

THE DUSAK

CHAPTER HOUSE DEDICATED ON OCTOBER 20

As anticipated in the Fall issue of The DUSAK, the formal dedication ceremony for the Chapter House took place on October 20, 2007, with more than 100 alumni, spouses, undergraduate associates and guests attending. Tours through the recently renovated house took place throughout the afternoon. Alumni travelled from all over the country to attend the event. George Spingler travelled from California, Sid and Gloria Luff came from Arizona and Harry and Ed Langschwager drove down from Rochester,



RIGHT: Alumni at Alpha Upsilon Chapter House dedication on October 20, 2007: Ed Langschwager, Tim Bell, Joe Santangelo, Carl Luff and Ed Hook. LEFT: Jack Casper and Steve Markley in the kitchen at the Chapter House Dedication.



New York. At the end of the meeting Keith Sheppard read the House Dedication Sub-Ritual to complete the ceremony.

Phase 1 of the Capital Campaign was a success with more than \$350,000 in donations, pledges and in-kind donations being received. Phase 2 was kicked-off in February 2008 with a \$25,000 donation

from Robert Austin (AU 779, 1973) and by Jack Casper and Mike Lavelline increasing their donations to \$20,000 and \$15,000 respectively. In addition, a phone-a-thon was held on March 4 and 5 to reach some of the alumni who did not participate in Phase 1 of the capital campaign. The combined efforts of the above have started Phase 2 with more than \$50,000 towards our Phase 2 goal of \$250,000.

The report for Phase 1 and the proposal for Phase 2 are posted in the alumni tab on our Web site at www.pikappau.org

The alumni look forward to celebrating the 75th anniversary of our chapter's founding, which was on May 20, 1933. The anniversary

celebration and banquet will be held in conjunction with the undergraduate chapter's re-chartering banquet on November 22, 2008, in the Great Court. This event will be a great way to rekindle old friendships and to help foster in our new brothers. Please mark you calendars and plan to attend.

May 2, 2008 will be the annual Pi Kapp Golf outing to be held at Turtle Creek Golf club in Limerick, Pa. Details are available on our Web site on the events tab. To register for the event, please contact Dan Gormley at dan_gormley@yahoo.com or 610-908-2066.

Tony Noce, Alumni Corporation President

SAVE THE DATES!

ALUMNI GOLF OUTING

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2008
TURTLE CREEK GOLF CLUB, LIMERICK, PA
1:00 p.m. SHOTGUN START
\$110 PER PERSON (INCLUDES DINNER)
\$25 DINNER ONLY

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2008
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CORRECTIONS

In our last edition of *The DUSAK*, we featured an update on Hector Negroni, spring class of 1957. Hector left Drexel shortly after his initiation for the Vietnam War. Hector went on to attend the Air Force Academy and have a distinguished 24-year career where he attained the rank of Colonel. We incorrectly stated that he had attended West Point. Thank you for bringing it to our attention Hector, and also for your service to our country!

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Future Brothers,

Our mission as an Associate chapter over the next several months is to not only obtain our charter, but to also build a self-sustaining brotherhood that will carry forth the high standards of brotherhood established within the fraternity. We have progressed significantly toward reaching our mission since Fall of 2007. Our Executive board was fortunate to attend the Mid Year Leadership Conference in January to expand our knowledge of how to better our chapter. This conference also gave us the chance to organize our approach towards ultimately conquering our mission. Since then, we have held multiple successful recruitment events, Push America fundraisers, brotherhood events and social functions.

Given our goals and ambitions, we are continuing to prove to be a great addition to Greek life at Drexel University. Now that the membership has reached 38 men, the Pi Kappa Phi presence on campus is really starting to make an outstanding impact. Currently, we are pledging countless hours working towards the completion of all required written documentation to enable us to charter. This includes the constitution and by-laws, which will be voted in sometime in the near future so that we have a guiding document.

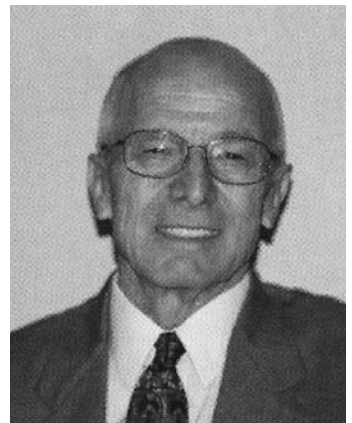
In the future we look forward to becoming the best chapter on Drexel University's campus once again. Our efforts and accomplishments through the next several months will be more than enough to truly make this so. And our continuing efforts after we obtain our charter will ensure our success as the Alpha Upsilon chapter of Pi Kappa Phi.

Yours in Pi Kappa Phi,
Michael R. Noce, Archon
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ALUMNUS SPOTLIGHT: PHIL TROILO

The son of an immigrant farmer in New Jersey, Phil (Felix) Troilo (AU 240, 1947) was encouraged by his high school counselor to get a college education. Phil applied and was accepted into the Electrical Engineering College at Drexel in 1946. Working in a co-op job and waiting tables at the Van Rensselaer dormitory, he put himself through Drexel, graduating with a degree in Electrical Engineering and a zeal to make big things happen. Phil learned that Pi Kappa Phi, which had been closed down during the war, was getting ready to re-colonize the chapter and saw the opportunity to participate in the effort.

More than half of the newly formed chapter in 1946-47 was made up of brothers who were WWII veterans who left college for the war and now were returning to complete their interrupted education. Phil was able to get a room in the house when it opened up and pledged the fraternity shortly thereafter. Phil pledged with 23 other new brothers as the chapter quickly filled its ranks. As a brother, Phil held the offices of House Manager and Secretary. Phil related the story about when he ran for Archon. When a close election between him and Doug Clarke (AU 220) failed to result in a majority for either candidate after several ballots were cast, Phil broke the stalemate by casting his vote for Doug. This was a great showing of Phil's character and his brotherhood spirit. Phil was also active in the Pi Kapp Show and you will see his name listed in the various programs from 1947 through 1950 posted on our Web site.



ALPHA UPSILON OFFICERS

- ARCHON
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- VICE ARCHON
THOMAS BOSCH
- TREASURER
DAVID OH
- SECRETARY
MICHAEL GIAMPAPA
- WARDERN
ERIC SORKIN
- HISTORIAN
MICHAEL COSTER
- CHAPLAIN
OLEKSANDR LEVTCHENKO
- PUSH AMERICA CHAIR
RYAN MONKMAN

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THE HISTORY OF ALPHA UPSILON

This is an excerpt from a series of articles prepared by Brother John W. Deimler, Alpha Upsilon #19, one of the founding members of the chapter.

Having received approval of the petition by March 29, the dates of May 19, 20, 21, 1933 for the installation were now feasible. District Archon Berry naturally was to be the Installing Officer with Dr. Elton Allison of Alpha Delta Chapter, University of Washington, and a professor at Ursinus College, as his assistant. Alpha Xi Chapter, Brooklyn Poly, was selected as the initiation team.

Pledging of actives and pledges took place late Friday afternoon, May 19, at the fraternity house, 3312 Powelton Avenue, and was followed by the Spring Formal Dance and Reception at the Aronimink Country Club, to which all local Pi Kappa Phi men and representatives of other Drexel Fraternities were invited.

Formal initiation started promptly at 9 a.m. Saturday morning in the gymnasium in Curtis Hall (Since converted to other purposes). Pledging and initiation of alumni and honorary members followed in the afternoon. Organization of the chapter and election of officers concluded the Installation ceremonies.

The officers elected at the first formal meeting of Alpha Upsilon Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity were:

*Wilson D. Applegate – Archon
Allan S. Tomlinson – Treasurer
James B. Henwood – Secretary
Albert Schade, III – Historian
John H. McCann – Chaplain
John W. Deimler – House Manager*

The Active Chapter consisted of 19 members, 3 pledges, and 3 honorary members. Twenty-three alumni became members of Pi Kappa Phi.

An Installation Banquet in the Locust Room of the Penn Athletic Club culminated the ceremonies on Saturday evening. Toastmaster for the occasion was none other than Brother Edward D. "Prof" McDonald, who served in that capacity at many of the later banquets of the Chapter. Honored guests were Dr. Parke R. Kolbe, President of Drexel; Dr. A. Pelzer Wagener, Supreme Archon; Albert W. Meisel, Supreme Chancellor; William J. Berry, District Archon; Howard D. Leake, Executive Secretary; Dr. Charles E. Potts, President of Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute; W. Ralph Wagenseller, Drexel Comptroller and Faculty Advisor of Kappa Sigma Delta. Also at the "head" table were Robert J. Riddle retiring President of Kappa Sigma Delta; Robert B. Oberholtzer, and Lewis Shemery, Philadelphia Alumni President.

Unfortunately, Honorary members George W. Childs Drexel, A. J. Drexel Paul, Cyrus H. K. Curtis, and Alexander Van Rensselaer were not able to be initiated on this occasion, the latter two because of age. The Chapter and the Fraternity were saddened by the death of Brother Curtis in June 1933 and Brother Van Rensselaer in July 1933.

ALUMNI UPDATES

Jeremy Costa (Fall '95)

Jeremy Costa, son of Sam Costa, was recently promoted to General Manager of the Williamsburg, VA Marriott. He and his beautiful wife of Shannon (Flynn) Costa (Drexel Phi Mu) and son Landon are relocating from south Jersey to Williamsburg.

Derek Shaw (Spring '98)

Alumnus Derek and wife Tiffany Shaw recently had a baby girl (Elisabeth Tilley Marie Shaw). She was born on October 31st, 2007. The couple is also in the process of adopting their son (Mason Hieu Shaw) from Vietnam who was born on October 4th, 2007. They moved to Minneapolis, MN in July when Derek accepted a new job with Johnson & Johnson.



MONKMAN ON JOURNEY OF HOPE

Ryan Monkman will spend his summer raising funds and awareness for people with disabilities as a crew member of the Journey of Hope North Team.

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ALUMNUS SPOTLIGHT (continued from page 2)

Phil graduated from Drexel in 1951 with a Bachelors Degree in Electrical Engineering and followed up his ROTC career at Drexel, along with pledge brother Jack Stoner (AU 237), with a 2 year stint as lieutenant in the Army Signal Corps. Unlike Jack, who went on to become a Major General, Phil left the military and he worked his way up to Director of Product Marketing, then Vice President of Operations at International Resistance Corporation, which was later acquired by TRW. He then moved to Phoenix with Dixon Electronics where he worked in the semiconductor industry until the company was purchased by a small as-yet unknown German company, Siemens. He moved to California in 1977 to join Bourns, Inc, a manufacturer of respiratory life support equipment. In 1984 he led a leveraged buyout of Bourns to form Bird Products respiratory care equipment, where he became President and Chairman of the company, which he grew from 45 people to over 400 in just eight years. In 1995 he sold his company and began to improve his golf game.

Phil, Jack and about a dozen of their pledge brothers and contemporaries still meet annually at different locations to rekindle the spirit of brotherhood. Phil hosted the last gathering at his home in Arizona last fall.

In recognition of his business success, Phil was inducted into the Drexel 100 prestigious alumni group. The welfare of students at Drexel University, where Troilo got his start, has remained his priority. He has been a major supporter of Alpha Upsilon in reactivating the chapter at Drexel and restoring the house. In 2007 he established the Troilo Family Endowed Scholarship Fund at Drexel with a gift of \$1 million to be used to provide financial assistance to New Jersey students like himself, with big dreams and an untiring will to succeed.

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ROSE OF PI KAPPA PHI
Helene O'Donnell is awarded the National Rose of 1956 by the Alpha Upsilon chapter, as some of their brothers hum "The Rose of Pi Kappa Phi" in the background.

