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Brothers attended the Kappa Chapter board meeting to support recolonization efforts.

## KAPPA CHAPTER PREPARED TO TAKE ON RECOLONIZATION SETBACKS

### Alumni Support Critical in Overcoming University Resistance

Since our spring mailing, the Alumni Association has encountered many ups and downs on our road to recolonization. We have a specific plan in mind for our future and are confident we can achieve our goals.

we are a quality Chapter and have something valuable to contribute to this campus.

### Alumni, Make Some Noise!

We invited University administrators and IFC council members to discuss the issues holding us back at the Kappa Chapter Alumni Association board meeting. We introduced ourselves and established a positive

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### Alumni Association Secures Financial Stability for Kappa Chapter

We are proud to announce Kappa Chapter is strong financially. We have paid off our national debt, are current on all our bills, and have \$25,000 cash on hand. Barring any unforeseen repairs, our cash flow is doing well and we have good relations with our tenants, whose lease goes through spring 2010 and has been extended to 2011. It is crucial to have our funds in order as we head into recolonization.

### Recolonization Scheduled for Fall 2010

The UW administration and IFC members voted against our return this fall and our recolonization effort has unfortunately been pushed back to fall 2010. The University and IFC feel we do not have enough alumni interest or a base of support to succeed, so we have to prove them wrong! We were surprised to hear this outcome, as we know Kappa Chapter has a vast alumni base that cares about their Fraternity and wants to see Chi Phi return successfully. It is critical at this point that all Kappa alumni make some noise, get involved, and let your voice be heard. Let the University know that

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## FLASHBACK PHOTO



*Tim Koyonen '95, Scott Christopher '94, Harlan Mork '94, and John Dulmes '94 clown around before a date party in spring 1993.*

## Kappa Chapter's Mission Statement

*Kappa Chapter of Chi Phi endeavors to create an environment where young men can learn and live a connected and respectable Greek lifestyle as a student at the University of Wisconsin.*



**CHI PHI**  
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# BREAKING NEWS: Chi Phi Gains Ground with IFC, University Officials

## Recolonization Tentatively Scheduled for Fall 2010

Kappa Chapter is making significant steps toward reaching our new recolonization goal of fall 2010. We organized a board of directors meeting in Madison at the Concourse Hotel on September 22 and invited the IFC executive board members and the UW administrator of Greek organizations. Prior to the meeting we sent out flyers to local alumni inviting them to attend and support our recolonization efforts.

I am proud to report that 32 Chi Phi Brothers traveled to Madison and nine IFC executives were in attendance. We displayed more than 25 of your letters and e-mails expressing support for Chi Phi to return to UW. The alumni association thanks everyone who attended and those who wrote letters and e-mails. We are deeply grateful for your thoughts and encouragement and know they made a positive impact in our recolonization efforts.

The meeting went well as we demonstrated our passion and resolve to return our Fraternity to its rightful place. We discussed the issues holding us back and hope the university officials see we are a good group of accomplished individuals committed to succeeding. Interfraternity President Nate Anderson said he was extremely impressed and convinced that Chi Phi is in a position to suc-

cessfully return to campus. "To witness firsthand the passion that the local alumni possess was influential in proving Chi Phi deserves an opportunity to come back," he said.

We have decided to present our petition for recolonization again in November while the favorable impression of Chi Phi is fresh and the IFC representatives who attended our meeting are still in their elected positions. Our goal is to recolonize and recruit new Brothers in the fall of 2010.

Although the meeting was a success, we are not out of the woods. The actions of the last actives, unfortunately, left a lasting impression. We are working overtime to rectify the image of our Fraternity with the help of our alumni. We have a large number of Brothers involved and have reignited the alumni base of Kappa Chapter. Now is the time to follow through. I ask that you get involved, spread the word, donate to the cause, or join a committee. We have gained momentum, so let's keep the effort going. Per our University fight song, "Fight fellas! Fight! Fight! Fight!"

Fraternally,  
**Jim Trotter '78**

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relationship. We showed the University that we have a solid recolonization plan in place. Please see the article to the left for the comments and suggestions given to Chi Phi at this meeting.

### Response from Chi Phi National

Chi Phi National is very supportive and is still working with us to restore our place in the UW Greek system. They, too, were shocked at the delay of our recolonization and are investigating if this is a violation of National IFC membership bylaws to promote Greek expansion. Please see the article on page 3 from National Director of Expansion **Paul Janowicz, Alpha-Chi '08** for further details.

### New Chi Phi Colony Committee Established

It is very important to note that Brothers **Joe Hildebrandt '66**, **Bill Steinberg '68**, and **Andrew DeMarco '90** have volunteered as the Madison-area, new Chi Phi Colony Committee leaders. Their goal is to offer guidance and teach traditional Chi Phi values. This committee is crucial and shows we have local alumni support for an active Chapter. I thank them very much for volunteering in this capacity. We need more local Brothers to get involved on this committee. Contact me if you are interested.

### Era Leaders Still Needed

**Jim Wagner '81** continues to work on establishing era contacts and a communication network system. He still needs Brothers to volunteer who will be responsible for calling or e-mailing classmates during their time on campus. This is a great opportunity for Brothers to become involved and to reconnect with each other. Contact Jim at [wag@wi.rr.com](mailto:wag@wi.rr.com) for more information.

### New PR Volunteer

**Harlan Mork '94** has volunteered to take on our public relations. He is responsible for this newsletter and all future publications. Thank you, Harlan, for taking on this role.

We are moving forward with an unexpected delay. With your help, Chi Phi will be back on campus at the University of Wisconsin.

Fraternally,  
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## — Thank You, Loyal Alumni —

Thank you to our loyal alumni who have contributed \$7,625 with 68 total gifts. The support you give makes a difference to the future of our Chapter.

Contributors are listed below in graduation order. If an error has been made in recording the amount of your gift, please contact **Bill Kirchen '77** at Alumni Association of Kappa of Chi Phi, P.O. Box 398, Cedarburg, WI 53012 or via e-mail at [wkirchen@wi.rr.com](mailto:wkirchen@wi.rr.com). Thank you for your support!

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## NATIONAL MAPS OUT A PLAN FOR KAPPA RECOLONIZATION

The Chi Phi national office is very excited about the upcoming recolonization of Kappa Chapter at the University of Wisconsin. It is always good when we can bring back one of our single letter chapters, but the return to Wisconsin will be especially sweet. As a Chapter with more than 90 years of history and an anchor in the Midwest, the rebirth of Kappa will not only add a proud name to our roster of active chapters but will jumpstart the Fraternity's expansion efforts in the region and give future colonies a great example to admire.

However, before we can look to the future, we must first address the objectives at hand. In order to establish a successful new colony, we must find and recruit new men and build a reputation and a lifestyle of which we can be proud. Fortunately, our staff has a great experience in creating new chapters. Since 2005 we have conducted eight expansions, four of those in 2008. Of those eight, seven of the groups are active, three have charters, and two are Gehring Award finalists this year, with one winning the award for chapter excellence at our annual congress.

From our experience, we have learned that alumni involvement is an indicator of a colony's future success. Those groups with strong alumni who support, advise, and become involved with the

undergraduate membership have thrived, whereas those without dedicated alumni have struggled to overcome hurdles.

In the upcoming months our national staff will do everything we can to raise the awareness of Chi Phi at the University of Wisconsin to an all-time high and work with Kappa alumni to teach everything you need in order to have a successful chapter once more. In order to accomplish our goal, the expansion project will be broken down into three phases:

### 1. Preliminary Marketing and Alumni Development

In order to be successful we need to get Chi Phi's name back on campus. We will use advertising mediums such as Facebook and the campus newspaper to spread the name of Chi Phi. During the same period, we will begin to engage alumni and build a team of advisers and an alumni group that will work with the new colony.

### 2. Recruitment

National staff members will spend nearly a month on campus in the fall of 2010 recruiting new members for Kappa. We will target student leaders, athletes, scholars, and gentlemen to help us build a strong reputation. We will work with

student groups, campus leadership organizations, and sororities to find the best possible candidates. The recruitment period will include a number of social, community service, and alumni events designed to put the potential members into social settings and begin the brotherhood building process.

### 3. Colony Development

After our recruitment period, national staff members will work with the new members for approximately one week and teach them what it takes to be successful Chi Phis. We will assist the new group in electing officers and educate them on how to hold meetings, recruit new members, and make Kappa one of the strongest fraternities at Wisconsin.

Every expansion project is different, but the goal remains the same: recruit a strong group of men to carry on the proud name of Chi Phi. The Kappa recolonization will be no different, and hopefully, with your help, will become our best success story to date.

Fraternally,

**Paul Janowicz, Alpha-Chi '08**

National Director of Expansion  
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## Kappa Brother Encourages Alumni to Support Chi Phi Recolonization Spotlight on Ken Aldridge '72

If you're looking for advice on business and leadership, **Ken Aldridge '72** certainly knows a thing or two. As chief executive officer of construction company Aldridge Electric, Ken has gained keen insight on what it takes to make not only himself but others succeed.

"I personally studied leadership and led a large company for 30 years, so I constantly try to learn more about it and practice what I learn. My greatest joy is mentoring leaders and seeing them move quickly up their career path."

His philosophy on leadership and helping others applies to many aspects of Ken's life, including the Fraternity. "Stay involved with Chi Phi and help out by offering your leadership and financial help. I think with more alumni involvement we wouldn't have encountered the troubles we did. If you're grateful for your Kappa Chapter experience, acknowledge it and give back."

Ken knows that leading others may not come naturally to everyone and says leadership takes hard work and consistency. He says to believe in what you are doing and find a good purpose for why you are doing it. "In Chi Phi, you have to understand the benefit of participation lends itself to the University, the community, and yourself."

Some of Ken's favorite memories of his undergraduate days include playing Whales Tales in the basement, Yell Like Hell, and Homecoming celebrations. He knows that his brothers enjoyed their days at Chi Phi as much as he did and says, "It's time for us to help recolonize the Chapter. Let's put a shoulder into it!"

Ken lives in Libertyville, Illinois, with his wife, Carolyn, and has three children: Steve, Alex, and Laura. In his spare time, Ken enjoys skiing, fishing, hunting, flying airplanes, and attending the opera. To contact him, e-mail [kwa@aldridge-electric.com](mailto:kwa@aldridge-electric.com).

## Alumnus Attributes Attaining Dream Job to Chi Phi Connections Spotlight on George Desort '92

There are many Chi Phi men who grow to have exciting and successful careers. **George Desort '92** can be counted as one of them. He is an independent documentary filmmaker, focused on wildlife and human interest stories, and recently completed *Fortunate Wilderness: The Wolf and Moose Study of Isle Royale*.

So how did George become inspired to be a filmmaker? Through a Chi Phi connection. "I was talking to an old friend and Chi Phi Brother **Dan Donato '92**, who was attending film school at Columbia College. I asked him what it was all about, and two days later I was enrolled, receiving a BFA two years later."

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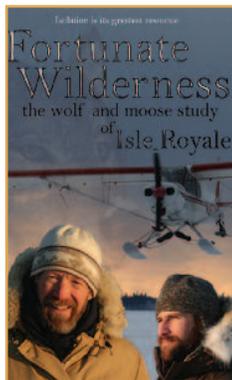
## George Desort '92

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After school, George was kayaking around Isle Royale and keeping a video journal, with the hope of landing a job at National Geographic or Animal Planet, when world-renowned wolf biologist Rolf Peterson walked through his camp. He invited George to participate as a filmmaker in a documentary for the 50th anniversary of the Isle Royale wolf and moose study.

If it weren't for Chi Phi and his Kappa Chapter Brothers, George would not have had the initial push to follow his filmmaking dreams. George says, "The best part of pledging was the early friendships that grew over the years. I always think of the people I would have never met if it wasn't for Chi Phi." George says that, if lucky, Fraternity Brothers may become some of the most important people in your life. In fact, he's godfather to Alexander, son of **Larry Mackowski '92**.

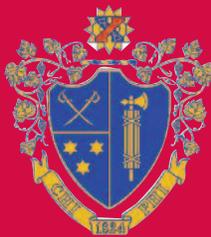
George lives in Chicago where he is finishing an independent film. If you would like to see *Fortunate Wilderness*, it can be found on DVD at [www.fortunatewilderness.com](http://www.fortunatewilderness.com) and is airing on Michigan PBS in November.



## Alumni Encouraged to Respect Tenants' Privacy

Alumni have been asked not to visit the Chapter House to avoid upsetting our tenants. As fun as revisiting our Kappa home is, we may damage our recolonization efforts and plans by doing so.

We do not want to risk upsetting the men of Pi Kappa Alpha and have the PIKE IFC representative vote against our return. We hope everyone can revisit the house once we recolonize in 2010!



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## ALUMNI NEWS

**John H. Saemann '38** retired in 1973. He and his wife, Patricia, live in Union Grove, Wis., and have three grown children.

**James Andrews '48** retired in 1995 when doctors told him he had asthma and pneumonia and only two years to live. He is now healthy and has been on vacation ever since. Last year he was granted seven patents relative to fly-fishing and one registered trademark. James lives in Austin, Colo.

**Arnold R. Bertelsen '52** is retired and spends the winter months on Pine Island in Bokeelia, Fla., with his wife, Ginny. The remainder of the year they live in Hudson, Wis. Bert enjoys playing the bass and Ginny plays the baritone ukulele. Bert says they sound great. They have three grown children: Dave, Bob, and Marg.

**William Cook '54** is president of the Thoracic Surgical Association and the Essex District Medical Society and is a trustee of the Massachusetts Medical Association. He and his wife, Cindy, live in North Andover, Mass., and have four children. E-mail: [capt.cook@metsmed.org](mailto:capt.cook@metsmed.org)

**Jerry W. McGrane '62** and his wife, Diane, have three children: Peggy, Michael, and Jim. They live in Fort Pierce, Fla., where Jerry is pres-

ident of AWM Construction. He has been a member of the Fort Pierce Yacht Club and Kiwanis Club. E-mail: [jdmcgrane@msn.com](mailto:jdmcgrane@msn.com)

**James E. Trotter '78** and his wife, Katharine, are empty nesters. Their daughter, Margaret, graduated from UW Madison in May 2007 and their son, Bradley, is at CMC in Steamboat, Colo. Jim coaches ski racing at Holy Hill Ski Club and enjoys cycling, hunting, snow skiing, traveling, and following Badger football. Jim lives in Elm Grove, Wis. E-mail: [kstjet@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kstjet@sbcglobal.net)

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