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PHI KAPPA THETA FRATERNITY ■ IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY ■ SUMMER 2013

\$600,000 CAMPAIGN ANNOUNCED TO RENOVATE CHAPTER HOUSE

More Than \$325,000 Raised in Early Commitments from Dedicated Brothers

Phi Kappa Theta instilled a foundation in all of us that has contributed to our success as alumni and the continued success of the Iowa Xi Chapter. Countless brothers have worked diligently over the years to preserve Phi Kappa Theta and that pride displayed by our alumni connects all of us throughout our history. The time has come for us to unite as a chapter and ensure Phi Kappa Theta can continue providing the same experience for future generations of Iowa Xi men.

Over the years our fraternity home has aged, and a rapidly growing number of repairs and upgrades need attention now. University residence halls, off-campus housing, and other fraternities have made impressive upgrades and major overhauls over the past 10 years. To remain competitive, we must make vital updates to the chapter house to create a modern facility that will accommodate the needs and wants of today's students and attract new members to Phi Kappa Theta.

Several renovations are necessary to ensure the safety and future of the chapter house. First and foremost, the City of Ames has mandated that all fraternity housing should have a fire suppression system installed by 2014. Additional renovations include upgraded electrical and plumbing systems, new heating and cooling systems, additional bedrooms and bathrooms, and exterior enhancements to the roof and brickwork. Much like our personal homes, our chapter house must be modern, safe, and efficient to instill confidence in our members and their parents.

On behalf of the Campaign Board and Alumni Corporation Board, we are pleased to announce the *Pride in Our Past, Foundation for Our Future* campaign. More than \$325,000 has now been secured in initial commitments from dedicated alumni.

In the next few weeks, please look for more information concerning the capital campaign. The renovation project has an estimated total

cost of up to \$750,000. At a minimum, our goal is to raise \$600,000 from alumni to support the most critical facility upgrades. We are capable and willing to borrow up to \$150,000 to complete the project as envisioned, however, if we can surpass our campaign goal, we'll continue fundraising to lessen any potential burden on the chapter.

It is our hope that this campaign will reconnect brothers and rekindle the bonds of brotherhood—a brotherhood that made your Phi Kap experience so meaningful. Now is the time to ensure that future generations of Iowa Xi men develop as leaders in the same fashion as we did. Your generosity will impact the lives of future

brothers, just as those who preceded us paved the way for each generation. We encourage you to get involved and hope you'll choose to join us in supporting our great fraternity. We are available for any questions you may have. Thank you for your loyalty to the Iowa Xi Chapter of Phi Kappa Theta.

Fraternally,

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Check out our new website, www.pktalumni.com. Turn to page 4 for more information.

THANK YOU, LOYAL BROTHERS FOR COMMITTING MORE THAN \$325,000

We are deeply grateful to the brothers listed below who committed more than \$325,000 to the *Pride in Our Past, Foundation for Our Future* campaign. These alumni recognize the importance of ensuring the future of Iowa Xi and have demonstrated a sense of gratitude for their personal experience. Commitments are still needed from the rest of our alumni to achieve our goal of \$600,000.

All donors contributing a minimum total of \$1,000 to the campaign, paid over a five-year period, will be recognized on a plaque prominently displayed in the chapter house. If an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name has been mistakenly omitted or listed improperly, we sincerely apologize. Please contact our campaign coordinator at (785) 843-1661.

Temple Society
(\$25,000 and above)

Gregory D. Stolp '84
Daniel K. Ahern '85
Richard E. Ball '86

Amethyst & Pearl Society
(\$15,000 to \$24,999)

Iowa Xi Undergraduate Chapter
K.C. Gerlitz '88
Vachel L. White '02

Sword & Shield Society
(\$10,000 to \$14,999)

David M. McSweeney '83
Michael J. McClellan '88
Matt A. Van Berkum '98

Brown & Lehigh Society
(\$7,500 to \$9,999)

Michael L. Canney '75

Jerome J. Carpenter '88
Paul D. Peterson '01

Amician Society
(\$5,000 to \$7,499)

James W. Victor '68
James F. Willer '69
Stephen P. Engel '71
Frank L. Kock '71
Maurice "Moe" R. Russell '71
Kirk E. Thomas '76
Michael T. Lustig '78
Timothy R. Laird '80
Frank J. Hays '83
Lane M. Crosser '84
Stephen E. Pascuzzi '84
Gregory Stein '85
(New York Eta, '70)
James R. Flanigan '88
Eric J. Newendorp '01
Steven R. Brittain '03

Nathaniel G. Kemmer '03
Jay M. McArdle '03

2110 Society
(\$2,500 to \$4,999)

Edward T. Larson '84
Leo E. Landis '87
Christopher M. Martin '87
Brian M. Johnson '88
John S. Patten '88
Brian J. Streich '94
Louis D. Shell '95
Manni K. Balinasay '01
Eric L. Van Gorp '01
Ryan C. Veenstra '01
Ian C. Young '01
Jonathan D. Hicks '02
Bradley J. Streich '02
Michael C. Ungerman '04
Gregory E. Burgess '11

Cardinal & Gold Society
(\$1,000 to \$2,499)

Harold F. Johnson '53
Phillip M. Sosalla '65
David J. Besser '72
Michael J. Maloney '76
Gary A. Culp '84
Daniel K. Duffy '84
Rick A. Hardcopf '84
Ronald A. Contillo '85
Edward J. Maginn '87
Robert L. Carter '95
Gregory S. Marso '00
Troy D. Henry '01
Isaac J. Olsen '01
Craig S. Peterson '02
Mitchell J. Gore '07
David T. Feely '08
Ted J. Anders '11
In memory of
Charles M. Anders '80

Iowa Xi Brotherhood Society

(Up to \$999)
Jerome C. Peltier '62
Keith B. Downey '64

**Campaign
Status
At-a-Glance**
As of June 13, 2013

\$600,000 Goal

\$325,925 Contributions

10% Participation

650 Mailable Alumni

Recent Alumnus Makes Generous Contribution *Vachel White '02 Attributes Success to Phi Kappa Theta*

When **Vachel White '02** joined Phi Kappa Theta, he knew he found something special. He quickly formed a bond with the brothers that would impact the rest of his life. "I joined with several of my friends and stayed after realizing that the guys had become my family, not just my friends." Vachel is thankful for his experiences in the chapter house while earning his bachelor's degree at Iowa State. "My experiences in the chapter helped shape the person I am today. My drive and understanding were created while living in the house and it is why I am where I am today."



in the chapter has impacted his career, Vachel said, "Simple motto: 'Work hard with a long-term vision and always aim for success that supports those around you.' In fact, sometimes the greatest successes do not personally benefit you at all, but those around you." He encourages young alumni to always remember the lessons they learned in the chapter. "Find something you love, not a specific occupation, but a talent. Then surround yourself with those who have other talents that are better than yours are. When you work together for the betterment of them, success will follow."

Vachel is the CEO of Eden Ridge Farms Inc. and a senior global business strategist at DuPont Pioneer. When asked if his time

Vachel contributed to the campaign in order to extend the Phi Kappa Theta experience to future brothers. "I hope it will give someone a chance to change their life for the best. My success, the person I am today, my career, my wife, and my closest friends are all tied to Phi Kappa Theta. To me, there was no question about giving. I lived in the chapter house for five years, and, for a small fee, I can make sure the chapter has a chance to be successful and that Phi Kappa Theta is not just a memory."

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Vachel and his wife, Kathryn, have a 2-year-old daughter. They reside in Rhodes, Iowa and can be contacted at pktivach@hotmail.com.

Greg Stolp '84 Preserves Iowa Xi Legacy by Contributing to Campaign

Greg Stolp '84 is thankful for the opportunities he was afforded through Phi Kappa Theta. His connection to Phi Kappa Theta began during recruitment and has lasted throughout the course of his life. "I was impressed with the recruitment chairman, **Dave Biegger '81**, and other brothers I met at recruitment events. The four ideals of Phi Kappa Theta (fraternal, intellectual, spiritual, and social) resonated with me, as well as its roots as a Christian fraternity. Compared to other fraternities, I felt that Phi Kappa Theta would offer me a more rounded college experience. I also was attracted to joining a smaller chapter at Iowa State where I would get to know the brothers better. As I went through the associate member program, I became very close to the brothers in my class. They had a tremendously positive influence on my college experience."

After earning a bachelor's degree of business administration in management, Greg continued to stay in touch with a few brothers from Iowa Xi. He often reminisces about his experience in the chapter. "There was an energy and sense of camaraderie among brothers that fueled the tremendous growth of the chapter in the early and mid-1980s. To this day, I am impressed that a small group of hardworking, dedicated, and largely self-led men were so successful at making Iowa Xi into a preeminent fraternity in the Iowa State Greek system and among all Phi Kappa Theta chapters nationwide.

Greg donated to the capital campaign in order to continue the legacy of Iowa Xi and afford future brothers a similar Phi Kappa Theta experience. Greg says some of his fondest memories are of the annual Quo Vadis chapter retreats. "Quo Vadis is Latin for 'Where are you going?' and is recognized by Christians as the question Peter posed to Jesus outside Rome. We used our Quo Vadis retreats to strengthen relationships and conduct strategic planning. A question we posed then, and that I continue to use today in my career, is 'Are we relevant?' We have a commitment to ensure



that Iowa Xi remains relevant for generations to come. I hope that each of our Iowa Xi alumni can demonstrate their commitment by making a contribution to the campaign."

"As we near the 90th anniversary of the founding of Iowa Xi Chapter in 2014, I hope the contributions to the campaign will help Iowa Xi remain viable and relevant for the next 20-30 years. The inspiration for my gift is to recognize the alumni who came before us. As undergraduates, we don't always recognize or appreciate the sacrifices that alumni made in order for us to be Phi Kaps. They were men who donated money to buy the house, renovate it, or expand it. They were men who helped manage the house corporation or organized alumni events. They were men who dedicated their time to helping mentor and teach undergraduate brothers, and men who served as role models. We owe a debt to those earlier generations of Iowa Xi Phi Kaps. My contribution is in their honor."

Greg and his wife, Laurie, have two daughters, Katie and Megan. He can be contacted at stolpgd@gmail.com.

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ALUMNI NEWS

Richard E. Champion '62 lives in Omaha, Neb., and has two children and three grandchildren. His son, Scott, is employed at the T.D. Ameritrade headquarters in Omaha, and his daughter, Kim, is a teacher. E-mail: rechampion31@gmail.com

Frank H. Hermsen '66 retired in 2011 from his position as executive director of New Hope Village in Carroll, Iowa. In his retirement, he has enjoyed spending more time with family, travelling, and volunteering. E-mail: f_hermensen@inetci.net

Mike L. Fahning '86 retired as CFO from Rydell Group, the largest privately held automotive group in North America. He is doing part-time consulting work and fundraising for a Parkinson's non-profit in Minneapolis. Mike resides in Eden Prairie, Minn. E-mail: mfahning64@gmail.com

Benjamin D. Bakkum '11 and his wife, Robyn, were married on September 1, 2012. They are settling into life in western New York, where Ben works as an assistant roadmaster for CSX Transportation. E-mail: isubbakkum@gmail.com

Campaign Board Leadership

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Dan Ahern '85
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Special campaign
announcement
information
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SAVE THE DATE

Phi Kap Open Golf Tournament

August 10, 2013

Please join us for the 26th annual
golf tournament at Veekner Golf Course.

Homecoming 2013

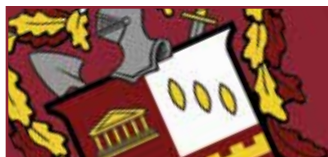
November 9, 2013

ISU vs. TCU

Visit our Website

For additional information about these events, please visit our new Iowa Xi alumni website at www.pktalumni.com.

You should have received an e-mail containing your username and password for the Member Login section of the website. If not, please contact our Webmaster **Nate Kemmer '03** at nkemmer@gmail.com.



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ATTENTION: This newsletter is intended for alumni and parents. If your son is still attending Iowa State University, he will receive a copy at the chapter house. If he has graduated, please mail us his new address to help update our records. Thank you.

Brothers Increase Campus Involvement *Iowa Xi Prepares for Successful Recruitment*

Phi Kappa Theta has enjoyed many achievements during the past school year. We have done this through a revamped scholarship program and philanthropic activities. Through our revamped scholarship program, we are striving to be the best academic fraternity. The new program features more study times as a chapter, incentives, and competition for academic success.

PHILANTHROPY RAISES \$800 FOR CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK

Our spring philanthropy, Jump-A-Poluzza, was very successful this year. We raised over \$800 to present to Children's Miracle Network. Every member participated in an activity, from jumping on the trampoline to serving food at the band concert. Our philanthropy wouldn't have been possible without the support of our partner sororities, Kappa Alpha Theta and Alpha Omicron Pi. They helped us raise money.

MEMBERS INVOLVED ON CAMPUS

Along with collaborating in philanthropy,

members are also involved in many clubs on campus. **Cole Knutson '16** is an officer in the fencing club, and **Kevin Smetana '14** is a member of the scuba diving club (and has been pictured with sharks). Brothers also participated in intramurals, such as ice hockey. We plan to beat the Beta Sigs in the fall reformation bowl.

BROTHERS SIGN TWO NEW MEMBERS

We are preparing to have a successful recruitment and have established new plans for it. Ten possible new members visited during Greek Week, and two of them have already signed. We have many plans to assist in recruitment for the summer and fall. The recruitment chairmen are planning to visit cities in the Midwest for promising new members. Much effort has already been made for fall orientation.

Last semester our chapter was proud to host many alumni as they came back for VEISHEA. They bonded with the undergraduates and shared their experiences of their time in the chapter. We invite alumni to stop by the chapter house

and take a tour of the campus. With your help, we can continue to make Iowa Xi a successful chapter for many more years.

Fraternally,
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Brothers prepare for Serenades.