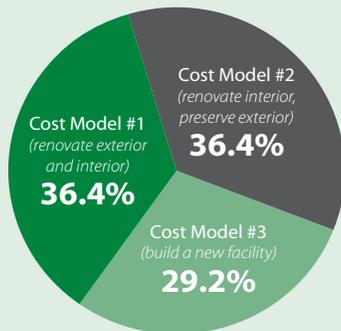


SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you to the 86 alumni who participated in our preliminary survey to weigh in on the future of our house. Here are the initial results:

After reviewing our cost models for the construction project options for Alpha Omicron, which option would you most like to see us move forward with?



It's not too late to voice your opinion! You can do so online at www.lcaiu.com or by contacting one of our House Corp members listed below.

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**New board member*



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HOUSE CORP REPORT

What's in Store for the Future of Alpha Omicron? Voice Your Opinion On How We Should Move Forward with Our Chapter House

By Tony Drake '84

As the Alpha Omicron house turns 88 years old this year, the House Corporation is faced with decisions to keep LXA competitive on campus. IU is in the process of building apartments and renovating dorms at a fairly brisk pace. SAE is building a new house, Beta just completed its \$6M house last year, and Phi Psi is launching its complete renovation this year.

As many of you know, this house has seen better days and we are confronted with some serious updates to the outside of the house this summer. Before we spend any money we would like to get some input from you all who have had the opportunity of brotherhood at AO. See cost estimates for the various construction project options to the left. PLEASE note that these are just estimates.

Here are our current options:

Cost Model #1: In examining a way to get the party out of the house, which IU supports, we have the option to build a "social pavilion" at the side of the house. This option would include interior renovation, building an addition over the basketball court and building of a party pavilion and private apartments.

Cost Model #2: A complete renovation of the interior of the building, but maintaining the outside as close to its current state. Would also include building an addition over the basketball court.



Cost Model #3: A completely new facility that would be built on Indiana University land. If we went with this option, IU would buy our lot, which would help to finance the new building (could amount to as much as \$1M for the land). There are a few lots available, the most lucrative being the lot next to Alpha Chi Omega on Jordan. I am told that the cost for land from IU is only an appraisal, so the sale of our property would allow for a nice down payment for a new building. Note: This option will require a significant fundraising effort and support from our alumni to get this completed.

Please review the above options, then give us your input on which direction you'd like to see us take. You can either take the survey at www.lcaiu.com, or email your comments to me at tdrake@rcgdirect.com.

When we start this process, I want to ensure we have a majority of alumni on board and we are carrying out their desire for this building. So now is the time to voice your opinion!

Please take this opportunity to weigh in with your feedback, questions or concerns at this early stage in our process so we can begin mapping the future of Alpha Omicron!

Robert Heske '84

(9 Floral St., Shrewsbury, MA 01545; bobheske@gmail.com) reports: "I am now 50, which is frightening in its own right. I remember thinking in college, 'God, I'm going to be 38 in 2000.' Now it is 2013... and the clock is ticking fast! I am married and have two adorable, ticklish little girls (Carly and Emily).

I have weathered the economic storm, for the most part, and have worked the past eight years at a company called Broadridge

Financial Solutions (previously was NewRiver, Inc.; which got acquired by Broadridge in August 2010). In 2012, I accomplished two dreams by having a graphic novel that I wrote published and available on store shelves, with the digital version online (THE NIGHT PROJECTIONIST, published by comic boutique Studio 407). THE NIGHT PROJECTIONIST Facebook page has 11,000 "likes" which is more a testament to how popular vampires are than to my writing!

Speaking of writing, I also wrote and

produced a feature film on an ultra low budget (mostly self funded). The film is called BLESSID and will be submitted to film festivals this summer. You can find it on IMDB, Facebook, Twitter and on the web at www.blessidthemovie.com."

We want to know what's new with you too! Share your news, stories and photos at www.lcaiu.com.

FEATURE PROFILE

Alpha Omicron Alum Named Lambda Chi's Fraternity Adviser of the Year Bob Disinger '83 Weighs In on Lifelong Connections and Giving Back in His Graduate Years

Congratulations to **Bob Disinger '83**, who was recognized as Indiana University's Fraternity Adviser of the Year for 2012. Bob is a former long-time House Corporation volunteer (1983-1995) who continues to give back to Alpha Omicron through his involvement with the active chapter. He is also proud of his son, Will, who has followed in his footsteps to join Lambda Chi at IU. Will is the current chapter secretary at Alpha Omicron.

For what reasons do you think you were chosen as Lambda Chi's Fraternity Adviser of the Year?

I am told I received this award for the improvements made in the operations, recruitment and the creation of the Alumni Advisory Board of 22 members. And for the push to remodel our facilities.

Why are you proud to be overseeing the AO chapter?

To be quite honest I did not want this job, but there was absolutely no alumni involvement at the chapter level and there were only two alumni serving on the House Corporation. The undergraduate president asked for my help, so I told my wife "If I don't do this, who will?" I was concerned if the alumni did not help, we might lose our chapter.

What are some of the biggest accomplishments you've seen from the undergraduates during your term as advisor?

The undergraduate brothers have been terrific. They wanted our help, and have been totally receptive and respectful to me and to all our alumni. They increased their membership to 120 which hasn't been seen for quite some time, established a zero-tolerance policy against hazing and illegal drugs, enforced a policy of total respect toward our female guests, and have established value-based recruitment.

Why would you encourage fellow alumni to get involved with the active chapter?

To ensure the success of our Chapter and to have a positive influence on our undergraduate brothers!

Your son Will is a current brother in Alpha Omicron. How does it make you feel to share this special relationship with him, both as father and son AND as brothers?

It is heartwarming to have my son follow in my footsteps, especially since I have always encouraged him to be his own man. I think I will enjoy it even more when he is an alumnus and we can together finish what the alumni have set out to accomplish: becoming a chapter of excellence!

Bob is president of Disinger Jewelers, Inc in Jasper and French Lick. In addition to his son Will, he and his wife Jacque have a daughter attending Butler University.

"Bob is a major reason we were able to improve our numbers on campus. His constant mentoring of our undergraduates has not only helped recruiting, but also gives the guys in the house the ability to bounce ideas off an alum who could help them in the handling of the day-to-day house issues. His liaison with the university is also critical as it shows we intend to make LXA one of the top-tier houses on campus."

Tony Drake '84

"Bob is a perfect example of what it means when people in the Greek community say joining isn't just for four years, but for life. His zealous involvement in the house has boosted morale and led to an increase in involvement from other alumni. Simply put, Alpha Omicron Zeta is proud to have an advisor like Bob and is excited that the Greek community recognizes his hard work with the award."

Andrew Melvin, Alumni Chairman

"Words can't describe how excited I was for Bob to win this award and the gratitude our chapter has for him. You can't put a price on the amount of time and effort that Bob has put into Lambda Chi Alpha. He embodies what it means to be a true brother, not only in the work he put in during his time as president of the house, but also his lifelong commitment to making this chapter the best it can be. He has been an invaluable resource for our chapter and I'm honored to say he's one of my brothers."

Brendan Long, Chapter President

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

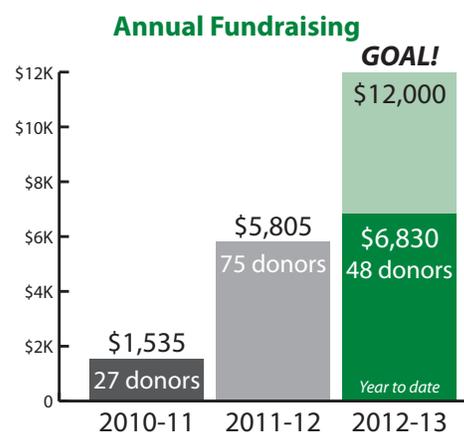
Annual Fund Has Highest Totals EVER with Four Months to Go in Giving Year!

We'd like to thank our alumni donors who have contributed \$6,830 so far to our annual fund in 2012-13, making this the best annual fundraising year we've ever had! With four months to go in the giving year, we'd like to see our donor participation number increase as well to ensure we reach our goal of \$12,000 before the giving year ends August 31. We need your help to get there!

Please join the momentum and make your contribution to the annual fund. Your gift supports our operating budget, which helps

us to maintain our alumni communications program (publication of The Oracle and our web site) and to host alumni events. The annual fund also enables us to make ongoing necessary minor improvements to the house. It is a separate fundraising drive than our Educational Foundation.

To make your annual fund donation, log on to www.lcaiu.com or call 800-975-6699. You can also mail a check payable to "Alpha-Omicron Alumni Association" to the return address on this newsletter.



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VOLUNTEERS

New Volunteer Board Members Work to Develop the "Key to Rebuilding"

Eddie Pratt '12 and Matt Smith '12 to Strengthen Bonds and Prepare for Future

Edwin Pratt '12 recently joined the House Corporation board, and was inspired to do so after his Greek "dad"/big brother was removed from the chapter after the 2009 membership review. Now that he is an alum, Eddie says that the biggest thing he's proud of is that in spite of the struggles of the past decade, Lambda Chi is still here.

"Many fraternities on Third Street have lost their charters at some point, and we are still around," he says. "We are adapting and doing what is necessary. Most people cannot say that."

His goal as a board volunteer is to get the guys a new house that they are proud of.

"I want the younger kids to realize they're at the best house on campus and feel proud about it," he says.

Eddie works in the Chicago office of CDW-G, one of America's leading IT solutions providers.

For **Matt Smith '12**, his main goal as a House Corporation volunteer is to strengthen the bond between alumni and undergraduates, and to grow the amount of alumni support for the active chapter.

"I feel it is important for younger guys like myself to be a part of the alumni volunteer groups to maintain a strong bond with the

alumni and undergraduates of LCA, a bond that has become much stronger in recent years," he says.

He encourages all alumni to make this the year they renew their bonds with the fraternity.

"I think many, if not all, AOs would agree that being a Lambda Chi at IU is an incredible experience," he says.

Matt works at the world's largest independent public relations firm, Edelman, in its Chicago office.

Read the full profiles at www.lcaiu.com.

HOUSE UPDATE

Improvements at Alpha Omicron

Actives and Alumni Help Make Necessary Renovations as Chapter Explores Options for New Home

As we continue to weigh our options for the future of the Alpha Omicron house, we are thankful to the alumni who have helped to make necessary improvements to our current living quarters. Recent projects include:

- ✓ New letters for the outside of the house, donated by **Tony Drake '84**
- ✓ New brotherhood badge installed outside, donated by **Bob Disinger '83**
- ✓ Renovations to library
- ✓ New chairs for chapter
- ✓ Hanging of a portrait of Harold Mumby in the library

- ✓ Interior decorating facelift over the summer
- ✓ Single-person rooms added to the house
- ✓ New Housing Director Greg Wise welcomed

Stop by and see the improvements for yourself the next time you're in Bloomington! And be sure to voice your opinion on the future of our house by taking the survey at www.lcaiu.com.



CHAPTER REPORT

Alpha Omicron is Growing!

Chapter Recruits Largest Spring Class in Over 10 Years; Membership Totals 120+

By Andrew Melvin, Alumni Chairman

What a successful spring it's been for Alpha Omicron! We have recruited one of the largest spring classes in over 10 years, welcoming 22 new associate members into our chapter. This is a huge increase since recruiting eight members just two years ago, and brings our total active membership to 121. Our goal is to recruit 30 associate members in the fall class.

Academically, the chapter achieved a 3.116 GPA, which is above the all-men's average and puts us in 14th



The new associate member class after a recent pool tournament.

place out of 30 active fraternities. This semester we held our first scholarship banquet in which faculty were invited to come and eat while brothers celebrated academic achievements.

Alpha Omicron has also been working to give back to the local community. Through the fall's Annual Nightmare on 3rd Street haunted house, brothers raised a total of \$3,250 for Habitat for Humanity and \$750 for the Arthritis Foundation.

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