

Illinois Phi Kappa Chapter Reorganizing; Alumni Board Seeks Assistance

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The Alumni Board for the Phi Kappa Chapter, University of Illinois, regrets to report that the National Fraternity has placed the chapter on inactive status. The chapter no longer has any active undergraduate members.

As a consequence of decreasing membership, beginning in the late 1980s and early 1990s, the chapter was no longer able to sustain an adequate number of undergraduate brothers and postulants to remain viable. The Board is seeking any available assistance in the effort to reorganize and resurrect the undergraduate chapter.

1995 was the last year during which Alpha Chi Rho brothers lived in the chapter house. Since then the chapter house has been rented to two other fraternities. By renting the chapter house, the Phi Kappa Building Association is generating (barely) enough revenue to meet fixed payments (insurance, mortgage, taxes, etc.) for the house.

This is obviously a temporary measure, which merely allows us to retain ownership of the property in the short-term. Our long-term goal is to reorganize our chapter and re-establish membership to a self-sustaining level.

However, without an established core membership active on campus, we do not have the recruiting abilities of the competing fraternities. In an effort to gain campus representation, the Board is actively contacting other established clubs and social organizations. It is our hope

to find one that may represent a core of collected members who would be interested in adopting the Landmarks of Alpha Chi Rho. It is still too early in that process to gauge the probability of success.

The recently elected Board also reinstated a quarterly alumni newsletter to inform our graduate brothers and to solicit support for the reorganization effort. While the Phi Kappa graduate chapter is overwhelmingly in favor of these efforts, and the brothers have been generous with financial support, the Board still needs more feasible solutions for our reorganization attempt.

It is our understanding that several other A.C.R. chapters have successfully reorganized. We now turn to brothers at large, who may have experienced this difficult rebuilding task and can provide some guidance and suggestions to make our endeavor successful.

Brothers with experience in this area would be of invaluable assistance in helping us formulate a successful reorganization plan.

Perhaps there are brothers who can assist us in identifying a group of current or incoming University of Illinois (Champaign) students that may be interested in rebuilding the Phi Kappa chapter.

If any brother can provide ideas, guidance, or other assistance in our reorganization effort, please contact us at Phi Kappa Building Association, P.O. Box 255, Champaign, IL, 61820-0255, or by

email c/o bob@horvath.com. More information on the Phi Kappa chapter can be found on the Internet at <http://www.horvath.com/AXP/>.

Our chapter is barely clinging to survival. The efforts of the Board alone may not be enough to resurrect Phi Kappa. Please provide us with whatever assistance you possibly can in re-establishing the proud Alpha Chi Rho tradition at the University of Illinois.

Reactivating Southern Connecticut State

A group of brothers from the Sigma Phi chapter are working towards reactivating the resident, undergraduate, chapter at Southern Connecticut State University. All brothers are more than welcome to participate in their efforts. Any interested brother is asked to contact

Lou Chiarelli at (201) 930-9710,
Jerry Pacelli at (203) 469-0991 or
Gary Del Piano at (203) 795-1127.