



# THE PENINSULAR

University of Michigan Chapter of Alpha Delta Phi

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## Chapter President's Report

Dear Fellow Alpha Delts,

I hope this newsletter finds you in good health. The 2014 Winter Semester has been a tough but rewarding one at 556 S. State St. While we have faced many familiar challenges, there have been plenty of bright spots to feel encouraged about.

One of our great successes of the semester was coming in 2<sup>nd</sup> place for Greek Week. It was a great way for brothers to get their minds of the everyday stresses of school and bond with each other. Our sing team and variety teams did exceptionally well with sing placing second and variety getting an honorable mention. Brothers on both these teams put in a lot of effort and time into their respective events and

became closer with each other and the sorority we were paired with.

This semester was one of the most philanthropic in recent memory. For instance, Brothers raised over \$1,600 for Mott's Children's hospital through the Dance Marathon event. We also had Brothers participating in the Detroit Partnership Day and went to the city of Detroit to help create an urban garden for people to grow their own food. Moreover, we are revitalizing the fall volleyball tournament for next year to benefit the Veterans' hospital.

Besides these events, there is much anticipation surrounding the Alumni Golf Outing that will have occurred by the time this newsletter reaches you. There will be over 25 active brothers attend-

ing and we are encouraged by the many alumni that have signed up to attend. We have placed a premium on building alumni relations these last few years, and this event should be a great foundational step in this process. I want to thank Lucas Stein (P'08) and Jordan Hirschhorn (P'14) for their help organizing the event.

While certainly the Peninsular Chapter has continued to endure the familiar struggles of the last few years, we have found ways to thrive in other areas and are excited about our near future.

Xaipe,  
John Roelant  
President, Peninsular Chapter  
Alpha Delta Phi Literary Fraternity

## Alumni Board's Report

Alumni Brothers –

As another class of Alpha Delts graduate from the University of Michigan, it's important to reflect on the state of our chapter and what needs to happen over the next year.

We made some promising strides this year in alumni relations. Following a strong Homecoming in the fall, we hosted a spring alumni-active golf outing. On April 26, 40+ alumni and actives came together at Lake Forest Golf Club for morning golf and an afternoon BBQ. Feedback from the event was very positive, and as one attendee put it, "it's remarkable how effortlessly these generations of alumni and actives could get together and immediately have rapport, telling stories, reminiscing and catching up."

Special thanks to Luke Stein P'08 and Jordan Hirschhorn P'15 for their efforts to plan this event. We'd like to continue to have more events like these in the future, but they require dedicated time to plan and coordinate with the chapter. If you'd like to take a more active role in planning future social events,

please reach out to one of the alumni board members.

Looking ahead, there are two critical areas that we as a chapter must focus on. The first is Fall Rush, which falls mostly on the shoulders of actives. We've communicated with them the importance of delivering a strong pledge class, but there are a couple ways that alumni can help.

- For recently-graduated alums, please support the actives by showing up for one or two nights of rush. Having alumni present impacts a rushee's perception of our chapter's strength.

- For older alums, if you know of HS seniors who will be attending Michigan, please consider talking to them about checking out the house. Even if they're not interested in joining, it would be helpful to get feedback on their rush experience at our chapter.

The second area of importance falls on us alumni. We've mentioned the house renovation before and I'm pleased to report that we've had a few walkthroughs with builders/architects and are working on quotes to help with

the foundation of a capital campaign. We're going to need a large committee in order to take on this endeavor. We must get the capital campaign started this year, as it's clear that our house is not competitive with housing options available in Ann Arbor and even the housing options of other fraternities. **If we are to survive, we have to renovate in the near future.** Please reach out to Jason Sparks (esparts56@yahoo.com) if you'd like to be a part of the renovation/capital campaign committee.

One last note – we're continuing to compile an updated contact list for alumni, particularly email addresses (e.g. you may not have received emails on the recent golf event). If you haven't already responded, please email esparts56@yahoo.com with the following information: **Full Name, Class Year, Primary Email, Secondary Email (if applicable), Cell Number, Home Address and Profession.**

Xaipe,  
The Peninsular Society Alumni Board



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*The Peninsular and other alumni projects are financed solely through alumni contributions. Their success rests on your generosity.*

## Alpha Delta Phi Lends Detroit A Hand

On March 29, members of the Peninsular Chapter went to the volunteer in Detroit as a part of Detroit Partnership Day. Among other activities, the brothers contributed to trash clean-up and painting in neighborhoods throughout the day.

The Detroit Partnership Day was started in 1999 as a means for students from the University of Michigan to go to Detroit and provide public service to the worn down city. Although only one day of service is obviously not going to make a huge change to the city, Detroit Partnership Day is helpful for exposing the students to the conditions of Detroit, and perhaps as an encouragement for others return and make a larger difference. At the end of every Detroit Partnership day there is a reflection time so students can think about their initial perceptions of Detroit, and how they might have shifted after volunteering.

Adam Weber particularly found great value in the experience, remarking that, "Detroit Partnership Day was a truly unique opportunity. Detroit is a city that so many people have given up on and counted out, but it was so uplifting to interact with people who still care and are willing to fight for the people of the city."

This exposure is essential to the main principle of the Detroit Partner-

ship Day: service-learning. The organization believes that it is not beneficial to go into the day with the mindset of "fixing" Detroit. Their belief is that one should go into the day trying to learn whatever he/she can about Detroit, and perhaps gain an appreciation for what the city holds. The organization hopes that many Wolverines will end up coming back to Detroit to help out in the future.

This year, about 1400 students from the University of Michigan will be attending DP day. The Detroit Partnership works in two communities, Brightmoor and Southwest Detroit. The brothers spent their day specifically working for the LA SED organization (Latin Americans for Social and Economic Development). James Davis, Jr. was eager to share his enjoyment of the collaboration: "It was great to be able to help out at LA SED. It was truly amazing all the people that would thank us as they drove or walked past us as we landscaped and gardened. It is always nice to see people appreciating the hard work we were putting in."

Based on this experience, it's certain that the Peninsular Chapter will continue to participate in the Detroit Partnership Day, and are eager to lend their hands in making small differences in Detroit.

### Another Reminder...

We thank the many Peninsular Alpha Deltas who have already paid their 2014 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, 312, Evanston, Illinois 60204.

In a separate check make a tax deductible donation to the Dan Carlson Peninsular Fund in the Samuel Eells Literary & Education Foundation (SELEF) restricted to our chapters use.

## SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday, November 1st**  
**Michigan vs. Indiana**  
**Please make plans to join brothers from all eras to celebrate Homecoming this fall!!!**  
**Details to be announced in the coming months.**

**MGOBLUE**



# Peninsular Chapter Brothers Spring Break in Moab, Utah



(L to R) Brothers Colin Finley, Benjamin Hazelton, Omar Khawaja, Adam Weber, Julien Cohen and friends.



Brothers backpacking down their southwestern trail.

Spring Break is the perfect opportunity to get out of Ann Arbor and open yourself up to new experiences. This semester, five Peninsular Chapter brothers and I took a non-traditional approach to Spring Break, and travelled to Moab, Utah to camp and hike at the Arches and Canyonlands National Parks.

The trip began at Arches National Park, where we front country camped for 3 days and 2 nights. Instead of taking more tourist friendly trails, we decided to hike the more difficult "primitive" routes to the various arches within the park, which led to a few exhausting days. These trails included steep uphill treks and even steeper rock climbing. They were physically exhausting and technically difficult, requiring us to work together as a group to strategize and to push each other both mentally and physically.

Following our stay at Arches, we moved on to the next segment of our trip – backpacking in Canyonlands National Park, where we also spent 3 days and 2 nights. This time however, because we were backpacking, we did not have the luxury of having one campsite. Every day we had to pack up camp and hike over, around, and between mountains, all while carrying as much as 70lbs on our backs. After miles of hiking we would reach our campsite, set up camp, and get ready to repeat the process. Throughout these few days we worked as a team

in every single thing we did: setting up and taking down camp, making the hike to the next campsite, reading and following our maps and compasses, etc.

The trip to Arches and Canyonlands was one that this group of brothers will never forget. It was physically and mentally exhausting, but it was also one of the most unique and rewarding experiences any of us have ever had. We were able to work together as brothers

to overcome challenges and complete extremely strenuous tasks. We were able to see parts of the country we had never seen before and to take in beautiful views. Through this trip we strengthened our friendships and brotherhood bonds with one another in a way that would never have been possible in Ann Arbor.

Colin Finlay '16

## Alumni News

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**William B. Holmes '80** is a pilot and captain With American Airlines. He and his wife, Wendy, reside at 4765 Bridgeway Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48103. His e-mail is wbholmes@hotmail.com.

**John W. Pugsley '64** is a retired executive vice president for National Publishing Co. He and his wife, Maureen, reside at 14825 W. Piccadilly Rd., Goodyear, AZ 85395. His e-mail is pugsinaz@yahoo.com. "We spend the summers in Bay View, Michigan and winter in Goodyear, AZ."

**Stephen E. Upton '49** is retired as a vice president for Whirlpool Corp. He and his wife, Elizabeth reside at 100 Ridgeway, St. Joseph, MI 49085. His e-mail is supton2993@att.net. "We are happily married 63 years and now retired on Lake Michigan. I miss my friends in Alpha Delta Phi and would be pleased to hear from any of them. I enjoyed my presidency there many years ago."



## Senior Spotlight: Tyler Rospond, Former Chapter President



**The Shigley Family with Brothers Kyle Saukus, John Lopus, Will Ellis and Sean Carter.**



**The Shigley Family at the fundraiser.**



**The Shigley child dressed up in costume.**

*By Kyle Saukus, P'15*

The Peninsular chapter of the Alpha Delta Phi has a storied history of social events, brotherhood bonding, and academic excellence. Yet as students at one of the most prestigious schools in the nation, and brothers in a fraternity that places moral growth as a major part of its mission, the current brothers realize that the privilege of studying here isn't solely to earn a piece of paper, but rather to train ourselves to become assets to our community.

Tyler Rospond P'14 a native of Dewitt, Michigan, a second year student in the Ross School of Business and a former President of the Alpha Delta Phi Peninsular chapter, is a true testament to how a Brother should serve the public. Over the past few years, Tyler has also given back by contributing to the Dance Marathon at the University of Michigan — the largest student run organization on campus. This year, Tyler is the Community Relations Chair on the Central Planning Team, which is at the top tier of leadership within the Dance Marathon Organization. In Tyler's own words he is responsible for "organizing student organizations, specifically Greek life, to participate and join us throughout the year. †In addition, I am responsible for reaching out to local non-profit organizations to find volunteering and partnership opportunities."

With over 1,250 students projected to be participating in this year's Dance

Marathon, his role is essential to the establishment's continued success. In 2012 and 2013 Dance Marathon at the University of Michigan raised over \$500,000 each year to benefit the Mott's and Beaumont Children's Hospital pediatric rehabilitation programs. Over 30,000 families have benefited from Dance Marathon projects across the country to help many children afford a chance to experience, "sports, music, and even tree climbing." Tyler gives significant credence to these rehabilitation programs since "these therapies give children with disabilities the opportunity to experience many of the activities we take for granted as children" and "through these experiences, the children gain valuable mental, physical, and life skills while providing a monetary break for the families who have already put so much of their income into their children."

This year Tyler has organized multiple brothers from the Peninsular chapter to participate in Dance Marathon to sponsor the Shigley family. Justin and Laura Shigley have three great children named Jonathon (10), Leah (4), and James (1 year old). Jonathan has spastic quadriplegia, a subset of cerebral palsy which restricts his development and movement, but a tremendously fun attitude. The team met with the family to help carve pumpkins and take part in other fun activities at the Cube on Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>. The day served as a great way to show the Brothers how their efforts

help create great experiences for kids like Jonathan.

Tyler states that the benefit for students participating in the organization is valuable in its own right, "on an individual advancement level, the opportunities for personal development... are invaluable for students looking to differentiate themselves." He attributes many of his leadership and networking skills to the experiences he has had working with other Dance Marathon members over the years. However, his greatest reward is still helping many children each year experience life with more laughter and joy than they would have had without Dance Marathon.

### *Chapter Eternal*

Since publication of our last edition of *The Peninsular* we have learned of the deaths of **John C. Anderson '46** and **Edwin C. Kidd '50**. We extend our condolences to their families and friends.

#### **WHAT'S HAPPENING**

**When was the last time you filled us in on your activities and adventures? Please send NEWS to *The Peninsular* Editor, Peninsular Society of Alpha Delta Phi, c/o P.O. Box 312, Evanston, Illinois 60204.**