

UPCOMING EVENTS

VEISHA CELEBRATION // SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2011

The alumni board will be holding a board meeting starting at 8 a.m. at the house. All alumni are encouraged to attend to find out what is happening with the Chapter.

The undergraduates will be hosting a lunchtime BBQ. They have a few lawn games planned, so plan on stopping by to have some fun after the parade.

If you haven't been back to the house for a while, stop by to say "hello" and check out all the changes!



XiCLONE

SPRING 2011

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello again, Brothers:

I write this letter after just having returned home to the chapter house from the Vespers ceremonies. Iowa Xi's involvement within Iowa State University and the Greek community this past year helped us win five awards and an honorable mention. Many of these awards were ones associated with Greek Week (GW), which concluded with Vespers.

For GW this semester, we were paired with Pi Beta Phi Sorority and Farmhouse Fraternity. Because of being paired with Pi Phi's for homecoming the previous semester, we already had a bond formed, and were familiar with competing with one another. We finished towards the top in each category of competition and won first place, overall, in the Olympics. Other trophies included — can drive, tournaments, community service, and a plaque for the Cardinal Circle for Fraternal Excellence (an award given based off of our Chapter's submission for the Fraternal Awards of Excellence, 2010.)

Going alongside all of the inter-Greek competition, we also had four potential new members stay at our house for the weekend. All four men are current brothers of Phi Kaps (Mike Kaufmann, Ryan Roberts, Andrew Sevcik and

Jesse Donner). We bid three of these men — the fourth, is currently a junior in high school, but whom we will stay in contact with throughout the next year.

With the semester beginning to wind down and Greek Week now over, the Phi Kap house is still as busy as ever. This coming weekend we will be hosting Jump-A-Thon — our annual spring philanthropy — in which we will jump with the women of Alpha Omicron Pi and Alpha Sigma Kappa for 48 hours on a trampoline, all while gaining corporate sponsors and raising money for the Children's Miracle Network. We have had great success in the past years — while seemingly battling the weather every time we set the trampolines up — and are excited to get the event underway once again.

I hope all is well in whatever endeavors you are in, and look forward to seeing some of you in a few weeks for our VEISHEA barbeque and celebrations.

Fraternally,
Alexander D. Davis



FAR LEFT

Phi Kaps participating in Greek Week '11 Olympics. The group pairing (Pi Beta Phi, Phi Kappa Theta, and Farmhouse) won first place in the Olympics. Pictured L to R: Dan Meyer, David Westoff, Linden Shoup, Ted Anders, Alex M. Davis, Mark Arnold, Patrick Ahern, and Ryan Roberts.

LEFT

Mike Kaufmann competes in the bicycle stage of the relay for Greek Olympics. Mike finished in the top of his heat, as well as competing in many other Greek Week events.

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FROM THE BOARD

Hello all, there is a lot of activity going on around the undergraduate chapter and alumni corporation board. First of all, I would like to thank Mike Murphy and the previous board members for all their hard work and dedication to Phi Kappa Theta! Thank you very much!

Second of all, I would like to introduce the new corporation board members and thank them for stepping forward to guide Phi Kappa Theta through some critical stages of change.

As alumni, we have a great deal to undertake in the next few years. By October 2014, we are required to install a sprinkler system in the house — this deadline has already been extended a couple times. In addition, the fire protection system in the kitchen is out of code and needs to be replaced. In fact, there are several areas of deferred maintenance that need to be addressed in the next couple years — including repair and restoration/remodeling of the cold-air dorms, which have not been functioning for several years.

This will involve a full assessment of required repairs and maintenance (sprinkler/kitchen fire protection system), assessment of needs and wants, and finally, great collaboration among alumni to make decisions on what will be done in a major renovation.

We will need to conduct a well-organized Capital Campaign in order to make the required upgrades to the property to keep the doors open and build for the future.

I want to thank the new board members for stepping forward and taking these challenges head-on. We still need a Vice President, and I believe, a Golf Czar. What is that saying — many hands make light work — well, we could really use someone to step up and be VP and to coordinate the annual golf outing. You can contact me, or I may be calling you. It doesn't have to be a person from Central Iowa — you can live out of state and serve on the corporation board. Please volunteer or nominate another person you think is capable, willing and able.

I also want to thank Josh Sterling, Cory Krebs and Charles Baumert for offering to assist with special projects/committees. Anyone else who is able to volunteer for a special project, please let me know.

We continue to work on undergrad relations and assist them in Rush/Recruitment, to be a viable chapter in the future and instill in these young men the ideals of Phi Kappa Theta. This ranges from teaching songs

(Hey — if you have an old songbook, send a copy to me or the Chapter House, as all of the songbooks have been lost! Maybe you remember a song — write it down and send it to us.) to sharing traditions of the past, and restarting those positive traditions to just talking about what it was like when you were in the House.

I want to thank those who renewed their dues with the last *XiClone* and those who donated some extra (and a few cases, a lot extra) and encourage you to stay current; it helps us with the cost of the *XiClone* and special maintenance projects around the house — such as replacing the 3rd-floor bathroom window in the Chapter House (this was an expensive repair!)

Another area we are addressing is the management of the annex. Once again, this is an issue, and with limited resources available to manage it appropriately, we are preparing to transfer management, maintenance and leasing over to a property management company in Ames. The property management company manages over 2,500 units in Ames, and has bulk buying power for appliances, air conditioners, and other items. They bill at a set percentage over their labor rate — in 15 minute increments for repairs — handyman work, and so forth. They have an excellent record of collecting rent within 3 days of the due date. We feel confident this is a solid direction to go and are currently moving forward with this initiative.

One other property related issue is that the Board has been working with the City of Ames and the PIKES, on a proposed new storm sewer to be installed in the PIKES backyard to alleviate the continued flooding that occurs in the Chapter House basement, and bottom two apartments in the annex when heavy rains come. This would require an easement through our parking lot, from the PIKE house to Beach Avenue. Timeline is approximately one year from now and involves city, state and federal funding via a FEMA program. The project is in cost/benefit justification at this time.

One of my key goals is to facilitate good communications, so I will do my best to be sure we are sending out meeting minutes, making you aware of key issues and decisions, and engaging you as much as we can. We will do this via the fraternity's group e-mail list, our Facebook page, the *XiClone*, and certainly through direct interaction at VEISEHA, the annual Golf Outing, Homecoming, and other planned events.

Fraternally,
Jerry Carpenter '88

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NEW FACES



AARON GAFFNEY Aaron is a freshman from Ames, Iowa and attended Ames High School. While in high school, he participated in basketball, football and track. Aaron transferred to Iowa State after the fall semester from the University of Northern Iowa. He is majoring in Journalism and Mass Communications.



CLAYTON SHORT Clayton is a freshman from Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota. He attended Simley High School. In high school he participated in tennis and hockey. A hobby of his is playing guitar. Clayton currently lives in the dorms and plans to move in next fall. He is majoring in Materials Engineering.

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