quickly across this campus. Although many of us are looking forward to obtaining the house this coming summer, we are all more importantly motivated by the impact we will have in the Champaign and Urbana communities, to the University and between the members in our brotherhood. We are creating a new foundation that will last for as long as this University exists. We are not only here to receive all the benefits Alpha Chi Rho has to offer, but rather, we are here to pass on those benefits and traditions to the next generation of brothers. If you have any questions, concerns, comments or stories that will further improve our progress or simply humor us, I urge you to contact us. You will be hearing from us frequently in the upcoming year. Hope to hear from you all!

Sincerely,  
Tom Kim

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Drew



October 2001

Dear Brother,

Here is a short note to keep you up to date:

Undergraduates from your Chapter have taken advantage of a program to keep you informed. The Fraternity allows each Chapter the opportunity to send (4) newsletters to their Graduate Brothers each year and we will "foot the bill." We are happy to bring you Chapter news. We are excited to have Phi Kappa back at Illinois.

This fall term the National Fraternity has an aggressive agenda including events, programs and resources for the Brotherhood to celebrate. For example:

- Strategic Success for Chapters – This is a workshop facilitated by the National Staff to help a Chapter create a three-year strategic plan.
- Alpha Chi Rho personal, time-management planner designed by Franklin Covey is being distributed to our new members this year.
- "Challenge The World" national philanthropy program helps our Chapters develop a relationship with American Cancer Society, Autism Society of America, Feed the Children, and Habitat for Humanity.

The Fraternity and Foundation partner with your Chapter to develop leadership and build character in Alpha Chi Rho men. You can find out more about your Fraternity, these, and other programs by visiting our website at [www.alphachirho.org](http://www.alphachirho.org). Help me thank the Foundation for their loyal support of our Fraternity by contributing to the Graduate Support Fund.

In Word and Deed,

*D. Matthew Jenkins*

*Keeping you posted!*

D. Matthew Jenkins  
Executive Director/National Secretary

P.S. Your support makes its way back to your Chapter!

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## Alpha Chi Rho Fraternity Upcoming events

*Mark Your 2001 Calendars! The fall term will be an exciting one. We hope to see you at many of these events. The following will be updated throughout the 2001 fall-term. Get more information at [www.alphachirho.org](http://www.alphachirho.org).*

### September

- **7-9 Phi Lambda Colony Pinning Ceremony – State College, PA**
- 8 AXPEF Fall Trustee Meeting – RB Stewart National Headquarters, Neptune, NJ
- **22 Phi Kappa Colony Pinning Ceremony – Champaign/Urbana, IL**
- 29 Eta Phi Homecoming – Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA

### October

- 5-6 NIF Annual Foundation Seminar – Adams Mark Hotel, Indianapolis, IN
- 6 Tau Phi 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Alfred University, Alfred, NY
- **7 Eta Chi Phi Colony Pinning Ceremony – NYIT, Central Islip, NY**

### November

- 3 Phi Phi Homecoming – University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
- 3 Fall Term National Council Meeting – Newman Center, Drexel University
- 10 CROW BOWL – Drexel University/University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
- **10 Phi Omicron Colony Pinning Ceremony – Madison, WI**
- **17 Phi Psi Chartering – Trinity College, Hartford, CT**
- 24 Worcester Regional Alumni Event – Worcester, MA
- 30 Washington DC Regional Alumni Event – Washington DC

### December

- 7-8 Phi Pi Chi 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and re-chartering – Indiana, PA
- 16 Kappa Phi 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Slippery Rock, PA