

THE SWORD & SHIELD

MICHIGAN ALPHA CHAPTER OF PHI DELTA THETA FRATERNITY

Alumni Association President's Report

Active Chapter Earning Our Support, House Improvements Made

By J.T. (Tom) Buck '77

While there have been challenges and the Alumni Association's expectations are high, I firmly believe our active chapter continues to be worthy of our pride and support.



New concrete driveway installed

These young brothers have been taking care of the chapter house, participating in successful philanthropic activities, boosting their grades, improving their intramural athletic standings and growing the chapter membership.

One area that the Alumni Association would like to see improvement is in the interaction between alums and actives. While we are all very busy and have tremendous demands on our time and financial resources, there are a variety of opportunities during the year for alums to share their wisdom and experience with active members.

Attend Homecoming 2011

As always, the Alumni Association strongly encourages alums to attend our Homecoming Open House prior to the football game. This year's Homecoming is on October 29 (noon kickoff) when the Wolverines take on the Purdue Boilermakers. The house will be open in the morning starting around 9 a.m., and complimentary breakfast foods and beverages will be provided prior to a brief formal program starting around 10 a.m.

Last year, we had an outstanding program that honored our fallen Michigan Alpha military heroes **Phil Craig '63** and **Scott "Harv" Waldinger '86**. It was truly moving to see the brothers from their eras return to the house to share memories of these fine men — we will never forget their ultimate sacrifices for our nation.

Founders Day Dinner 2012 Planned

Another excellent chance for getting to know the actives will take place during the Founders Day Dinner that will be hosted on campus during March of 2012. The active chapter leaders have done a fantastic job of reviving this old tradition and turning it into a high quality annual event. It is a great way to meet our young brothers while refreshing your memory about our fraternity's values and history.

New Opportunities for Alums to Help Active Members

While we unfortunately have not yet made much progress, the Alumni Association and the Chapter Advisory Board continue to be interested in

Alum Contributes to University of Michigan Library

Stephen S. Clark Commended for Generous Donations

Stephen S. Clark '74 was commended in June by the University of Michigan Office of Development for his generous donations to the University of Michigan Library. Clark provided one of the library's single-largest financial gifts ever, which will be used during fall 2011 to establish the Stephen S. Clark Library for Maps, Government Information and Spatial and Numeric Data Services in the Harlan Hatcher Graduate Library.



Stephen S. Clark '74

The library will feature access to a wealth of government datasets that can be projected onto maps to illuminate the meaning and significance of the information. It is expected that the library will be an advanced resource for scholars on campus and beyond.

Clark has made other important donations to the library including a gift to support the 2008 ac-



quisition of the Espresso Book Machine (EBM) in the Shapiro Undergraduate Library. The EBM rapidly produces copies of any of the

hundreds of thousands of out-of-copyright books from the Library's digital collections. It can print, bind and trim a library-quality, 300-page book, including a full-color cover, in about seven minutes.

Clark is the Chairman and CEO of Dwyer Instruments, Inc., of Michigan City, Indiana. Founded in 1931, Dwyer is a leading manufacturer in the controls and instrumentation industry that serves major markets such as HVAC, chemical, food, energy and pollution control.

The Sword & Shield

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exploring the feasibility of establishing some type of mentoring or professional development program that could connect actives with alums.

Our active chapter membership boasts many exceptionally bright and highly motivated young men who are capable of achieving success in a wide variety of fields. They undoubtedly could benefit from summer internships or advice that could be provided by many of our wise and experienced alums.

The real challenge is figuring out how to facilitate meaningful connections in ways that can be managed with limited time and monetary resources. If you have any suggestions about how to do this in the future, please contact me.

Active Chapter's Achievements are Encouraging

In the meantime, please keep in mind that the active chapter is working hard to earn our trust and backing. They co-host, with an Ann Arbor-based non-profit, a highly successful annual Soap Box Derby on South University. The derby engages kids and families from the community to support efforts to fight Lou Gehrig's disease. They also participate in other philanthropic activities throughout the year.

The active chapter has now stabilized with a membership of around 60 men, which is sufficient to financially sustain operations. I am particularly pleased to report that at least 27 brothers will be living in the chapter house during the 2011-2012 year – a full house.

This level will help to strengthen the House Corporation's balance sheet, which has been depleted by substantial investments in major house maintenance and improvements during recent years.

Alumni Financial Support Makes Major House Projects Possible

Of course, alumni contributions to the Annual Fund have made many of these house projects possible, but we need solid revenues from the actives to pay for annual operational costs which have gone up significantly over the years. It is worth noting that the Alumni Association has steadily raised lease rates, so we feel the actives are paying a fair market rent to live in the chapter house.

Thus, alumni contributions to the Annual Fund are essential for critical maintenance/improvement projects. I am very pleased to report that the generosity of our alums enabled us to repave the front driveway, paint numerous rooms inside the house and accomplish a range of smaller, yet essential, maintenance projects during the summer of 2011.

Other U of M Fraternities Following Our Leadership

Another significant development on campus is the recommitment of a couple other fraternities to becoming alcohol-free facilities. I believe this is an important stage in our growing success. While it has been daunting at times to be the leader in proving the viability of alcohol-free housing in the U of M Greek System, other fraternities are finally acknowledging that Phi Delta Theta's model is working.

This will result in a safer Greek System at U of M while expanding the emphasis on the traditional fraternity values such as academic achievement, brotherhood, leadership development, community involvement and integrity.

Thank You for Your Donations and Support

I continue to be grateful for the efforts of all alums volunteering their time on the Alumni Association/House Corporation Board of Directors and Chapter Advisory Board. Without their efforts, we would not have an excellent 108 year old chapter house and be leaders on campus as well as among Phi Delta chapters across the nation.

The Alumni Association is extremely thankful for alumni support of our initiatives to be the best and safest chapter house on the U of M campus. Your financial support is generous and incredibly helpful.

As always, if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. I can be reached by e-mail at jt buck@infinitelearning.com.



J.T. (Tom) Buck '77

Homecoming Open House 2011

**Michigan vs. Purdue Football Saturday
October 29, 10 A.M.-11:30 A.M**

The Alumni Association invites you to attend our annual Homecoming Open House, which will feature a brief program starting at 10 a.m. and light refreshments until 11:30 a.m. The chapter house will be open for viewing during this time period, but locked shut after. Kickoff in the Big House is at noon.

As always, alums are welcome to park on the lawn at no charge. After the game, actives may open the house for alums to visit upon request, but there is no guarantee they'll be there. If you want to be sure you'll be able to see the inside of the house, please come in the morning.



Alumni Profile Interview

Helping GHQ Expand and Strengthen the Fraternity



Name:

Alex Carrick '10

Employer and Occupation:

Leadership Consultant with the Phi Delta Theta

General Headquarters

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What are your responsibilities and accomplishments working for GHQ?

Leadership consultants are responsible for a lot of what occurs here at GHQ. There are two types of consultants with separate responsibilities during the year: chapter services consultants and expansion consultants.

The chapter services consultants travel from chapter-to-chapter working with officers to improve chapter operations as well as meeting alumni and campus officials. Expansion consultants work as a team to start new Phi Delt chapters at campuses as well as provide support for existing colonies. Additionally, we are responsible for other tasks such as planning our leadership conferences and judging awards packets.

This past year, I worked almost exclusively with our group at the University of Arkansas to develop various programs and assist them in recruitment. In the fall, we recruited a new member class of 60 men. During the spring, Arkansas Alpha earned their charter from GHQ, and the event was one of the largest Installations in Phi Delt history.

What are the current top priorities for GHQ? What is your view on how the Phi Delta Theta is doing across the nation?

Last year, the GHQ General Council developed a strategic plan called "Phi Delt 2020," which we outlines six key areas where we as an organization can improve, and outlined specific goals within each area. The different areas are: growth, education, support, communication, capacity and funding. The precepts of Phi Delt 2020 will guide our decisions for the next decade.

It's hard to get a full understanding of the entire organization as an undergraduate, but I can say with confidence that Phi Delta Theta is one of the premiere organizations in the Greek world and is highly respected as a leader among all fraternities. The quality and quantity of our membership is steadily improving. This is a direct result of the GHQ's leadership programs and growth strategy.

Having gained insight on how Phi Delta Theta chapters on other campuses operate, how does Michigan Alpha compare with them? Are there similarities and differences?

One of the things that I've learned is that every chapter, like every campus, is different to some degree. That being said, Michigan Alpha compares very well with other chapters.

We strive for excellence, and have a high caliber membership, which can be attributed to the progress made in recruitment and Phikeia education. The Phikeia program has evolved to the point

where new members are able and willing to step into leadership roles right away.

But, there are also a number of ways Michigan Alpha can improve compared to other chapters. One aspect is the scholarship program. Other chapters have well-defined programs with clear academic expectations and incentives for actives as well as Phikeias. Another improvement that can be made is in the way of awards. Michigan Alpha does a myriad of great things but often fails to receive recognition.

How would you describe the overall experience of working for GHQ? Would you recommend this job for Michigan Alpha actives considering future career options?

I love it. My experience with GHQ has been nothing short of phenomenal. When I interviewed for the position, everyone talked about how the staff works so closely together that it's almost a chapter in itself. They even called it "GHQ Alpha."

I have had the opportunity to improve my personal and professional skills across the board while doing what I enjoy. There is no doubt in my mind that this job will propel me to new heights in the future. I would absolutely recommend this position to Michigan Alpha Phis.

This job is ideal for any brother planning to go into business, marketing, sales, higher education, government or non-profit work. The skills that one learns as a leadership consultant translate perfectly to all of these fields and many others.

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Michigan Alpha Legacies Carry on Family Traditions in the Fraternity

Joe Kraus '82 and his son, **Matt Kraus '14**,

attended the 2011 Founders Day Dinner. Joe has served for many years as the Treasurer of the Alumni Association.



Matt is the one of three Michigan Alpha legacies who are currently active members. The other legacies are **Mackenzie Young '12**, son of **Doug Young '76**, and **Rawlins Horlacher '14**, son of **Tom Horlacher '81**.

The Chapter Grand

Since publication of our last issue, we have learned of the deaths of:

George B. Randolph '49
(September 2010)

Bill MacFarland '56
(August 12, 2011)

James Andrew Maddock '57
(July 20, 2011)

Michael D. Addleman '84
(December 2010)

Phi Delta Theta mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends. For full obituaries, view our web site at www.pdtumich.com.
In coelo quies est.

Active Chapter President's Report

Successful Winter-Spring Terms, Great Momentum for 2011-2012 Year

By Will Hardenbergh '13

On behalf of the active chapter membership, I would like to thank our alums who have been generous in donating their money, time and moral support to Michigan Alpha. Your backing is critically important and tremendously appreciated.

I especially wish to thank the leaders of the Alumni Association/House Corporation and the Chapter Advisory Board for donating countless hours of your time to help the active chapter stay focused on the right direction while also keeping our historic 108-year-old chapter house in outstanding condition.

It is clear that fraternities with strong alumni participation and support enjoy a significant advantage over other houses. Based on what I've seen and heard as president, I think Michigan Alpha's alums are best in the U of M Greek System.

There is no question in my mind that a big part of Phi Delta Theta's success on U of M's campus has been made possible because of our alums. The active chapter is mindful that your support must be earned every year – we take nothing for granted.

I am pleased to say that the fraternity is continuing to grow and improve. Michigan Alpha is fulfilling its mission to be a leader in the U of M Greek System while making a positive impact on the campus and the Ann Arbor community.

It is my hope that you will find our achievements worthy of your continued support and make you proud to say you are a Michigan Alpha alum. The following outlines highlights of the first half of 2011.

Intramural Sports

PDT was highly competitive in the Fraternity League, making the "A" team playoffs in volleyball, wallyball, water polo and broomball. Our collective efforts resulted in a 3rd place finish in the Fraternity League for the 2010-2011 year.

With many veteran athletes returning this fall, we expect to be in the hunt for an IM Sports Championship. Given that PDT finished among the top 3 in the Fraternity League for two straight years

(2nd place during the 2009-2010 year), we have solidified our reputation as aggressive competitors.

Grade Point Average

During the winter term, the chapter maintained a GPA of 3.27, which places us above the all-fraternity campus average of 3.17, all-men campus average of 3.19 and overall campus average of 3.24. Even more impressive was our freshman class GPA of 3.34 that soundly beat the all-male freshmen average of 3.16.

Winter Rush

The chapter placed a renewed emphasis on winter rush, and our hard work paid off with one of the largest pledge classes for that time of year in the history of the fraternity. We recruited an excellent pledge class of 14 men who are all assets to our fraternity.

The majority of the pledges are from the state of Michigan, but the class features diversity with men hailing from as far away as Sweden and Portugal.

Total Membership and House Occupancy

After the 2011 graduation, our active membership totals 56; this places us close to the all-fraternity average of 62 members. It has never been our goal to be the largest fraternity on campus, as we believe that one of the hallmarks of Michigan Alpha's historic success is the opportunity for men to participate in multiple activities and leadership positions.

Most importantly, we have achieved a size that allows us to know every member of the fraternity -- a feat not possible in some houses that strive to be the biggest in numbers rather than best in quality.

A testament to our close-knit philosophy is the fact that 52% (29 men) of our total membership will be living in the chapter house during the 2011-2012 year. In some "big" fraternities, less than half of the members ever live in the chapter house even one year – they never really get to know the majority of the members.

In addition to keeping busy with activities in the chapter, Michigan Alpha

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members are involved in campus activities such as the Hockey Club, Crew Team, Rugby Club, ROTC, Investment Club, Debate Club, Michigan Triathlon Team, Snowboarding Club, Fishing Club and many other organizations.

Social Events

In January, we held our annual ski trip which gave brothers stories to last the rest of the year if not longer. During February, we hosted a date party formal, and throughout the balance of the semester we hosted multiple mixers with sororities such as Delta Gamma, Pi Phi, Chi O, Alpha Phi, AD Pi, Zeta and D Phi E. In summary, *we had a good time...*

Philanthropy

Michigan Alpha's commitment to philanthropy remains solid as we held three large philanthropy events during the winter semester. In the middle of March, the brothers paired up with the ladies of Delta Gamma to host the Banta Bash, which honored the memory of George Banta, Sr. and raised money for charitable causes.

Later in March, we co-hosted with Ann Arbor Active Against ALS, the 3rd Annual Boxcar Derby that brought children and their parents from all around

Ann Arbor to South University to race and promote awareness of ALS. The event continues to grow, and this year we raised more than \$4,000 to fight Lou Gehrig's disease.

We finished the semester by partnering with Phi Sigma Rho sorority to participate in Relay for Life, which benefited the America Cancer Society.

Awards

Michigan Alpha's progress has been measured by numerous awards during recent years, and 2011 continued this trend. The U of M Interfraternity Council presented the chapter awards for Outstanding Achievement in Philanthropy and Outstanding Involvement with IFC.

The PDT General Headquarters named Michigan Alpha as the top "Iron Phi" chapter among all Phi Delt chapters in the nation in recognition of our successful athletic-based fundraising to combat Lou Gehrig's disease.

Upcoming Events and Alums Always Welcome to Visit

During the fall semester, the active brothers look forward to seeing alumni visit the house on

football game Saturdays or any time for that matter (although the house has a security system and the doors are locked most of the time, please knock and someone will let you in).

Come by the house, meet the guys, and share some of your stories. Remember, this is still your house on campus.

I encourage you to attend the Homecoming Open House on the morning of October 29 before Michigan takes on the Purdue in the Big House. Also, mark your calendar for the Founders Day Dinner that will be held in March of 2012. As always, proud to be a Phi!



Michigan Alpha Heritage Project

40 Years Ago...Remembering the 1971 House Fire

*It was once written that "there is no education like adversity." Forty years ago this December, the Phis living in 1437 Washtenaw learned a lesson that they would never forget. **James I. Montgomery '72** was president of Michigan Alpha on a fateful day in December when an unwatched candle in the room of a brother started an early morning fire that devastated the chapter house, but fortunately caused no injuries.*

Brother Montgomery recently shared his memories and thoughts about the fire for the Michigan Alpha Heritage Project. Four decades later, the story of this unfortunate incident provides an opportunity to remember a time when both the active brothers and alums worked together to overcome one of the toughest challenges in the history of Michigan Alpha.

The following is an edited version of Brother Montgomery's submission:

The fire started on the desk of a brother in the suite that was on the second floor in the northeast corner of the house. The brother fell asleep at his desk with a candle lit. While he was resting, the candle ignited a wreath on the wall which sent sparks that spread the fire to the curtains. All the walls in the room had wood paneling.

The interior of the walls was made of an old wood lathe to hold the plaster exterior. This made the house a tinderbox. A one-foot diameter hole burned through the ceiling, and then went up through

the third floor room straight into the attic, making kind of a chimney.

The fire progressed across the attic and then down to rooms. No one on the third floor had a ceiling anymore – nothing but sky.

The first thing we did was to get everybody up. When the fire extinguishers gave out, some guys started filling up garbage cans in the showers to haul down the hall. When the Ann Arbor Fire Department

arrived, we pleaded with them to bring more trucks.

The fire department subsequently poured swimming pools worth of water on the house. Furniture, clothes, books and most other stuff in nearly every



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Alumni Updates

Martin Newcomer, III '38 lives with his wife (U of M '39, Alpha Phi) in Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania. During the 2011 Founders Day Dinner in March, the Michigan Alpha Alumni Association named Brother Newcomer as the "Alumnus of the Year for 2010-2011" in recognition of his long loyalty to the fraternity and participation in the Heritage Project.



At age 98, Newcomer is one of the oldest alums ever to actively support the fraternity. The Alumni Association board of directors felt Newcomer provides an excellent example of why we say Phi Delta Theta is a fraternity for life.

Newcomer activated in Michigan Alpha during May of 1932, and was originally scheduled to graduate in 1935. The Great Depression forced him to change his plans, but he eventually graduated in 1938 with an engineering degree.

After graduation, he worked with his father in a family manufacturing com-

pany in Pittsburgh. Newcomer ran the company for decades before retiring.

Newcomer and his wife raised a family, and his daughter currently lives in the Ann Arbor area. In order to help celebrate his 97th birthday, his daughter asked the active chapter members of Michigan Alpha to send him a birthday card which they gladly did.

Newcomer submitted his written recollections of fraternity life during the 1930s to advance the Michigan Alpha Heritage Project. He also agreed to be interviewed by phone to share his memories. Newcomer recalled the Mud Bowl being established by **E. Reed Low '37**, Michigan Alpha outstanding varsity athletes of the 1930s and the story of the "Great Raid" of 1931 that caused Phi Delta Theta and numerous other fraternities on campus to be sanctioned for violations of the Prohibition.

Although he has not been to the chapter house in decades, Newcomer has an extremely sharp memory of the place and the active brothers during his era. Newcomer said he immensely enjoyed his experience in the fraternity, and has cherished the friendships he made there all his life.

When the Alumni Association congratulated him early this year on his 98th birthday, he credited his longevity to "marrying a good wife." His mailing address is 394 Norman Drive, Cranberry Township, PA 16066.

Richard Young '51 sent a letter (edited version below) with a picture to the

Sword & Shield that shared his memories and update:



"In the last issue of the *Sword & Shield*, I read an interesting article about **Earl Keim '52**. I roomed a semester with Earl (known as "Jelly Bean") and **George Valassis '51**, who after college founded "Valassis Inserts" in Detroit.

My big brother, **Jack Kunkle '49**, gained fame by beating Arnold Palmer in golf twice, and winning the all-campus golf trophy. I roomed in law school with Jack Kunkle and **Jimmy Hicks '51**. **Dominic Tomasi '48** and I were in Jimmy's wedding long ago. Dominic was captain of Michigan's iconic football team that beat USC 49-0 in the 1948 Rose Bowl.

As I recall, there must have been at least 15 Phi Deltas playing football during my era, including **Bob Chappuis '48**, **Dick Kempthorn '50**, **Norm Jackson '50**, **Stu Wilkins '49** and others with nicknames like "The Hog" and "The Bear."

Another roommate, **Tom Kelsey '49**, a returning veteran and serious card player, woke me up at 3 a.m. one morning to show me the title of a car he had

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room sustained at least smoke and water damage. The most important thing was that we all made it outside alive, but we briefly had a major scare. When we counted heads, **Rem Sprague '72** was missing. He lived in a single room, so we sent somebody up the fire escape to find him. He wasn't there, and we feared the worst. As it turned out, he had stayed overnight with his girlfriend. When he came walking up the sidewalk by the fire trucks, he got hugged and squeezed almost to death.

After the fire, the Alumni Association was incredibly good to us. We never got scolded for the mishap. They got us into temporary living quarters within just eight hours. They met with us while the ashes were still warm, and decided to dig into

their treasury to completely rebuild the house in accordance with the city's fire codes while retaining the outside facade's original design. Repairs started before school began in January.

The Alumni Association's plan was to have the house open by August of 1972, and they met their plan. They did a heck of a job.

In the aftermath of the fire, no one blamed anybody. We all felt terrible about what had happened, but no one treated anyone badly. All consoled the most despondent who lost much.

Collegiate Sorosis took us in during the last couple of weeks of December when we had no place to stay. We didn't know them well, but they turned out to be very nice. It showed us preconceived

notions can be wrong.

While the house was being rebuilt, we all stayed together and moved into an empty house at 1212 Hill Street even though it was cramped. It was strange holding chapter meetings and rituals in a different basement. But the guys pulled together, and we had a decent pledge class in the spring of 1972.

Looking back forty years later, the fire was a true test of our brotherhood. I think we passed pretty well. There was a lot more to my time in Phi Delta Theta than the fire. I learned a great amount of invaluable leadership skills. I count the men in my class, and especially the ones a year older, as unconditional brothers forever. The fraternity experience was one of the highlights of my life.

Alumni Updates

won from a guy in the medical fraternity.

Phi Delta Theta was an extremely important part of my life, and I continue to see some of the guys I met in the fraternity. Unhappily, Jimmy Hicks, Norm Jackson, **Pierre McVoy '51** and **Dick Strauss '50** have passed away.

On a happier note, Barbara Young (a Michigan State Spartan, but a pretty one!) and I had two sons, **Doug '76** and **Bruce '78** who joined Michigan Alpha and served as presidents of the chapter during their eras. Doug passed along the fraternity legacy to his sons **Cam-eron '08** and **Mackenzie '12**.

Dr. Harry Huffaker '61 was inducted into the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame during a ceremony in June that took place at the United Nations in New York City.

Dr. Huffaker is regarded as a pioneer in the sport of open water swimming. He accomplished a number of important firsts in the sport while swimming the dangerous channels in Hawaii. Throughout his illustrious career in the pre-GPS era, Dr. Huffaker has faced sharks, jellyfish, massive ocean swells and strong



currents during his unprecedented swims. More about his achievements can be found on the Hall of Fame's website. (www.internationalmarathonswimminghalloffame.com).

Mark Hynes '89 and his wife, Jennine, announced the birth of their son, Michael Hynes, in May. Hynes works on researching advanced treatments for cancer in the University of Michigan Department of Surgery. He lives in Beverly Hills, Michigan. He reports that his son is already proudly wearing maize and blue.



U.S. Navy ENS **Jeffrey Bartels, Jr. '09** is stationed at Naval Air Station Kingsville in Texas. Bartels is learning to fly the Navy jet trainer T-45C with the goal of entering the Tailhook training program to become an aircraft carrier pilot. He reports, "I have enjoyed the rigorous training that includes aerobatics such as loops, splits, barrel rolls, etc. plus formation



flying only 4 feet from another plane! My education at U of M and the support of my Brothers in Phi Delta Theta have been great assets in the long and demanding process of becoming a Naval Aviator."

Eric Shovenin '09 is a first year law student at Wayne State University where he is focusing on public interest legal studies to follow up on his work in public service.



After graduating from U of M, he spent a year with an AmeriCorps program in Lansing promoting the availability of vacant lots owned by the Ingham County Land Bank for use by residents as free community gardens.

After completing that program, Shovenin taught English at an elementary school on the French Caribbean island of Guadeloupe. He moved back to the Detroit area in April 2011, and started working with another AmeriCorps program called BrightStars at Development Centers Inc. in Detroit that helps prepare children under the age of 5 academically and socially for school.

Shovenin's impressive commitment to public service was recently featured in a news article about new students published by the Wayne State Law School.

Michigan Alpha Top Ranked Iron Phi Chapter Leads the Phi Delt Nation in Athletic-based Fundraising for ALS

Established by the Phi Delta Theta General Headquarters a few years ago, the concept of Iron Phi was developed as a way to strengthen both Phi Delta Theta and its impact on the fight against Lou Gehrig's disease. Michigan Alpha is proud to be the top ranked Iron Phi chapter in the nation.

We achieved this status through individual and collective efforts to engage in athletic events that raised money to combat this terrible disease. To date Michigan Alpha has raised nearly \$17,000 as a participant in the Iron Phi initiative.

The fraternity has a philanthropic partnership with The ALS Associa-

tion, a non-profit entity with the mission of bringing awareness to the disease and finding its cure. Through the fundraising efforts of members of Phi Delta Theta on the way to achieving personal athletic goals, the fraternity will be able to mobilize its membership base to help the Phi Delta Theta Foundation and The ALS Association achieve their missions.

To become an Iron Phi, members of Phi Delta Theta (undergraduates and alumni) must select an athletic endeavor (marathon, half-marathon, running relay, triathlon, duathlon and



ironman, bike race, etc.), and raise \$1,000 through the Iron Phi website and accomplish the athletic event itself.

Michigan Alpha members who have obtained Iron Phi status include **Andrew Malmquist '12**, **John Hacker '12**, **Karl**

Cran '10, **Ben Murray '12**, **Ben Kaufman '09**, **Tim Grady**, **Brian Burchman '14**, **Jordan Haddad '14**, **Steve Irvine '14** and **Josh Lowenthal '14**.

For more information, view the Iron Phi web site at www.ironphi.org.

2010-2011 Honor Roll of Donors

Thank you to these generous brothers who contributed to the 2010-2011 Annual Fund, which accepted donations from September 1, 2010 to August 31, 2011. We encourage your continued support in the 2011-2012 Annual Fund which began accepting donations on September 1, 2011.

Robert Morrison Level (\$1,000+)

Richard B. Worsham 1967
Stephen S. Clark 1974

Robert Ufer Level (\$500 - \$999.99)

Norman E. Jackson 1950
Dean E. Finkbeiner 1958
Anthony L. Petrilli 1963
Carl G. Annessa 1979
Greg Karmazin 1987

Bliss Bowman Level (\$250 - \$499.99)

James D. McNicholas 1940
Arthur J. Prange, Jr. 1947
John H. Kunkle, Jr. 1949
Richard W. Young 1951
Robert R. Sommer 1957
Bernard B. Rinella 1958
James S. Van Pelt 1958
Robert C. Leland, Jr. 1958
Scott Hamilton 1965
Frank Remington Sprague 1972
William D. Waterston 1972
Mark S. Hopkins 1976
Ross S. Riddell 1976
John L. Kraus 1979
Jordan L. Dickstein 1984

Century Club (\$100 - \$249.99)

John W. Shields 1942
Richard N. Hurd 1946
John F. Ingraham 1948
Loyal W. Jodar 1949
Richard J. Kempthorn 1950
William H Bartlett, MD 1950
James Witker Root 1952
Peter C. Kinyon 1952
Fred L. Leydorf 1953
Henry C. Heil, Jr. 1953
Herbert F. Harrington, Jr. 1953
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Terry N. Nulf 1953
William C. Mogk 1953
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Eric A. Wild 1954
Mitchell G. Drake 1954
Richard D. Harrison 1956
William H. MacFarland 1956
David E. Hershey 1957
Robert G. Dunn 1957
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Edward C. Zeerip 1958
Nicholas A. Mans 1958
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William T. Woodell 1958
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Richard Staelin 1961
C. Gregory Spangler 1962
James M. Harris 1963
James R. Waterston 1963
Joseph L. Nameth 1963
Robert M. Estes 1967
Joseph M. Valerio, Sr. 1969
Richard S. Rasmussen 1970
Frank Mills 1974
Douglas R. Young 1976
Michael B. Lisull 1976
Bruce C. Young 1978
David L. Brower 1978
Thomas R. Walsh 1979
N. Michael Dudynskay 1980
Curtis J. Gano 1982
Jeffrey L. Post 1982
David T. Liederbach 1984
Michael O'Connor 1985
Robert C. Boylen 1985
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James B. Kelligrew 1987
Drayke P. Dondero 1991
Eric B. Shuffler 1992
Steven J. McCormick 1992
Jonathan M. Harris 1994
Marc D. Latman 1994
John A. Cacace, III 1996

Adam J. Zotkow 1997
Patrick W. Moore 2009

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M. Bliss Bowman 1946
Clifford C. Wise 1947
Robert R. Chappuis 1948
Russell R. Baker 1949
Theodore R. Wellerson 1949
William H. Graves, III 1949
Bruce I Dutcher 1950
Herald H. Hughes, Jr. 1950
Robert H. Johns 1950
Richard C. Ridgway 1951
Earl G. Keim 1952
William B. Michaels 1954
Wayne T. Cooke 1955
Dr. William B. Chapel 1956
Josh D. Henson 1972
Craig W. Hamilton 1978
Duane C. Bollert 1978
Douglas W. Benner 1979
LTC (Ret) Thomas A. Niemann 1979
Thomas G. Bode 1979
Mr. Paul F. Lamoureux 1985
Todd A. Hoefler 1985
Anthony R. Hagelgans 1987
Thomas A. Ksoll 1987
Bradford J. Burrows 1988
Randall D. Scheid 1988

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Joseph E. Kraus 1982

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