



XICLONE

PHI KAPPA THETA FRATERNITY ■ IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY ■ FALL 2012

IOWA XI ALUMNI BOARD FOCUSES ON PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Technology Updates Make Chapter Efficient

I am pleased to inform you of the tremendous development that has taken place at Iowa Xi Chapter. In an effort to rekindle and renew the bonds of Phi Kappa Theta, we have redesigned the *XiClone* and implemented an alumni relations program. Our biannual newsletter is part of that program and it will have information regarding chapter events, class reunions, and updates on the undergraduate chapter. Recently, you also received an information request form asking you to update your information with Iowa Xi. Thank you to all alumni who have returned those sheets. If you haven't returned the update, I encourage you to do so. Check out page 4 for alumni news that includes responses we received from those updates. We look forward to regularly communicating with alumni and strengthening the brotherhood of Iowa Xi.

Third Floor Bedrooms Updated

In anticipation of the need for more capacity, we remodeled all of the third floor bedrooms. These bedrooms were in most need of repair and had concerns that needed to be addressed immediately. The rooms were updated with new closets, paint, and carpet. Undergraduates were particularly helpful in completing the DIY work. With help from brothers like **Eric Van Goup '01** and **Linden Shoup '13**, alumni can rest assured that the chapter is taking measures to ensure the structure is up-to-date and meeting the needs of our undergraduates.

Effective Financial Improvements

The house corporation board meets once a month to discuss possible improvements to the chapter and the chapter house. One of these improvements has been the implementation of the automated billing tool Greek Bill. This system is a great tool for collecting rent and dues from the undergraduates. The billing system helps us collect all rent by the third week of each semester. **Jon Hicks '02** has also spearheaded the revision of the Phi Kap housing contract and the contract signing is automated using Greek Bill. Additionally, we now require a \$100 deposit from each undergraduate to ensure all of our remodeling efforts are preserved.

Future Chapter Implementations

The board is also looking into possible tools that will automate collection of alumni dues, facilitate future board communication, and provide a link where alumni can update their contact information. There will be more information on this in future publications, but we would like to extend a hearty thank-you to **Jerry Carpenter '88** who is leading this project. **Nate Kemmer '03** is working on an alumni website that he hopes to roll out by the end of the year. The board continues to assess the long-term health of 2110 Lincoln Way. We hope to update the sprinklers, cold-air dorms, bathrooms, and bedrooms. These updates will help us remain competitive on campus. As our efforts continue, the house corporation is dedicated to further communicating developments and decisions.

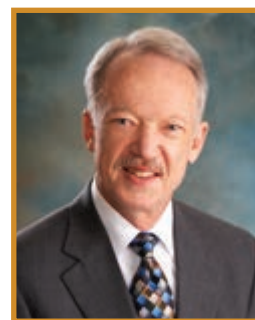
The house corporation board is looking for a VEISHEA chairman and communication chairman. Please reach out to a board member or contact me if you are interested in joining. I encourage you to stop by 2110 Lincoln Way if you're in the area to see the progress on the chapter house and catch up with your Iowa Xi brothers.



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Alumni Reminisce About Iowa Xi Experiences

*Jim Victor '68 and Jim Willer '69
Credit Iowa Xi for Life-Changing Opportunities*



Jim Victor '68



Jim Willer '69

Jim Victor '68 and **Jim Willer '69** are immensely proud that they joined a Catholic fraternity that has taught them so many life lessons. Willer said, "Although fraternities have changed, being a pledge taught me discipline and the dedication it takes to be successful. My best memories are from Greek Week. We established a close-knit bond because we did everything together. We learned things from the fraternity that we would have never been able to from the university." Victor agrees with him and credits much of his success to the lessons he learned as a member of Phi Kappa Theta. Victor said, "Becoming a pledge was one of the proudest moments of being in the fraternity. I learned more about becoming a strong individual, grooming, dining etiquette and the importance of helping others. I wouldn't have changed a thing. It was a life-changing experience and I am a different person because of it."

Willer and Victor were very involved members while they were undergraduates. Victor said, "As the social chairman, I learned that life is to be lived and to not do things halfway. In order to achieve success, you have to give it your all." Both men served in officer positions and took advantage of the many opportunities that being a Phi Kappa Theta offers. Victor encourages undergraduates to cherish the moments they have in the chapter. "During a social outing three years after graduation, **Jim Willer '69** introduced me to a career path. It was the networking connections of the fraternity brothers that helped me get where I am today. The more you do for the fraternity, the more you will get out of it."

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BROTHERS REUNITE FOR GOLF TOURNAMENT

Alumni, Join the Celebration Next Year



Rick Ball '86, Mike Fahning '86, Mike Biegger '87, and Paul Fisher '87 enjoy reminiscing with brothers while golfing.



Mark Arnold '11, Greg Burgess '11, Cory Millmier '12 and Theodore James Anders '11 build camaraderie with the undergraduates during the golf reunion.

In 1987, the golf tournament started as an alumni-centered event. Over the years, it has morphed into a networking and camaraderie-building reunion that both alumni and undergraduates enjoy. This year 38 brothers attended our 25th annual Phi Kap golf tournament, which was held at Veenker Memorial Golf Course on August 11. Though the faces have changed, one thing remains constant: Phi Kappa Theta has remained a brotherhood, a bonding union, and a starting point for lifelong friendships.

Brothers Bond and Golf

Although we gather for the golf tournament, the event really isn't about winning. It's not about the jackets, the lost balls, or the prizes. It is my hope, and the hope of the insightful men that started this tradition, that the event is a conduit between undergraduates and alumni. We come together to demonstrate our emotional and financial support of Phi Kappa Theta, share our insight and passion with the undergraduates for the chapter's future success, and pass the torch to those who want to continue the leadership that is so essential to Iowa Xi.

Motivated Members Ensure Success

The golf tournament's success does not come from a golf czar, but from your grassroots support and passion for Phi Kappa Theta. We raised just under \$2,000 this year and enjoyed a beautiful day. You can continue to make this event significant by your support for the future of Phi Kappa Theta.

Next year's event is on August 10 at Veenker. Coffee, donuts, and rolls will be provided before the event. Food and drink will be available for purchase after the golfing is completed. Bring your pledge class, your pledge dads, your pledge sons, your house mentors, and anyone else to share in this great tradition. I look forward to seeing you there.



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Alumni Reminisce About Iowa Xi

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"Although work and our personal lives take us in different directions, our fraternal bond remains strong," said Willer. Both men work at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney and enjoy reminiscing about their experiences in the chapter house. Many years have passed since the brothers lived in the chapter house together, but they still enjoy the ties of friendship because of their appreciation for Phi Kappa Theta. Victor said, "There is not a time that we see each other and don't shake hands in our special way." Both men hope future generations of Phi Kappa Theta will be able to gain from the fraternity in the

same way they did. Victor said, "We need a strong chapter in order to continue our legacy. Alumni can pay it forward by supporting the undergraduates. I cannot put a price on a lifetime of friendship and commitment. It is a part of you for life."

Jim Victor lives in Davenport, Iowa, and can be contacted at james.w.victor@mssb.com. Jim Willer lives in Des Moines, Iowa, and can be contacted at jim.willer@mssb.com.



Jerry Carpenter '88 and Mat Van Berkum '97 enjoy the Homecoming festivities.



Mike Lustig '78 and Frank Koch '71 reminisce about their Phi Kappa days.

Alumni Reunite for Homecoming 2012

Phi Kappa Theta hosted more than 30 brothers, additional friends and family from the 1970s to the present for Homecoming 2012. A truly great time was had by all and we look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

This year, the chapter rented a tent in a great location near the stadium. This made for a short walk to the football game and easy access for half-time refreshments. There was also excellent tailgate food prepared by the House Cook and Director Juanita, so no one left hungry.

There was also a \$5 raffle again this year which raised more than \$600 to help cover the expenses of the event. Individuals won an Iowa State grilling set, ISU duffle bag, \$50 cash, which was re-donated to the fraternity, and some other fun prizes. Next year, we plan to add awards such as longest traveler, lowest pin number, etc.

The day culminated with an exciting victory over Baylor and the celebration moved to the chapter house for some post-game camaraderie. We look forward to seeing you at the chapter house for VEISHA 2013. Please see page 4 for more information on that event.

UNDERGRADUATES PARTICIPATE IN 100TH HOMECOMING

Iowa Xi Chapter Builds Community Leaders

I am very proud to be a member of Phi Kappa Theta and honored to lead such a great group of men. The members of Iowa Xi Chapter of Phi Kappa Theta are dedicated to achieving high academics while contributing to campus and the community. We have participated in many activities and invite alumni to get involved with the chapter.

100TH HOMECOMING

We were excited to take part in Iowa State's 100th Homecoming. Phi Kappa Theta was paired with Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity and Pi Beta Phi Sorority for this year's exciting events. We participated in Yell Like Hell, lawn display, and other activities. Along with Homecoming, alumni also enjoyed our annual PhiKaptoberfest philanthropy that we co-hosted with Iowa State Dance Marathon. The chapter participated in a very successful Quo Vadis at Ledges State Park. The chapter left with a renewed sense of brotherhood and optimistic outlook for the school year.

We look forward to the many new programs, opportunities, and changes that will be implemented.

BUILDING SCHOLASTIC LEADERS

Our scholastic improvement plan creates a structured system for learning and encourages members to strive to do their best. During quiet hours, entertainment is set aside while all members devote themselves to their academics. In addition to quiet hours, all members are required to study a set number of hours each week based on their prior G.P.A. Recognition and monetary awards are given to those who excel scholastically. Scholarships, father and son dinners, and formal dinners are a few incentives to honor those with high G.P.A.s.

JUMPING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Every semester Phi Kappa Theta gives back to the community by hosting philanthropic events. Our biggest event is Jump-a-Thon. We team up with a sorority on campus and jump on a trampoline in our front lawn for 48 hours straight. All proceeds are donated to the Children's Miracle Network. Members jump with a coed partner in one-hour shifts during rain or shine, night and day. We look forward to planning and hosting this event to benefit the Children's Miracle Network.

We have 23 live-in members and three new members going through the associate member program. We hope to increase our numbers as the semester progresses. Alumni, we welcome you to visit the campus or chapter house to meet our new members or reminisce with your pledge class.



Iowa Xi Chapter serenade a sorority on the front lawn of the Iowa Xi chapter house.

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SAVE THE DATE

Join Us for the 91st
VEISHEA Parade

April 15-21, 2013

Alumni, make plans to attend
2013 VEISHEA.

The undergraduate chapter
welcomes alumni to join us at the
chapter house for the festivities.
Please look for more information in
future publications.



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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.

ALUMNI NEWS

Dennis Bock '56 has been married for 57 years. He and his wife, Donna, have four sons and eight grandchildren. They reside in Edina, Minn. E-mail: dbockedina@aol.com

Jerry Peltier '62 and his wife, Ruthanne, returned to Ames, Iowa, to retire.

Jerome Kuennen '64 volunteers for several organizations in Burnsville, Minn.

Steve Bohlke '84 is the regional sales leader for Cargill in Willmar, Minn. He and his wife, Carmen, have four children. E-mail: cbohlke@windstream.net

Jon Fahning '92 is the vice president of real estate development at Shingobee. He lives in Eden Prairie, Minn. E-mail: usdevguy@gmail.com

Shawn Kuhlman '93 and his wife, Alissa, have a 2-year-old daughter. They recently moved and are renovating their house in their free time. E-mail: bojiman@comcast.net

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