

# THE METEOR

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## Report on the Active Colony

*New Members Will Move into Chapter House*



*The Chi Phi Colony initiated 16 new members in January. Kappa alumni joined in the initiation that was held at the home of Dewey Bredeson '83 in Middleton, Wisconsin.*

### Recruitment Recommendations

Alumni, we value your referrals. If you know of any legacies or quality young men with Chi Phi character heading to UW, tell us about them. Send prospect information to **Mike Herrmann '13** at [mlherrmann@wisc.edu](mailto:mlherrmann@wisc.edu).

### 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.*

**E**xciting news to report! We have 16 active Fraternity Brothers!

Activation ceremonies were performed at the home of **Dewey Bredeson '83** in Middleton, Wisconsin, on January 22. In attendance were 16 Kappa alumni, Chapter Adviser **Ben Schmidt, Iota Delta '02**, and **Marcus Powers, Theta Delta '09**, from Chi Phi National.

Along with the 16 Kappa Chapter pledges, we hosted six pledges and their accompanying actives from the colony at Eastern Illinois University. Kappa undergraduates and alumni enjoyed dinner after activation along with a XΦ history lesson by Brother Powers.

It is a pleasure to have active Chi Phis on campus once again at Wisconsin. You will truly like our new Brothers. They are high-quality men honoring our XΦ tradition, a great group of forefathers who will lead the new Kappa Chapter back to its proper place at 200 Langdon Street.

We have signed housing leases with 12 actives who will move into our house on August 1, 2011. That's right! You read it correctly: our house! Our XΦ Greek letters will be proudly replaced on the facade showing all that we are back!

According to budget projections, we should operate next year just above the break-even point. Any new leases will add direct profit to our Housing Corporation. Once back in the house we expect to improve our ability to recruit new members and grow our Fraternity to a healthy status.

So we are coming back. What can you do? Here are a few requests:

- Send us contact information on legacies.
- Continue to donate to our annual fundraising appeals.
- **Donate to our Red Triangle Foundation—a tax-deductible 501(c)(3)—all money raised through the Foundation will go directly to educational expenditures.**
- Attend the returning ceremonial social on Saturday, July 30.
- Plan to gather at the house after Homecoming on Saturday, October 15.
- Join your Brothers at the next formal pledging or activation.

This is your Fraternity. You vowed membership for life. Take part in Chi Phi Kappa Chapter at Wisconsin. Your Alumni Association and advisers look forward to seeing you.

Wales Tails anyone?

In the XΦ Bond,  
**Jim Trotter '78**  
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## KAPPA CHAPTER RETURNS TO UW

### How Did We Get Here?

Four and a half years ago, with our beloved Chapter House under nightly assault from the marginally loyal actives and anarchistic boarders living at 200 Langdon, the Alumni Association took what felt like the extreme step of shutting the Chapter down. Some alumni were distressed. Some were puzzled. All were saddened. For Chi Phis who lived at 200 Langdon, many of their best

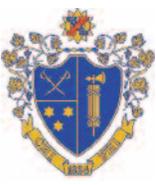
friendships and longest lasting memories originated, somehow, from that address. That there would not be an active Kappa Chapter in Madison was unthinkable.

But in trying times one can draw inspiration from how the Chinese define crisis. The word is depicted as two characters: danger and opportunity. The world's great

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**CHI PHI**  
Authentic



# KAPPA CHAPTER RETURNS

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thinkers advise that every problem offers a solution waiting to be discovered. Even failure is a part of success.

## Where Are We Now?

Fortunately, some of our alumni were able to take the long-range view. We were fortunate enough to find a fraternity tenant willing to lease the house for four years. The rent we collected helped pay off our debt to the national fraternity and helped build our coffers for the many maintenance needs we had at the house. To that end, we just replaced 90% of the windows to the tune of \$85,000.

Now, after four years, we have our first class of initiated actives, 16 in all, with roughly 75% ready to move into the house when our lease with the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity ends in July!

## What Is to Come?

Our work is not done. When we resume occupancy of the house we get it back empty. This means we need to buy furniture and appliances. We will probably need to clean, paint, and carpet. We must also plan for the requirement of adding a sprinkler system to the house by 2013. **This is where we need your help.** Consider a gift to the Fraternity through the Alumni Association or the Red Triangle Foundation. Your contribution will create a safe and comfortable environment for our actives and make the house a place of pride for our recruitment efforts.



Fraternally,  
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Alumni Association President  
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The first pledge ceremony upon the recolonization of Chi Phi Fraternity at UW.

# UNDERGRADUATE PRESENCE FELT ON CAMPUS

## Strong Academic Showing

With the dedication and commitment of our alumni, Kappa Chapter has successfully recolonized! The Colony's presence has already been felt on campus through leadership both inside and outside of the classroom. Kappa's G.P.A. exceeded the all-male and all-fraternity averages and we have leaders in a variety of student organizations.

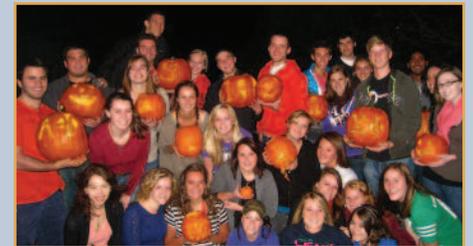
## Increasing Intramural Participation

We have created an authority in athletics. Intramural activity last fall was limited to dodge ball, due to the late start of the recolonization halfway through the semester, but has expanded to basketball, tennis, and volleyball this spring.

## Preparations for Community Involvement

As for campus and community involvement, we are setting up our own Chi Phi events and are waiting for paperwork to be processed and collaboration with other fraternities, sororities, and organizations to be worked out. We plan to volunteer with the Boys and Girls Club of America through tutoring, assisting children with computer projects, serving as referees and coaches, and assisting with game programs, tournaments, and events. Another avenue we are pursuing is a potential partnership with Sex

Out Loud. We have yet to agree on an event, but we would help the group promote healthy sexuality at a co-hosted event.



Chi Phi and Alpha Phi had a pumpkin carving party this fall. The Chapter is collaborating with other fraternities, sororities, and community organizations to plan events for the year.

## Kappa Alumnus New Faculty Advisor

We are proud to report that **Gerald L. Kulcinski '61**, the associate dean for research in the UW-Madison College of Engineering, is our new faculty advisor. With his assistance, the participation of our alumni, and Kappa's new member class, I believe the Colony is headed in a promising direction. We look forward to meeting you and sharing in our Chi Phi bond.



Fraternally,  
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# Welcome, New Members

**Jon Baird '13**  
Racine, Wis.

**Chait Gaddam '14**  
Altoona, Wis.

**Mike Herrmann '13**  
Brookfield, Wis.

**Fred Jones-Rosa '13**  
Milwaukee, Wis.

**Joe Lein '13\***  
Brookfield, Wis.  
(Father **Russ Lein '81**)

**Steven Dallich '13**  
Waupun, Wis.

**Kyle Hall '13**  
Stevens Point, Wis.

**Stephen Homa '14**  
Waupun, Wis.

**Jake Kream '13**  
Brookfield, Wis.

**Sagar Manda '13**  
Racine, Wis.

**Grant Dingleline '14**  
Washington, Ill.

**Tommy Hansfield '13**  
Waupun, Wis.

**Thatcher Jensen '14**  
Minneapolis, Minn.

**Jake Nilles '13**  
Racine, Wis.



## INTERNATIONAL CAREER PATH FOR CHI PHI ALUMNUS

### Spotlight on Tom Madsen '78

With a strong background in finance, **Tom Madsen '78** has lived and worked internationally, exploring and making his mark in the financial industry. For 21 years, Tom worked for JPMorgan in New York and London, earning the title of global head of equities. He took on this same position within UBS and is now moving into a private equity firm. Staying loyal to his roots, Tom also sits on the University of Wisconsin Foundation's investment committee.

Throughout these experiences, Tom has come to understand the value in moral and principled

behavior. "Never underestimate the importance of ethics and trust. They are not talked about a lot, but are so important. I try to surround myself with honest and straightforward people who understand these principles."

It was qualities like these that Tom found when he entered the University of Wisconsin and met the Brothers in Kappa Chapter. Along with friends from his high school in Madison, Tom became interested in joining the Fraternity. "I really liked the guys I met at Chi Phi. They were middle of the road, not too crazy but still exciting. They valued academics and were a fun

group. I met good, lifelong friends while I was there. Even if I have been away for awhile, it is still easy to resume those friendships." Tom also employed his financial skills as treasurer while in the Chapter and recalls using his classroom knowledge to determine what the most cost-effective type of party would be.

Tom lives in Lake Forest, Illinois, with his wife and enjoys hunting, fishing, and playing golf. The couple has five children: two are graduates from Madison, two attend UW-Madison, and one is studying in Milwaukee. Tom can be reached at [tpmadsen@aol.com](mailto:tpmadsen@aol.com).

## Thank You, Loyal Alumni

Thank you to our loyal alumni who responded to the Chapter's fall 2010 appeal by contributing \$5,530 with 48 gifts. Your support makes a difference in the future of Kappa Chapter as Chi Phi returns to the University of Wisconsin. We hope that more Brothers will make the decision to support the Chapter as we work to prepare the Chapter House for our active Brothers' return.

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 the 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!

### Scarlet and Blue Member (\$500 and up)

- \* Robert E. Westervelt '50
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### Merger of North and South Member (Up to \$49)

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- Grant Beise '66
- William Norris '67
- \* Ronald G. Koppman '71
- Laszlo Kaveggia '78
- \* Harlan Mork '94
- Eric Anderson '98

\* Donor to fall 2010 appeal

### Kyle Romance '13\*

Brecksville, Ohio

(Father **Todd Romance '81**)



"The opportunity of getting involved in something bigger than myself and being able to leave a lasting impact on campus was something I couldn't pass up." —**Mike Herrmann '13**

### Max Wegmann '13\*

Oconomowoc, Wis.

(Father **Peter Wegmann '82**)



"I joined Chi Phi for an opportunity to immerse myself in something completely new and exciting. Recolonizing sounded like a unique opportunity so I climbed on board." —**Thatcher Jensen '14**

\*Legacy; relative in parentheses



"I was interested in joining a social group that participates in athletics, volunteers, and encourages a good G.P.A." —**Chait Gaddam '14**

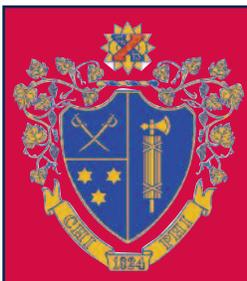
## SAVE THE DATE

### Take Back the House Party Saturday, July 30

Put the Greek letters back on the house's facade and have some fun doing it. We'll also celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Red Triangles. A block of rooms will be reserved for this event. Contact **Jim Trotter '78** at [kstjet@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kstjet@sbcglobal.net) for details and to secure a room.

### Homecoming – Post-Game Bash Saturday, October 15

Get to the house after the game for a victory party over the Hoosiers. The Chapter is back, so join your Brothers for old-time fun.



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## CHAPTER ETERNAL

**John H. Saemann '38** entered Chapter Eternal on January 9 at the age of 94. For more than 33 years he was Marinette County's extension forestry agent and forest administrator. John was active in the Marinette County Historical Society and the Forest History Association of Wisconsin, having a great passion for nature and the outdoors. He was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia, and is survived by his children: Susan, Sara, and **William '77**, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

## In Trying Times, Greatest Generation and Their Forebears Preserve Chi Phi – Part 3

**W**e pick up the story in the summer of 1940. After hanging on by a thread through the latter half of the decade, urgent letters are written to key men in Detroit, Milwaukee, Racine, New York, and Chicago. The letters from Madison ask these men to make a personal appeal to their Brothers. The house is now financed with a first mortgage in the amount of \$39,900, which is \$3,000 in arrears, and a smaller second mortgage. The active Chapter has been stabilized and is ahead on their rent, but the risk of foreclosure is very real.

The appeal does not fall on deaf ears. In Chicago, founding Brother **Al Haake '14** pens an appeal to his Brothers. The passage below rings true today.

“Chi Phi means a lot more than just a Chapter House for someone else to live in. It represents something for which we fought, an idea and ideal which is part and parcel of our lives, something which must be kept alive on the campus at Wisconsin and continue to send out fellows imbued with the same spirit.”

Brother Haake meets the challenge with a pledge of \$500. He also notes that his son, a freshman initiate at Kappa, has pledged \$100

and that “he is digging ditches this summer to earn that hundred dollars.” As is always the case, Chi Phi requires the time, talents, and treasure of its best men to succeed. While Brothers such as **George Crownhart**, **Bob Reynolds '25**, **Bob Murphy '29**, **Lloyd Strope '20**, **Chet Reich**, and **Roy Ragatz '27** worked to secure financing from the alumni, a small group in Madison was dealing with the business of negotiating with the Chapter's creditors.

In September a meeting was held with a representative of Guardian Life, the holder/insurer of the first mortgage. Brother Ragatz reports that at this meeting the Brothers proposed that in return for a minimum payment of \$12,000 by March 16, 1941, Guardian “forget the \$3,000, give us the current year interest free, the next four years at two percent, and then up the interest to a maximum of four percent.” **Bill Kiekhoefer** weighed in that Guardian “would be money ahead by playing ball as outlined, and letting us first squeeze out the [secondary financing] at a bargain price...\$500.” Professor Kiekhoefer, who *Life* magazine in 1937 referred to as “the most popular lecturer in one of the nation's leading economics departments,” apparently carried considerable credibility with the Guardian Life representative, as they agreed to take the plan under advisement.



*Through the efforts of generations of alumni, the Chi Phi house still stands. In this recent photo, you can see the new windows that have been installed as preparation for our undergraduates to return to the house.*

Meanwhile, the March fundraising deadline loomed.

*Look for the next installment in the fall Meteor newsletter.*