



2nd Annual Alumni/Active Golf Outing Attracts Large Turnout





On April 25, more than 70 Alpha Delta Phi alumni and actives enjoyed a morning of golf at Lake Forest Golf Club and a BBQ at the chapter house. Special thanks to Dave Ambroziak P '97 and Jay Dutcher P '18, for organizing the events. We expect this event to continue growing and become a big weekend for our fraternity for years to come. More photos can be seen on the "Alpha Delta Phi - Peninsular Society (University of Michigan)" Facebook group.

> Group photo provided by Jason Sparks P '02 Other photos taken by Edward McPhee P '12

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Special thanks to Undergraduate Publishing Chair Casey McKinley P'18.

Reminder:

We thank the many Peninsular Alpha Delts who paid their 2014 alumni dues and those who have already paid theirs for 2015. If you have not already, please send in your alumni dues of \$75 to:

Peninsular Society of Alpha Delta Phi P.O. Box 312 Evanston, Illinois 60204

Checks are payable to: Peninsular Society of Alpha Delta Phi

Catching up with John Burpee P '69

Interview by Alex Rakestraw P'18 and Article by Ed McPhee **P'12**

This semester our undergrad interviewer Alec Wishnie P '18 checks in with Russell John Burpee P '69 (although most will just know him as John). John and Alec conversed about the drastic differences between their time in the house, and John shared about a culture that would seem almost foreign to a modern social fraternity.

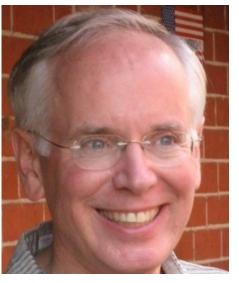
Burpee is a Michigan native who grew up in Grand Rapids before going to the University of Michigan and joining the 1965 pledge class of the Peninsular chapter (where he was given the pledge nickname of "Barfy"). Although he did not finish his degree at Michigan, he stayed active in the

fraternity and later earned a second degree in Accounting from DePaul University where he graduated with high honors.

Looking back on his time in the fraternity, Burpee remembered the pledge formals fondly. He enioved having everyone dressed up, live music,

and the sit-down dinner right at the house. It was a time of "camaraderie" and "respect." He remarked that the members were "just wonderful" and "the best group of guys" and he really felt as though he fit in at Alpha Delta Phi.

These days, he's a financial advisor at Lucido Morris and also has a personal practice, helping younger individuals. Although he laments that he does not keep in touch with all of his former classmates, he does find that when he runs into them at Homecoming they can pick up immediately where they left off as if no time has passed. He has kept the motto of the fraternity close in heart and mind throughout his life, noting that it is "one of the greatest truths you can ever realize."





Shawn Farschi P '18 Wins 2015 Sloan Sports Analytics Conference Hackathon

By Ed McPhee P'12

This past February, Junior Shawn Farschi P '18 won a national hackathon at the 2015 MIT Sloan Sports Analytics Conference. The Sloan Sports Analytics Conference is the leading conference for sports analytics, and is attended by leading professional sports figures, including athletes, front office heads, and writers.

Farschi competed in the student division of the hackathon for undergraduates and graduate students.

In the hackathon, each participant was handed a 20 page document of data points to prepare for a presentation to a panel of experts in only 3.5 hours. Farschi created a model that could measure how efficiently a linebacker could make a tackle depending on the direction he was running.

The hackathon was hosted by the ESPN Stats & Information Group. As

"It was probably in the trillions how many data points they had" -Shawn Farschi

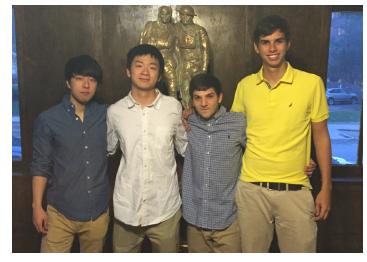
part of the victory, Farschi was offered an internship with them.

FullcoverageofFarschi's victory can be found at: http://www.michigandaily.com/blog/wire/ lsa-junior-wins-nationalhackathon.



Shawn Farschi P'18 with his Hackathon trophy

Peninsular Chapter Welcomes Four New Members in Winter Semester of 2015



Pictured left to right:

Sammy Kang P '18 Germantown, Maryland

Paul Song P '18 Germantown, Maryland

Andrew Cornwall P '18 Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

Manuel Sarmiento P '18 Eastern Cape, South Africa





A Message from the Alumni Board

Brothers,

Thank you to those alumni who have stepped up over the past five months to contribute in numerous ways. With this added support, we've taken great strides towards our ultimate goal of renovating the chapter house. More updates on the capital campaign and renovation plans will be shared in the coming months.

We offered a preview of the architectural plans to the alumni and actives present for the spring golf outing on April 25. The event was a great success and we hope many more of you can join us for next year's outing. The weekend presents a perfect opportunity to visit the house, reunite with classmates, get in some golf and enjoy time in Ann Arbor. Next year's outing is scheduled for April 23, so please save the date. We would like to thank Dave Ambroziak P' 97 and Jay Dutcher P' 18 for their help in planning this event.

Annual Membership Meeting (Friday, July 10 @ 7 p.m. in in the Michigan Union, Wolverine Room): We will be hosting an alumni membership meeting to update alums and answer questions on all matters pertaining to the chapter. As part of that meeting, we'll be voting on updated articles of incorporation along with restated bylaws for the Peninsular Society. A formal meeting notice with more details was sent out at the beginning of June, so please consider attending this important meeting.

Reminder: Homecoming 2015 is Saturday, October 10 vs. North-



The Peninsular Chapter House in the 1930's.

western. Please include the house in your plans for this year's Homecoming festivities — a great time to plan class reunions and catch a football game. Michigan will be formally celebrating reunions for the classes of 1955, 1965, 1975, 1985, 1995 and 2005.

Lastly, if you know individuals that are attending Michigan this coming fall, please consider talking with them about checking the fraternity out. We can even have the rush chairs connect with them for a more personal invite to come and meet the actives.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to Jason Sparks P '02 (esparks56@yahoo. com) if you have questions or would like to become more involved in the chapter's activities. We can always use more help.

Xaipe, The Peninsular Society Alumni Board

Keep in Touch With Us!

While we will continue to publish this newsletter, the Peninsular Society is also working to expand outreach across digital platforms.

<u>The Peninsular Society Website:</u> Found at http://www.PeninsularSociety.com, this website provides information on upcoming and past events, along with a feature to submit your updated contact information to us. Special thanks to Jon Bowerman P'03, founder of High Level Marketing, for providing us with this fantastic new site.

<u>The Alpha Delta Phi - Peninsular Society (University of Michigan) Facebook Group:</u> This is a fantastic way to keep in touch (and get back in touch) with other alumni.

The Peninsular Chapter LinkedIn Group: This group is about to undergo a revitalization. Stay tuned for more information!