

311 East Armory

It's official ... We have successfully achieved our membership goals as far as men willing to inhabit the Alpha Chi Rho house at 311 E. Armory. As such, the Building Association has terminated their lease with the Chi Psi fraternity -- who has inhabited the

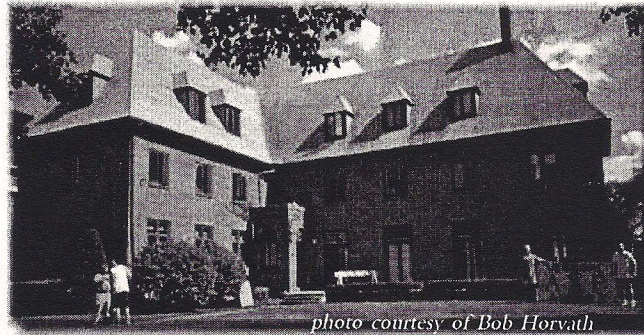


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building for several years -- and extended to lease to the colony. For a while, it was unsure just what exactly would take place in regards to the house.

In October, we were informed that we needed 17 men willing to live in the house in order to acquire the lease for the fall of 2002. I went to the greek affairs office to talk to our adviser, Lisa Ruster, who gave

me a composite list of over 900 men who expressed interest in the greek system on Quad Day at the beginning of the semester. Along with my roommate Kevin Chaplin, with help from his girlfriend Joy and Alger, we looked up the e-mail addresses of all 900 or so individuals, and over the course of two days, sent them all a message inviting them to check us out.

We got 9 responses -- about one percent, what we pretty much expected. From there, we met with each man and invited them to take a step further and come to a meeting and see if they like us. Somehow we managed to take each interested person and bring them to the group, a 100 percent success rating.

Things have definitely progressed thus far. At the beginning of last semester, "chapter" took place on the Quad, right in front of Foellinger. We'd meet at 5:30, talk for an hour about what we'd been up to, then take off for Fat Don's in the six pack. Now we have structure, with each chair delivering a report to the men, following announcements from president Tom Kim. He even quizzes us each week (education major that he is) to make sure we know our stuff. One of the 12 steps to regaining chapter status is passing the exoteric exam, so we have to start studying.

Again, we love to hear from you guys. Hope all is well, and we'll be in touch.

— Drew DePriest, PR Chair

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PINNING CEREMONY 2

Since the membership roster has more than doubled since the initial pinning ceremony, we've scheduled another one for March 2, a Saturday, at 11:30 a.m. at the Illini Union. Check your e-mail soon for more information!

Keep checking your e-mail in the coming week or two, for Jay Patel (alumni chair) should be sending out information about the next pinning ceremony, our first "official" pledge class (even though we're all sort of in the postulant stage as a colony right now, but we're going with it). We've set the date for Saturday, March 2, at 11:30 in the morning. The room is being secured right now, but it will be at the Illini Union on campus.

We'd love it for as many alums to make it as possible. A few of us met with **Brian Brauer**, a Phi Kappa alumni who now works with the Fire Institute on campus, last semester and went to lunch. Drew met up with alum **Grant Kang**, a crow who now resides just west of St. Louis. The two of them checked out the Illinois-Missouri "Braggin' Rights" game in December, where the Illini pulled it out in the end to beat Mizzou.

We plan to have some official alumni events next year at 311 East Armory. Note the word "official," as in whenever anybody wants to stop by, come on. We can't promise the inside of the house will be completely immaculate, but you know how it goes. The front of the house, however, should hopefully be a different story. Over break, alumni **Jeff Wilson** donated a lawn mower and some fertilizer for the front lawn, which will definitely come in handy. As a group, we realize how much work has been put into the house, and we plan to continue the tradition with lots of hard work.

New t-shirts are in!! We have a few extras (not sure about the sizes), but if anyone would like one, they're running about \$15 a shirt.

ORIGINAL



It's a grey shirt, with this logo on the back. "Original" is in black, and the "Crows" part is done in red and white. Sam Kim, one of the new "pledges," is amazingly versed in Adobe Photoshop, and turned the logo of Original Coors beer into this. Wow. Beneath the logo reads, "Be Original. Be Men."

The newest crows, set to be pinned March 2



Sarim Murtaza
Sophomore,
College of Business
United Arab Emirates



John Hung
Sophomore,
College of Business
Bethesda, MD



Sam Kim
Freshman,
General Engineering
Homewood, IL



Danny Chesnut
Freshman,
College of ACES
Naperville, IL



Alex Heffernan
Freshman,
LAS
Island Lake, IL



Alex Gordin
Freshman,
Computer Science
Skokie, IL



Will Ni
Freshman,
Engineering
Newton, MA



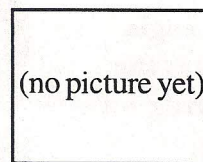
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Freshman,
Aviation
Glenview, IL



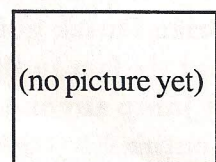
Mike Mann
Freshman,
Athletic Training
Deerfield, IL



Dean Camberis
Freshman,
LAS
Deerfield, IL



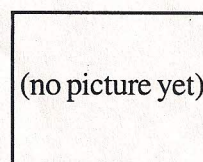
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Nikhil Gadre
Junior,
LAS
Bombay, India



(no picture yet)
Hafiz Khan
Freshman,
ACES
Bartlett, IL



Sam Lee
Junior,
Pre-Med Psychology
Peoria, IL



(no picture yet)
Robert "Phish" Bartlett
Freshman,
Aero & Astro Engineering
Carterville, IL

We'd love for any of you guys to come help us hatch the new crows March 2. E-mail Jay Patel for details...

the evidence

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(left) Over winter break, a group of us decided to trek up to Cascade Mountain, a ski resort just north of Madison, Wisc. Kevin and Drew tried out snowboarding, but everybody else just skied. Needless to say, we were exhausted and sore after two days of it.

(right) During said winter break ski trip, some of the guys found the moguls hill with a pretty sweet jump at the end of the run. Although it's kinda hard to tell, this is Brian Dusak going spread eagle about six feet in the air. This is the only jump anyone landed during the entire two days. Nice job, Dusak.



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) We got invited to a an event sponsored by aKDPhi, the asian-interest sorority, one Friday night.. This shot is of Will Ni (eyes closed), Sam Kim (right), and Danny Chesnut (middle) breaking it down in the corner.

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A message from the Phi Kappa president...



Tom Kim

Greetings once again from Champaign! This past semester was set to construct the foundation of the fraternity and was filled with difficult tasks for everyone. However, we completed every goal we set from the beginning of the semester. After the pinning ceremony, our main focus was to increase our numbers in order to obtain our house on Armory Street. We went from nine members at the beginning to 28 today. Another goal was the strengthen brotherhood and that was accomplished through many activities such as barbeques, football, basketball, parties and team building exercises at chapter. This upcoming semester, I plan to strengthen leadership in every executive board and chair member so that we may have an effective semester in everything but especially philanthropy, fundraisin, public relations and service. I have been attending several different retreats with other Greeks to learn about Greek history, the University of Illinois' history, leadership and team building. I will also be one of five representatives of the Greek system here at the University to attend the MGCA conferece in Chicago, which attracts Greek systems across the country. We already have made a team of six brothers for a University Greek system-wide fundraiser called "Up Til Dawn," with all proceeds going to St. Jude's Hospital. We also have already planned events with the American Cancer Society and Habitat for Humanity. Also, we are supporting other Greeks by attending their events. The Black Greek Council runs an annual dancing performance known as "Stepdown," in which we will all attend. Our efforts in reaching out to the community and creating a new sense of brotherhood have been recognized by the Interfraternity Council. We have been praised at presidents' council meetings for our group's efficiency. More people are hearing about Alpha Chi Rho, and we are back on the rise at this campus.

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Questions regarding the newsletter can be directed to Drew DePriest at *adepries@uiuc.edu*. Thanks for reading! Til the next time,
Drew

Notes From National

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.

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

- Conclave '02 bringing delegates from each Chapter together for a concentrated weekend of Chapter operational workshops and Brotherhood.
- 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. 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

Your support makes its way back to your Chapter!

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