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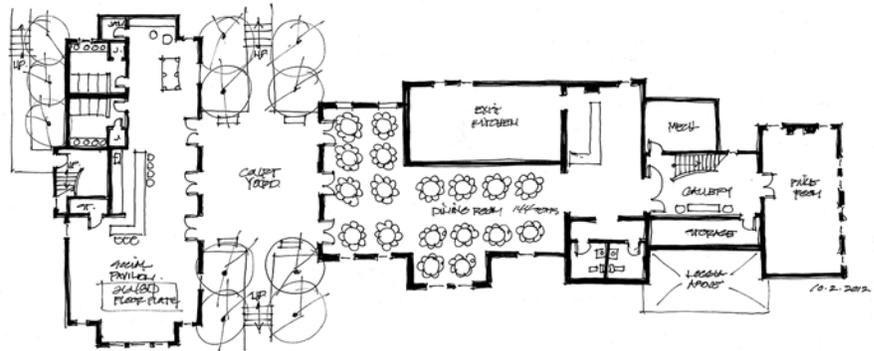
PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Doug Ralston '09

This summer a group of alumni, current members and housing corporation came together to begin the renovation process of our 95-year-old chapter house. The first few steps were taken by creating a list of deliverables, to assign and delegate responsibilities and to conduct master plans.

For the master plans we hired Rowland

Design & Architecture out of Indianapolis. The master plans were unveiled October 6th during homecoming activities for alumni and current members to see. For your benefit we have included one level of these plans. To view all the plans by floor, please go to the Lambda Chi website at www.lcaiu.com.



BOARD UPDATES

Alpha Omicron Alumnus Travis Smith '09 Appointed to Indiana University Alumni IFC Board

Alpha Omicron Wins the Alumni Publication Award at National Meeting

Travis Smith '09 was recently appointed to an alumni board at Indiana University that serves in an advisory role to the IU Interfraternity Council (IFC) and IU Greek system. The board provides an opportunity for IU alumni to come and learn more about what is happening on campus today, and to converse and promote the mission of IU Greek life. The members of this board discuss pressing issues on campus and provide feedback and advice to the IFC and the University.

Travis, a director of the board, will serve a two-year term and add his valuable perspective as an employee of our national fraternity, as well as a past member of the

house. This group will meet approximately four times a year. As we increase our alumni involvement at Alpha Omicron, appointments like this will continue to show our resolve to make Lambda Chi Alpha a top fraternity on campus.

Another highlight for AO is that we won the Alumni Publication Award at the summer conferences in Indianapolis for the best newsletter. As some of you know, we team with Affinity Connection to produce a combination of print and email newsletters. These publications keep our alumni up to date on the progress of AO on the Indiana University campus.

CHAPTER REPORT

Chapter Boasts a Busy Fall: Many New Members, Homecoming Activities, and Philanthropic Events Keep Undergraduate Brothers Active

First Alumni Networking "Speed-dating" Event a Success!

by Ryan Thie, AO 2064, Alumni Chairman

It has been a very exciting and eventful fall for the chapter. We started off the semester with the initiation of 14 members from the Spring 2012 Associate Class into the brotherhood and the recruitment of 23 new members for our Fall 2012 Associate Class.

The chapter had a very successful homecoming this year. We were paired with Alpha Delta Pi and both houses had a fun week together. On Friday, Oct. 5th, a group of 12 alumni and five undergraduates golfed at the Bloomington Country Club. A special thanks to **John Edgeworth '80** (AO 1095 ½) for hosting us that afternoon.

That evening, we formally kicked off the recently established Alpha Omicron Alumni Networking Program with the first annual Alumni Networking Event at the Grant Street Inn in Bloomington. I had the pleasure of co-hosting the event with **Kel Preston '82** (AO 1126), with 15 alumni and 15 undergraduates exchanging career-related advice and mentoring in a "speed-dating" style of networking. It was a tremendous success, and we will be holding a similar event at next year's homecoming (see page 4 for more information).

On Saturday, we hosted our annual tailgate at a tent on the east concourse of

Memorial Stadium, as well as our traditional cookout at the chapter house after the game. We had a great turnout at both events and would like to thank all the alumni who were in attendance.

Our bike team is already hard at work preparing for the 2013 Little 500, with many members of the team participating in the Hilly Hundred and other offseason conditioning events. The bike team is looking for sponsors and donors for this year's team. Please contact Tommy Bolling, our bike

team captain, at bollingt@umail.iu.edu with inquiries.

Lastly, we are constantly working to update our alumni database so that we can keep in touch with our alumni brothers. We are also looking for more alumni mentors for the Alumni Networking Program. You may contact me at rythie@indiana.edu to update your contact info and/or to express your interest in being an alumni mentor in the networking program.



Thanks to all the alumni who stopped by the house this year for homecoming!

ALUMNI Q&A

Reminiscing about Disco Briscoe in the Early '80s with Michael Howard '83

He learned leadership, responsibility and loyalty during his years at the house.

Thank you to Michael Howard '83 for participating in this Q&A.

Why did you join Lambda Chi over other fraternities?

I picked Lambda Chi for one reason: the guys in the house. And I count a lot of those guys today as my closest friends. Not bad for 32 years later! And, my roommate at Briscoe? He was a guy from Florida who had come to IU to play on the tennis team. He had never seen snow, and we did not know each other at all. His name is Bill "Funkytown" Funk '83. We were in the same pledge class and, yes, he

is still one of my closest friends 30 years later!

"We didn't stand alone, we stood together and we had each other's backs."

What are your favorite memories with the brothers?

I remember sitting in a tree at Showalter Fountain with **Joel Trusty '82** watching the chaos below us after IU beat North Carolina for the NCAA Basketball Championship

in the spring of 1981; the same day President Ronald Reagan was wounded in an assassination attempt. I also have vivid memories of spring break in Fort Lauderdale, but it's too adult-rated to give details! I remember "gunning" for sororities to pair up with for events. Back then, there was no political correctness. You competed in every way possible to land a pairing, and may the best house win. We did quite well, thank you very much!

Connect with Michael at michael.howard@nbcuni.com. Read his full Q&A at www.lcainu.com

ALUMNI UPDATES

'60s

Larry Eaton '62

(1077 S. Cave Hill Rd., Versailles, IN 47042-8423; eatonlaw1@comcast.net) I was in the class initiated in the spring of 1969. I met Judy Shoemaker, a Kappa Delta, on a blind date with David Brownell '62 and his fiancé at the Fall Carnival. Judy and I were married 45 years when she passed away October 21, 2008 after a four-year fight with kidney failure. She was an amazing teacher and artist, terrific mother and the best wife one could ever have. It is hard to believe that I only spent four years at the house. I cannot begin to list the importance of Lambda Chi and the great men who were in the house at that time.

Steven Van Tyle '67

(4245 Highborne Dr. N.E., Marietta, GA 30066; svdutch@aol.com) I was initiated in November of 1964 into a house full of really cool guys who loved to party. Most of them studied just hard enough to keep their GPAs high enough to stay in school. My best friend from high school and I both pledged, then he flunked out before being initiated. I didn't and the following three years of wine, women and song were three of the best years of my life. Lambda Chi Alpha didn't make me the man I am today, the United States Marine Corps accomplished that, however my undergraduate years as a Lambda Chi taught me how to enjoy life to its fullest, to enjoy brotherhood and it allowed me to etch memories into my brain that still bring a smile to my face 48 years later. I hope each of you had or will have half as much fun and enjoyment being a Lambda Chi as I did!

'80s

Keith McClarnon '81

(405 The Preserve Trl., Chapel Hill, NC 27517-7607; k.s.mcclarnon@dowcorning.com) I am still living in North Carolina and loving it. Portia (IU KD, class of '83) and I are now empty nesters, with one kid in graduate school at IU (Optometry), one working in the television industry, and the third a freshman at NC State (Go Pack!)

Bob Disinger '83

(1332 Cobblestone Rd., Jasper, IN 47546-8050; Bob@Disinger.com) I served on the house corporation from 1983 to 1995. I took some time away (15 years) from the fraternity to raise

my kids. January 1st of this year, I agreed to serve as High Pi (Chapter Adviser). My son has now joined Lambda Chi at IU. His Grandfather was a Lambda Chi at Purdue, along with his cousin at University of Southern Indiana. So, I guess it is in his blood.

Michael Howard '83

(113 Scarborough Ct, Marietta, GA 30067; michael.howard@nbcuni.com) I am Vice-President of the Southeast Region Manager at NBC Universal Domestic TV Distribution. I sell television shows to TV stations in syndication around the country; shows like 30 Rock, The Office, and all the Law & Order series. I also sell Maury Povich, Jerry Springer, Steve Wilkos, and Access Hollywood. This fall has launched the most successful talk show in syndication, Steve Harvey. I've been with the company for 23 years and have survived seven ownership changes. They can't kill me... I am like a cockroach!

My hometown is Chicago. I moved to Atlanta with the company in Dec. of 1990. I have turned down going back to Chicago twice and NY once to stay in Atlanta. I LOVE Chicago, but nothing beats the weather and the women of Atlanta; I should know, I married one! I met my wife, Melissa, on a blind date because of IU. I was friends with a Tri-Delt at IU from Atlanta who went to school with my wife. When I was transferred to Atlanta, the Tri-Delt set us up on a blind date. Nineteen years later, I guess the date went okay! We have one daughter, Leighton, who is 12 years old. I am already recruiting her for IU in Fall 2018! She is a big Hoosier basketball fan already. For more information on Michael, see his Alumni Q&A on page 2.

Dale Joyce '83

(2964 Blairstone Ct., Tallahassee, FL 32301; dale@joycepublishing.com) Sounds like the house has found a great communicator for Alumni Relations: Good Luck!

I am not much of a bragger, however, I am letting everyone know who's ranked #1 in basketball pre-season. I'm still in Tallahassee, Florida, with the Seminoles hoping the local chapter gets back on campus in 2014 after getting kicked off for three years. I do not get back to Indiana much, but understand renovation is in the near future for the house and look forward to receiving information regarding the progress.

My wife and I just bought another publishing business in Tallahassee and now own most of the direct mailed magazines for visitors,

home improvement, campus information, and saving at local businesses. We always are looking for interns and sales people, so spread the word to any brother that may want to spend some time in Florida.

Gary Murt '83

(15181 Touraine Way, Irvine, CA 92604-3148; gamurt@cox.net) I have been living in Southern California for the past 17 years with my wife, Traci, who was a DZ at IU, and our two kids. We have a son who is a senior at UCLA and a daughter who is a sophomore at Western Kentucky. I manage the Western Regions sales for Cenveo, which is a commercial printing company. I am looking forward to a great Hoosier basketball season. Go Hoosiers!

'90s

Jeremy Eaton '97

(401 N Wabash Avenue #46B, Chicago, IL 60611-3784; eaton1650@hotmail.com) I think this a great, high-quality photo of the 2012 Alumni Golf Outing in Noblesville.



'00s

Matthew Hood '01

(4830 Oakland Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46220; mh Hood@lasallest.com) I just celebrated my one-year anniversary with my wife, Jessica. I currently work as a Financial Advisor in Indianapolis with LaSalle St. Securities. I also am the Treasurer for the Alpha Omicron Educational Foundation, which has given scholarships and grants totaling more than \$23,000 over the past four years. If any alumni would like to make a tax-deductible donation to the foundation, please make checks payable to Alpha Omicron Educational Foundation and send them to 1001 E. New York St., Indianapolis, IN 46202.

Kyle Chase '09

(8436 Autumn Leaf Ct., Apt. G, Indianapolis, IN 46268; edwardkchase@gmail.com) I recently got married to the girl I lavaliered my senior year at IU, Bailey Conrad, on October 20, 2012. She was a Delta Gamma at IU. We currently reside in Indianapolis, where she is a nurse and I am an Acquisition Manger for RAMS Investing.

NEW NETWORKING PROGRAM

Looking for Alumni to Mentor Undergraduates Starting Their Career Path *Alumni Networking Program Designed to Ensure Graduates' Success*

We are starting up an Alumni Networking Program that will provide a link between undergraduate brothers and AO alumni for career-related mentoring and advice. We are inviting all alumni from all fields of industry to take part in this program. At this time we are especially looking for alumni mentors to help current undergraduate brothers looking to go into the following fields:

- Business (Finance, Accounting, Entrepreneurship, International Business, Consulting)
- Non-Profit Management
- Arts/Music Management
- Law
- Medicine
- Healthcare Administration

If you are interested in participating or would like to learn more about this program, please contact **Ryan Thie**, our Alumni Chairman, at rythie@indiana.edu.

Contact Ryan Thie to learn more:
rythie@indiana.edu.

IN MEMORY

Vincent Coistore

Mark Huckeriede '36

Jack Frazier '50

Thomas Lang '51

Roger Clark '61

Robert Montgomery '69

William Jackson '87

Joseph Santos '94

Joseph Rodney '95

INSIDE

Chapter Welcomes A.O. Alumni Home

The chapter had a very successful homecoming this year, complete with a golf outing, the kickoff of our Alumni Networking Program (with brothers and alumni networking in speed-dating fashion) and gameday tailgate and cookout.

See page 2 for all the details and more news from the active chapter.



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* Check out the new renovation plans for the house on page 1.
* See what the new Alumni Networking Program is all about!

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