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NEW ACTIVITIES FOR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

By Bruce Rothermund '90, Alumni Association Chairman

This entry in the *Buckeye Phi* brings good news regarding some new activities of the Alumni Association. An old ritual will be brought back for Homecoming this year, namely, an honors dinner on Friday evening prior to Saturday's Homecoming game. The dinner will be held at a location in central Ohio yet to be determined. The most recent alumni Homecoming dinner was held in 1993 at the Downtown Athletic Club and headed by then Alumni Association President Scott Armstrong '86. The theme of this year's dinner will be extra special as we announce the first class to be inducted into the newly established Ohio Zeta Hall of Fame. The inaugural class will be presented on Friday evening, and should be an event that you won't want to miss. The details of the event, along with the list of inductees, will be included with the early fall newsletter; however, please mark Friday, October 13, on your calendar.

There is also excellent news to report from the undergraduate chapter; member numbers are on the climb, and the house has a unique diversity of membership that has not been seen in the recent past. This diversity allows members to contribute their own, unique talents to different projects that interest them. The officers have a firm handle on what it takes to be successful in the dynamic collegiate environment, and House Corporation has been impressed with the organization of the group. Rush remains the most important and challenging task facing the undergraduates. Therefore, any referrals you may have of potential new members is greatly appreciated. Please refer to the article about Rush Chairman Rob Peirce '03 on Page 3, which provides an easy medium of either e-mail or phone call to make your contribution.

The undergraduate chapter is also doing an admirable job of maintaining the much-needed improvements that your dollars made possible last summer. Additional updates will need to be made in the future due to the age of the physical plant. We look forward to your continued support for these efforts.

In closing, your concern and generosity are much appreciated, not only by the active alumni, but also by the members of the undergraduate chapter. If you have an opportunity to attend a Monday night dinner in the future, please e-mail one of the officers. They have made it known that they welcome any and all alumni. Please watch your mailboxes in the fall for details regarding the Hall of Fame/Homecoming dinner in October. I hope that everyone will be able to attend this great event. Thanks again, and Go Bucks!

OHIO ZETA IS BACK!

There is a buzz circulating through the Phi Delt house at 1042 Iuka Avenue. The buzz is a youthful enthusiasm that the chapter has been missing in recent years. New President Ben Oster '01 now leads a core group of young Phis who are on a mission to restore the prestige and reputation that Phi Delta Theta once enjoyed as the largest and strongest fraternity on the Ohio State campus.

Since becoming an alcohol-free chapter last fall, Ohio Zeta has undergone a complete metamorphosis. An emergency task force was dispatched by General Headquarters to educate the members on how to run a dry chapter facility successfully. Workshops were conducted from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. for three days. Emphasis was placed on recruitment, new member development and alcohol-free social events. The dividends have paid off in a big way.

Nine phikeias were initiated during the fall quarter. Four currently live in the chapter house now and serve on the chapter's Executive Board. Despite its diverse makeup, the fall pledge class is quite close. The current pledge class will be initiated some time in May.

In addition to the improvements made in recruitment, a new scholarship program, titled

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NOT THE SAME OLD BORING SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

By Christopher Detwiler '02, Scholarship Chairman

This year has brought sweeping changes to the scholarship program at Phi Delta Theta. Phis are hitting the books like never before. We are pleased to report improvement across the board. Our chapter grade point average improved a tenth of a point in one quarter, jumping four houses in the all-Greek grade point average. Now, with the new scholarship program firmly in place, we have set some goals to help continue the outstanding progress that we have already made.

In the fall 2000, we will begin tutoring freshmen in the dorms. Phi Deltas will volunteer their time to assist dorm students with their curriculum. This may also serve as a valuable recruitment tool for next year.

Also, we are adding a coed aspect to our scholarship program. For the remainder of the year, we have reserved study rooms in Sullivant Hall with Alpha Gamma Delta, hoping that this move will be a great incentive for brothers to study. Furthermore, the women of Alpha Xi Delta were so impressed with our academic achievements last quarter that they invited us study with them at the Alpha Xi Delta house. We have accepted their offer and are planning to move our mandatory study tables to their house next fall while keeping our study rooms at Sullivant Hall.

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"Sound Learning," was also developed and implemented. As part of that program, Ohio Zeta's first annual Scholarship Banquet was held during the winter quarter with over \$1,000 being awarded from the Fidelity Fund. The second Scholarship Banquet was held concurrently with our Senior Awards Dinner on Monday, May 22.

Future goals for the chapter include gaining two pledge classes of 25 during the 2000-2001 school year. We also seek to increase the population of the chapter house to 50 undergraduate members and improve our composite GPA to a quarterly 2.8 or better. Two new philanthropic events were also planned for next year. We will be working with Habitat for Humanity in the fall as well as hosting a volleyball tournament spring quarter with Pi Beta Phi sorority. An alumni dinner will be held during Homecoming Week in October with several members being inducted into the new Ohio Zeta Hall of Fame. A renovation of the chapter room into a library/alumni museum with computers and Internet access is also planned for next fall.

If you are interested in helping us with the scholarship fund or the library renovation project, please contact Vice President Sean Carano '02 at 614-421-1969 or carano.3@osu.edu; or Scholarship Chairman Christopher Detwiler '02 at 614-421-2250 or detwiler19@yahoo.com. Your contributions will be most appreciated.

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ASPIRING TO RAISE CHAPTER NUMBERS

Christopher Detwiler '02, Scholarship Chairman

When the brothers of Ohio Zeta look on the wall in the front room of the chapter house, they see composite pictures from the early '90s that display membership often doubling the current number. Recruitment Chairman Rob Peirce's ambitious plans aspire to once again have over 100 members in the chapter.

He has already formed a rush committee to help him obtain his ultimate goal of 50 new members for next year. Spearheading Rob's plan will be an aggressive recruiting program to take place in the dorms and a stark increase in pledge functions to attract potential Phis.

To improve recruitment, Rob also plans to institute an innovative summer rush program that will target both incoming in-state and out-of-state freshmen. The plan will break Ohio into five zones, which will be assigned to local Phis. These Phis will be given phone lists so they can call the prospective members and tell them about the house. These potential pledges will be invited to the house early in the school year.

Out-of-state undergraduate Phis will be given lists of students planning to attend OSU from their states whom they will contact over the summer. The plan will allow the new freshmen to go to school with a place to come and, we hope, attract them to the positive features of Greek life at the university. As new students coming from places miles away, often without knowing a single person in the area, having a circle of friends before they step foot in a classroom will be an attractive opportunity.

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OHIO ZETA — WHERE RECRUITMENT AND SCHOLARSHIP UNITE

By Christopher Detwiler '02, Scholarship Chairman, and Robert Peirce '03, Recruitment Chairman

This past year has brought a whole new attitude to the brothers of Phi Delta Theta. Among the many changes being implemented is the great deal of emphasis being placed on the areas of recruitment and scholarship.

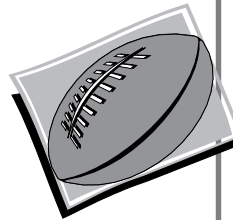
Spring quarter 2000 has brought new Executive Board officers who have stepped into their respective positions with a renewed sense of pride and dedication to the house. Brotherhood is reaching new heights as fresh ideas abound throughout Phi Delta Theta.

One such idea is spreading our name around campus by not just simply wearing our letters to class, but reaching out to the general student population. Starting the fall quarter of 2000, Phi Delta Theta will be implementing a freshman tutoring program. Brothers will be volunteering their time during the weekday to assist freshmen in need of help with their majors and focus areas. The hope is that while we will be performing a service to the university, we will also be provided with an opportunity to recruit from the dorms. We realize as a chapter that the practices of informal rush were not as effective as they once were. This collaboration of "Sound Learning and Friendship" should, however, give us a solid recruiting platform with which to build our membership.

Don't miss the enclosed flier for information about the ninth annual Phi Delta Theta alumni golf outing that will be held on August 5, 2000!



OSU FOOTBALL 2000	
SEPTEMBER	
2	FRESNO STATE - ALUMNI BAND
9	AT ARIZONA
16	MIAMI (OHIO) - HALL OF FAME
23	PENN STATE
30	OPEN
OCTOBER	
7	AT WISCONSIN
14	MINNESOTA - HOMECOMING
21	AT IOWA
28	AT PURDUE
NOVEMBER	
4	MICHIGAN STATE
11	AT ILLINOIS
18	MICHIGAN



ALUMNI NEWS

Letters for **Charles W. Hunt '28** can be sent to his address at 800 S. 15th St., Apt. 6218, Sebring, OH 44672.

George A. Sargent '37 (109 Rodney Cir., Bryn Mawr, PA 19010) sends his best to all Phis. He is busy with daily activities and enjoys visiting his two daughters.

Brenton S. Kirk Jr. '48 (1648-7 Mile Dr., New Philadelphia, OH 44663) has been honored by the Tuscarawas County Hall of Fame for his contributions to the community. This year, he marks 50 years of perfect attendance as a member of the New Philadelphia Rotary Club. Brent traveled to Indianapolis, Ind., to help Mim and **Charles Porterfield '46** celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Jack G. Sweeney '52, of J.G. Sweeney & Associates, has a new office address at 1755 Shawnee Rd., #205, Lima, OH 45805.

As tour manager for the band "Collective Soul," **David E. Steed '81** spent all of 1999 traveling around North America. Earlier this year, he enjoyed a

long chat and some reminiscing with **Brian Day '83**. David planned to move this March to the Washington, D.C., area. His new address is 7421 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, MD 20912.

Leslie R. Crawford Jr. '83 (20 Sand Cherry, Littleton, CO 80127; richard.crawford@owens-ill.com) is a general manager for Owens-Illinois Inc. While meeting with colleagues at the Oakland Airport Hilton, he ran into **Tim Wright '81**.

Christopher D. Kopf '84 (9256 Whitehurst Dr., Dallas, TX 75243; ckopf@gte.net), a regional sales manager for Network Appliance, went skiing in Crested Butte, Colo., with **Mike Winzeler '85** and their wives.

Physician **Robert S. Pema '86** (3493 Scioto Run Blvd., Hilliard, OH 43026; rspema@aol.com) is an otolaryngologist. He and his wife welcomed the arrival of their first child, Patrick, in January 2000.

Christopher T. Peele '90 (4786 Galway Dr., Dublin, OH 43017; ppeecheis@yahoo.com) reports that **Chad Amato**

'89 has moved to Orange County, Calif., and is selling pacemakers with Guidant.

Jill and **Thomas R. Young Jr. '91** (1577 St. Ives Ct., Lebanon, OH 45036; thomas.young@equistarchem.com) announce the birth in February 2000 of their first child, Brennan.

Michael A. Brazis '94 (40 Irving St., Hingham, MA 02043; mbrazis@hotmail.com) is an account executive at headhunter.net. He and his long-time sweetheart, Cherie Myatt, are planning to be married this September at Martha's Vineyard. For bachelor party information, brothers can write to dgiarrusso@siprep.org.

We regret to inform you of the death of

Robert W. Lanum '46 (3/7/99),
Robert J. Saving '49 (1/16/00),
Richard T. Anderson '51 (11/9/99),
Duncan Dunning '51 and
Charles R. Linkenbach '57 (11/28/99).

Phi Delta Theta mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.



James B. Wayman Jr. '71 (116 Estabrook Rd., Concord, MA 01742; jwayman@storeto-door.com) is CEO of Store to Door, a mobile self-storage business with locations in Boston, Chicago, Baltimore, Rochester and Washington, D.C. He and his wife, Rosalee, are the parents of Alex, 17, and Lia, 11. The family lives on 20 acres and raises horses and other animals.

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After bids are accepted and a tentative pledge class is formed, pledge T-shirts will be issued as a form of advertising for Phi Delta Theta. When these pledges are seen on campus with the shirts, the hope is that others will inquire about the house and the pledge class will grow.

Rob's plan will also include expanded on-campus recruiting which will result in tables on the oval for those interested in pledging and a well-organized presentation at Welcome Week. Prospective pledges who visit the house will be able to sign lists on the front and back doors which will give Rob the opportunity to contact them and further inform them about the fraternity.

If any alumni know of anyone currently attending or planning to attend OSU who is interested in Greek life, please e-mail Rob at Peirce.6@osu.edu or call him at 614-299-2750.