

# THE METEOR

A PUBLICATION OF KAPPA CHAPTER OF CHI PHI FRATERNITY

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## ANONYMOUS PACKAGE IGNITES CURIOSITY

Recently, Mark Paschal '84 received an anonymous package from a mythical Chi Phi named Otto Blaha. The package contained five composites from various years and Chapter meeting minutes from the mid-1970s to the mid-1980s. It seems there was a concerned alumnus who took important property at or around the time of our demise, and finally felt the need to return the items in goodwill.

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No question asked.  
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**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.



*Left: Alumni and family enjoy their meal in the Chi Phi house during Homecoming. Right: Max Wegman '13 sings lead in his band, Lumberjack Steam Train, during the post-game Homecoming festivities on October 15.*

## FALL HOMECOMING: A HUGE SUCCESS

### Alumni Encouraged to Stay Involved, Visit Chi Phi House

October 15, 2011, marked our first Homecoming back in the Chi Phi house, and we celebrated with camaraderie, great food, and live music. If you didn't make it, you missed out on a real good time.

After four and a half years of determination, our Fraternity is a prominent fixture on the UW campus again. Homecoming was on a beautiful, sunny October day. The Badgers handled the Hoosiers as expected, and many alumni stopped by the house to take a pre-game look. The house looked fabulous, as you can see from the pictures in this newsletter. Many thanks go to Brother **Mark Pashcal '84** for all the hard work in restoring the house to a lovely home.

Our active colony members are proud of their accomplishments and their Chapter House and welcome alumni to visit.

Following the game, we had an alumni cocktail reception where many alumni expressed their appreciation. I heard comments like "It's better than I ever thought it could look" throughout the evening. Alumni, spouses, and

family members enjoyed reconnecting and a wonderful barbecue dinner. The house seemed to be alive and vibrant again. Following dinner, the night rocked on with entertainment by Lumberjack Steam Train, a band led by Brother **Max Wegman '13**. The heartbeat was back in Chi Phi. Although we never saw the cows come home, the party went into the wee hours of Sunday morning.

If you are in Madison for any reason, please make a visit to the Chi Phi house. Our active colony members are proud of their accomplishments and their Chapter House and welcome alumni to visit. You will be pleasantly surprised, just like the 100-plus Chi Phi alumni who attended this year's Homecoming. I would recommend you set your sights on 2012 Homecoming. The more alumni involvement, the stronger the Kappa Chapter will be going forward as we work towards rechartering as a chapter.

Fraternally in the Bond,  
**Jim Trotter '78**  
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P.S. If you are interested in reconnecting with some of your fraternity brothers, give me a call. We can put you back in touch. A number of alumni have contacted me for the very same reason and it's exciting to reconnect to something that you know is important.



# Chi Phi Successful in First Semester Back on Campus

## Undergraduates Dominate Academics, Philanthropies

Last fall was our first time back in the Chi Phi house and we had a great semester to boot. It was definitely a learning process. We had some challenges here and there, but we accomplished much. The fall marked a new beginning for an amazing fraternity that is here to stay and ensure that Chi Phi becomes a well-known and well-respected fraternity on campus.

### Chi Phi Dominates Academics

Chi Phi's GPA ranked fourth out of the 27 fraternities on the Wisconsin-Madison campus. With a cumulative GPA of 3.226, we scored higher than the all-campus, all-men's, and the all-IFC GPAs.

### Successful Recruitment Puts Chi Phi on the Map

Our first recruitment was very successful. We pledged nine new members, increasing our Chapter's size by 50%. This spring semester is looking up as well. We have a lot of interest that has already been voiced by friends of the actives. We have a goal of 12 new members, and it wouldn't be surprising if we pledge more. **Steve Homa '14**, our recruitment chairman, has organized a great week full of events that will be fun for both actives and potential new members.



*Joe Lein '13 with his parents, Russ '81 and Jeana, and Michael Herrmann '13 with his mother, Leanne.*

### Spring Philanthropy to Benefit Boys and Girls Club

This semester, we are attempting to put together a concert at the house that will bring bands from the Madison area together for a fundraiser to benefit the Boys and Girls Club. We have also been in contact with the Boys and Girls Club to begin Chi Phi's relationship with the organization this semester.

### Kappa Chapter Building Relationships with Sororities

Chi Phi was paired with the Alpha Phi Sorority to put together a musical. Unfortunately, we failed to make it into the show, but we grew very close to the sorority and have a great relationship because of the musical. We had socials with Alpha Phi, Delta Delta Delta, and a fraternity known as The Lodge.

### Fall Parents Weekend a Great Success

We held a parents weekend event at the house last fall. The parents toured the house and witnessed that we are truly keeping the place clean and tidy. After the house tour, we went out to eat at a local restaurant, and followed that up with a tailgate at the house on Saturday. Everyone enjoyed getting to know one another and catching up before the football game. During Homecoming, several alumni made it back to the Chi Phi house for our reunion, which was also a huge success. Brother Max Wegman's band performed at the event and provided some good music.

All in all, it was a great first semester for the Chi Phi Kappa Colony. With the continuing assistance from our alumni and the national office, it will be no time at all until we are a household name on the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Fraternally,  
**Kyle Hall '13**  
Alpha  
kdhall@wisc.edu

## Jeff Langenbach '90 Pays It Forward to Ensure the Future of Chi Phi

As a freshman at the University of Wisconsin, **Jeff Langenbach '90** started his college career off right. His first week on campus was spent at rush parties, mostly the ones held by Chi Phi. When Jeff stepped foot in the Chi Phi house, he recognized some men from his high school. They introduced Jeff to the other brothers in the Chapter and invited him to join by the end of the week. He, and about 20 other men, pledged Chi Phi and never looked back.

"I lived in the Chi Phi house for three of the four years I was in college," said Jeff, "And three years was a big chunk of my life at that point." Jeff, like many of his Brothers, found himself growing up in the Chi Phi house. Sure, there were some less-than-grownup times, like when Jeff, Rizzo and **Will Quinn '89** launched water balloons off the roof of the house at the Kappas across the street, but "we never got caught." Jeff remembers the walk-outs to Ohio State and Michigan, "and Macho Weekend was always entertaining." Above the road trips and shenanigans, though, were the friendships and connections Jeff made. "Chi Phi meant a lot to me when I was on campus. About 90% of my friends

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*Jeff Langenbach '90 with his wife, Michelle, and their children: Max, Sam, and Audrey.*

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## THANK YOU, LOYAL ALUMNI

**T**hank you to our loyal alumni who responded to the Chapter's fall 2011 appeal by contributing \$4,665 with 35 gifts. Your support makes a difference in the future of Kappa Chapter as Chi Phi reestablishes itself at the University of Wisconsin.

The contributors listed below have given to Kappa Chapter's annual campaign and are listed in graduation order within their cumulative giving level. 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!

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## ALUMNI UPDATE

**Charles Drewry '45** is enjoying retirement and his time with his three grandchildren. He stays involved with his local Lion's Club and often travels to Texas to visit his son and to South Carolina to visit his sister.

**Allen Champlin '50** retired from the United States Army in 1972 and is now writing his fifth novel, "Dot", about Dot, Alaska.

**Clarence "Skip" Muth '52** resides in Palm Bay, Fla., and is enjoying the warmer climate and travels extensively. He has been to Paris, Costa Rica, Panama, Washington, D.C., and several national parks. E-mail: [cmuth@cfl.rr.com](mailto:cmuth@cfl.rr.com)

**Richard Rehberg '54** reports that he and his wife, Mary Ann, are traveling abroad in their

retirement. They spent last fall visiting Turkey, Spain, Greece, and Israel.

**Bruno Mauer '55** retired in 2000 and moved to Marion County, Fla., in 2008. He and his wife, Mary Ann, have three children, two of whom live in the Milwaukee area. Their daughter Barbara resides in South Carolina.

**Chuck Kleinschmidt '56** has lived in Columbus, Ohio, since 1989 and says, "I've had to deal with OSU fans for a long time. Now my daughter-in-law says most OSU fans dislike UW more than Michigan!" E-mail: [charlesb.k@comcast.net](mailto:charlesb.k@comcast.net)

**John Coombs '61** stays busy with corrosion consulting work after more than 50 years in the petroleum refinery field at Chevron and Exxon

Mobil. His wife, Sharon, is still active in corrosion society work. Their son, JJ, is a senior at UCLA. They also have one daughter, Cynthia. E-mail: [jwcoombs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jwcoombs@sbcglobal.net)

**Bob Claus '65** worked with Caterpillar for seven years following graduation, then joined Maritz, where he worked for 35 years. He and his wife, Nancy, have five children and 14 grandchildren. They travel between their homes in Florida, Wisconsin, and Missouri. E-mail: [nhcna@earthlink.net](mailto:nhcana@earthlink.net)

**John Schad '66** retired from human services in 2009 and is now a part-time mediator for family court.

# Jeff Langenbach '90

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in college were Chi Phi, and the other 10% I probably met through Chi Phi. I even met my wife while I was [living] in the Chi Phi house and she was living in the Kappa Kappa Gamma house right across the street."

Jeff recognizes what Chi Phi has given him and has made it a point to give back. "When I graduated, I wanted to stay involved and support the fraternity that had given me so much." So, every year after graduation, Jeff gives something back to Kappa Chapter. "Even right out of college, when I didn't have much to give, I still gave something every year." Now, Jeff has his sights on planned giving by setting aside funds for Chi Phi in his will. "If everyone did that, even just one percent, then the Fraternity would be funded well into the future."

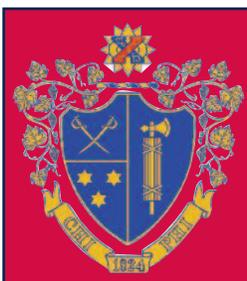
Jeff has another reason to ensure the future of Chi Phi: his son, Max, has visited the house and likes what he sees. Of course, Max has a few years to go (he's only 11). Jeff and his wife, Michelle, live in Chicago where Jeff serves as chief of staff and chief administrative officer for the Apollo Group, a Fortune 500 company. Jeff and Michelle are raising three future Badgers: Max, Sam (13), and Audrey (7). Jeff enjoys traveling and has visited over 30 countries on six continents since graduating. E-mail Jeff at [jeff.langenbach@apollogrp.edu](mailto:jeff.langenbach@apollogrp.edu).



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Chi Phi's founding fathers.



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