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Chapter President's Report - "Greetings to Our Esteemed Alumni"

By Will Ellis P'15, President, Peninsular Chapter, Alpha Delta Phi Literary Fraternity

I write to you with excitement about the progress we have made the past year, and encouraged about the remaining few months of 2013. With this report I hope to keep alumni informed with new developments of the Peninsular Chapter and more importantly to continue to foster the growing relationship between the actives and alumni.

While the Fall 2013 semester started out with many challenges, it has also brought many successes and exciting moments so far. Some highlights for the active brothers include our first chapter camping trip in years, a rejuvenated Homecoming weekend, and having a chef deliver food to the house five days a week so we can eat together as a brotherhood. Our goals for the rest of the year include successfully coordinating a spring golf outing in April with alumni and current actives, bringing more alumni to participate in initiation, renovating the house kitchenette, and recruiting a large winter pledge class than the current fall class.

We cannot thank Jason Sparks and the rest of the alumni board enough for the amount of work they put into helping to make this year's homecoming a memorable one. It was incredible to meet so many alumni from the 1960s through the 1980s as well as more recent graduates. What was most astounding was hearing so many great fraternity stories from the past and realizing that, even with the generation gaps between many alumni and the active brothers, we are all so similar and brothers until the end. A few brothers mentioned old traditions

brought up that encouraged personal growth such as impromptu speeches in chapter, which we want to bring back to the house. The chapter would love to hear about any other past traditions in our effort to strengthen house tradition. We all look forward to spending more quality time with alumni and building stronger, meaningful relationships in the future.

The rush season was difficult this semester with the South Quadrangle dormitory being closed, but we ended up with a pledge class of nine potential new members. We brought

them along on our chapter camping trip, which was a great bonding experience that we plan to make an annual tradition.

Overall, our chapter has a lot to look forward to in the near future, especially when it comes to developing stronger relationships with alumni in the spring. Thank you to all the alumni who could make it to the house for Homecoming and we hope to see more of you stop by the house again this semester and for our initiation ceremony. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

The Alumni Board Needs Your Help!

Thank you to all the alumni who stopped by the house on Homecoming. We had one of our better turnouts in recent years and were especially honored to welcome back a strong contingent of brothers from the 1960's. For those who were unable to make it, please consider visiting for next year's Homecoming festivities, which we expect to be even bigger than this year's.

IMPORTANT – the alumni board is working to compile an updated and comprehensive contact list for our chapter. We're missing mailing and/or email addresses for two-thirds of our alumni brothers. If you haven't already responded to a previous email, please send an email to Jason Sparks (esparks56@yahoo.com) with the below information:

Full Name _____

Class Year _____ Cell Number _____

Primary Email _____

Secondary Email (if applicable) _____

Address _____

Profession _____

Also, if an alumni brother you know is not receiving any correspondence from us (email or physical mailings), please share this with him so that we can get him on our alumni list and keep him informed.

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Peninsular Society Alumni Board

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Recycling for Two Causes

By JJ Roelant P'16

This semester the Peninsular Chapter decided to take more interest in becoming environmentally friendly. This year the house is involved in a recycling competition for \$500 donated in their name to the charity of their choosing with other fraternity and sorority houses on campus.

The brothers took this competition as an opportunity to learn more about "being green" and becoming educated about recycling. As a result, we learned that many disposable materials in our house that we once assumed were only garbage are actually recyclable. After performing this research, the brothers who took the lead on this

program were able to educate the other live-ins, and therefore greatly increase the amount of waste we recycle instead of throw in the trash. While participating in this program is a good first step, the actives realize sustainability isn't just about recycling. We are currently looking into either getting new windows or temporary insulation for windows that would better insulate the house during the winter, greatly reducing the amount of heat energy we waste in the house. Thanks to the new program, the house is now more concerned about the environment, protecting it for the future, and minimizing its carbon footprint.

Alumni News

Robert T. Loeblein '53 is retired. He was formerly a furniture manufacturer. Bob and he and his wife, Anne, reside at 702 Hidden Creek Circle, Salisbury, NC 28147. His e-mail is rtloeblein@gmail.com.

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Stephen E. Upton '49 is a retired vice president with Whirlpool. Stephen is now the president of the Frederick S. Upton Foundation. He and his wife, Elizabeth, reside at 100 Ridgeway, St. Joseph, MI 49095. "My time at the U of M was after WWII in which I served as an infantry soldier in 1945 at the "Battle of the Bulge". I really enjoyed my time at AD Phi and particularly in the president's post in 1949. I would love to hear from any of my brothers from my era if they are still around!"

Thomas G. Richards '71 is a retired lawyer and he and his wife, Caroline, recently moved to 720 191st Pl. SW, Lynnwood, WA 98036. "I retired in 2012 but am busy with grandkids, golf, travel and Snohomish County Search and Rescue. I saw Kirk Olson and Eric Fischer at an annual

golf tournament in Michigan.

Jonathan "Wildman" A. Karon '82 is an attorney and partner in Karon and Dalimonte, LLP in Boston. He and his wife, Kim, reside at 124 Winthrop Road #2, Brookline, MA 02445. "I am a surprisingly successful trial attorney and avid skier, who returns to Ann Arbor from time to time. Check out my firm's website for more recent photos and more details, www.kdlaw.net or send me an e-mail at jakaron@kdlaw.net.

Matthew "Hair" Gooder '89 is vice president of strategic sourcing for Exelon Corporation. Matthew is responsible for sourcing contracted services supporting electric generating facilities across the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic states. He lives at 561 Beaconsfield Ave., Naperville, IL 60565.

Chapter Eternal

Since publication of our last edition of *The Peninsular* we have learned of the deaths of **Thomas B. Young '41**, **James C. Spaulding '43**, **Walter B. Freihoffer '44**, **John Roberts '50**, **William A. Freihofer '53**, **Stanley R. Pratt '59**, **Frederick L. Roeser '60**, **Jacob O. Funkhouser, III '63** and **Jeffrey J. Ausnehmer '93**. We extend our condolences to their families and friends.

Catching Up With George Denison P'57

By: James Davis, Jr. P'15

This semester James Davis, Jr. catches up with George Denison, currently working as a Lobbyist in Washington, D.C.

James Davis, Jr.: What is your favorite Alpha Delta Phi memory?

George Denison: The most memorable part of my Alpha Delta Phi experience was getting to know all the brothers of the house, many of which I still talk to. Michigan is such a large school, but joining a fraternity made the University much smaller and gave me an extremely close circle of friends.

James Davis, Jr.: What was the best or most memorable football game you ever attended, and what made this game the best?

George Denison: I would say the most memorable is far from being the best game of my career. It was in November of 1955 and Michigan was ranked number 1 in the country for the whole season. The last game of the year was against Ohio State. It was a cold and snowy day. The Wolverines lost in a bitter match against Ohio State. Not only was suffering this loss huge, but losing this game gave Michi-

gan State the opportunity to represent the Big 10 in the Rose Bowl.

James Davis, Jr.: What did you study in school? Is your current career related to what you studied?

George Denison: For my undergrad I studied Political Science at the University of Michigan. I then went on to law school at the Detroit College of Law, which ironically enough is now MSU. After law school I went on to work for Senator Goldwater in Washington, D.C. My major of political science and then law school definitely relate closely to my career today.

James Davis, Jr.: If you could give any advice to your freshman self, what would you say?

George Denison: I mostly would have done it all the same if I went back to freshmen year of college. I loved the big school of Michigan, but I would advise freshmen to look into fraternities as a great way to meet a smaller group at a large school. I would tell my freshmen self to be sure to join an organization that will help you meet a closer group of friends on a massive campus.

James Davis, Jr.: If you have been back to the house recently, how does it compare to what you remember?

George Denison: The last time I was back at the house was in 2003. I have been to Ann Arbor a few times but mostly just to go to football games. Last time I was by many brothers were playing volleyball in the front. The house seems to be about the same as when I was around, but we never had volleyball in the front yard.

James Davis, Jr.: What advice would you give to guys in the house to better themselves morally, socially and intellectually?

George Denison: My advice to the actives in the fraternity would be to do the best they possibly can in school, as academics are always the number one priority. I would also advise the brotherhood to leave an impact on the house and to improve the fraternity as much as possible in their 4 years at school. Enjoy college to its full potential and don't rush to get into the real world. College is one of the best times of your life so make it an experience to remember while preparing to become working adults.

More Alumni News

Jared S. Kowis '08 is a civil engineer with R.G. Miller Engineers, Inc., a storm water management firm. The former chapter service consultant for The Alpha Delta Phi was married on May 19, 2013 and he and his wife, Michelle, live at 3804 Austin Lace Court, Pearland, TX 77581. His e-mail is kowisja@gmail.com.

Edward A. Michael '67 retired as president of Diamond Match in 1998. He and his wife, Dawn, live at 2506 Ocean Ave., Vero Beach, FL 32963.

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Robert "Babes" C. Schleh '56 is a retired lawyer and judge. He and his

wife, Marge, reside at 4342 Beachside Two, Miramar Beach, FL 32550. His e-mail is commich@aol.com.

Daniel E. Gentges '85 is an attorney and shareholder at Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek SC. He and his wife, Penny, reside at 9708 North Lamplighter Lane, Mequon, WI 53092. His e-mail is dgentges@whdlaw.com.

Robert P. Hamilton '88 is president of Foundation Finance Co. He and his wife, Jill, reside at 7105 Executive Ct., Weston, WI 54476.

Morley Faller '12 is getting his Master's in accounting at Rutgers University Graduate School of Business. He lives at 37 Innes Rd., Scarsdale, NY 10583.

Thomas "Midgely" M. Eastwood '63 is retired and he and his wife, Sherry, can be contacted at P.O. Box 6309, West Palm Beach, FL 33405.

J. Patrick McEvoy '57 is retired and lives with his wife, Sally, at 608 W. Franklin, Wheaton, IL 60187. His e-mail is jpmcevoy@sbcglobal.net.



Michigan Quarterback Devin Gardner and Wide Receiver Jeremy Gallon in the library with Matt Hoffman P'16.

A Homecoming Reinvigoration Thanks to the Alumni

By Jordan Hirschhorn P'14 and Abhay Hukku P'16

As a Senior, one realizes that their time as an undergraduate is coming to a close. The November 30th game against Ohio State will be their last home football game as an undergraduate. January 8th will be the first day of their last semester in college, and on May 3rd, they walk across the stage in Michigan Stadium and begin a new chapter in life.

Yet every Senior realizes the life-long commitment they made to Alpha Delta Phi, a commitment that is celebrated every fall during Homecoming weekend. While in recent years the Homecoming event had been lackluster, 2013 showed a renewed promise and rejuvenated spirit among Alpha Delta alumni.

More than forty alumni brothers, including large contingents who graduated in the sixties and eighties, were welcomed back to the chapter house by the undergraduate Brothers and the new Alumni Board President Jason Sparks. Each alumnus was immediately greeted, and within minutes was surrounded by undergraduates, curious to meet the men who had been in their position not too long ago. Especially exciting was the large contingent of alumni from the 1963 and 1967 classes who were celebrating five decades of being an Alpha Delta.

Over food and drink, alumni brothers greeted their old friends, looked over their fraternity composites, and indulged undergraduates with stories of their own time as actives. We would like to extend special thanks to Luke Stein P'08 and Jon Kivela P'04 for their efforts in making this a special and memorable homecoming.

Homecoming also offered an opportunity to catch up with several successful alumni. Abhay Hukku spent his time profiling several alumni to see where their post-graduate years led them.

Neill Hollenshead P'67, was the Director in Business Development at Truven Health Analytics (formerly a part of Thomson Reuters) starting in April of 1990, where he directed

healthcare and Medicaid procurement responses in 21 states. He also has more than 40 years of experience in the application of technology for information access and analysis in law, telecommunications, and healthcare.

John Burpee P '67, is a Financial Representative at Lucido-Morris Wealth Management. This company works in maximizing wealth strategies for both individuals and business professionals. He also has worked as Insurance Specialist at Fifth Third Insurance, as Financial Representative at Northwestern Mutual, and even Branch Manager at Source Finance.

Doug Kapnick P '65, of the Kapnick Insurance Group, has had a history of business achievement. The Kapnick Insurance group simplifies the insurance process for clients in order to meet their needs and interests, while lowering their cost of risk. Doug Kapnick was named president in 1976 and purchased the business from his father. By 1986, the group had doubled in size. In 1990, Kapnick was named Agency of the Month by a nationally acclaimed magazine. Doug Kapnick is now retired after a long history of achievement as the president of this Insurance Group.

Stephen Selander P '65, started the Selander Law Office, which specializes in providing legal advice to companies with product safety or pass-by noise issues. Stephen Selander ended up going to law school at the University of Michigan, and then worked for 29 years as an attorney as part of the General Motors Corporation until his departure in 2002. From 2002-2006, he joined Warner Norcross & Judd LLP, before starting his private firm, Selander Law Office, PLLC, in 2006. He represents clients in proceedings conducted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

For the last five years Allan McCrodden P '99, has worked as the Creative Group Supervisor at ProEd Communications, applying his expertise in art direction and corporate identity. ProEd Communications is a

healthcare consultant group company. They work for the successful dissemination of complex scientific data, which can help give healthcare professionals, government bodies, and consumers information they need to make better decisions. He originally joined ProEd Communications as the Art Director, after working in the same position for 7 years at Anthony Thomas Advertising.

Craig Brace P '91 is a manager of the Cummins Real Estate company. Cummins Real Estate is an independently owned brokerage with many professional sales associates. It was founded in 1996 and is located in Cortland, NY. They are a full service real estate company that assists both buyers and sellers in residential, commercial, farm, and land transactions. Craig Brace has been successful in management, problem-solving, and he has proven analytical and negotiating abilities.

As the undergraduates and Alumni Association attempt to build the network of the Peninsular Chapter, we would love for more alumni to contact us and share success stories following their graduation from the University of Michigan. The successes of the alumni of our fraternity give all active members inspiration and confidence that we can be as accomplished as our brethren.

Our Final Request...

We thank the many Peninsular Alpha Deltas who have already paid their 2013 Alumni Dues. **If you have not sent in your \$50.00 annual dues please do so soon.** Make your checks payable to the Peninsular Society of Alpha Delta Phi and mail in the reply envelope enclosed to the Peninsular Society of Alpha Delta Phi, c/o P.O. Box 312, Evanston, Illinois 60204.

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