



# THE SOPHON

FALL 2011

*Corresponding Secretary Max Hill '09, Sean Jackson '09, Jack Gray '07, and Al Dickerson '57 joined other Phi Psi chapter members to celebrate National Founders Day at Laurel Hall.*



## Short-Term Housing Crisis Averted – Michigan Alpha Purchases a House at 630 Oxford and Looks to the Future

Since Michigan Alpha's return to campus in the early 1980s there has been great success in the chapter's redevelopment, as well as some obstacles we've had to overcome. The undergraduate members have made great strides in building a strong presence on campus and are among the largest chapters in terms of membership and the undisputed leader socially on campus. While the undergraduates have worked to re-establish our physical presence on campus, it is now time to focus on the structural presence, as well.

In 1996, the chapter entered a long-term lease with Theta Delta Chi Fraternity. The men of Michigan Alpha have been living at 700 S. State, making minor improvements to the facility in answer to problems that have arisen over the years. This past year we were made aware that the option to extend our lease was no longer available; this sparked our alumni and House Corporation to take action, and a solution to the sudden housing crisis was found. On June 24, 2011, we closed on the purchase of a house of our own,

located at 630 Oxford. This house provides the undergraduate members a permanent home within the campus housing system and the ability to continue their strong presence in the Michigan Greek community.

By purchasing a house now, we have provided the students a place to live when the 700 S. State lease expires and provided ourselves the opportunity to develop a lofty strategic plan for the future. Our ownership of the Oxford house will give the fraternity the opportunity to build up equity; this can be used to build or acquire an even bigger chapter house in a more desirable location if deemed necessary in the future.

These are decisions to be made in the future though; now it is the time to focus on the present. We have found a home for our active members to live in and make their own memories, similar to those we made during our own time at Michigan. Over the coming months, we will formulate a long-term plan. If you would like to offer any insight, please do not hesitate to contact me.

The fraternity deeply thanks all those who helped with the closing of 630 Oxford. We would not have been successful without each and every undergraduate, parent, and alumnus who gave their time and treasure. Thank you!



*Dave Frayne '89, Brian May '99, and Brad Holman '02 reconnect at Founder's Day.*



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# ACTIVE BROTHERS IMPROVE CHAPTER G.P.A. FOR FIVE CONSECUTIVE SEMESTERS

Michigan Alpha Expands Influence Beyond Ann Arbor with Worldwide Philanthropy Involvement



*Brothers of Michigan Alpha paired up with KKG to volunteer at Mott's Hospital in 2010.*



*This summer, members of Michigan Alpha along with the women of Delta Delta Delta visited an orphanage in San Pedro Sula, Honduras.*

This past year has been one of tremendous growth for Michigan Alpha—our academic programs are producing results, we have logged an impressive 1,800 hours of community service, and were recognized multiple times for our high standards of excellence by the University of Michigan Greek community. These joys continue to motivate us for the never-ending search for Phi Kappa Psi excellence. Coming into the fall semester we have seen our chapter G.P.A. grow for five consecutive semesters. Our current chapter G.P.A. is 3.22, higher than the all-men's average of 3.13 for the winter '11 semester. We plan to continue improving our G.P.A. this semester and into the future. All of our outstanding accomplishments are due to our outstanding membership, which at the end of last winter was 123 brothers strong. After fall recruitment we welcomed 25 new members to experience the bonds and ideals we share.

## Michigan Alpha Makes Philanthropic Impact at Home and Abroad

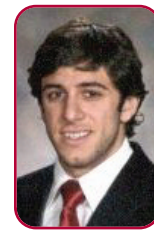
With 1,800 hours of community service, our philanthropic contributions are among the most impactful and diverse on campus. Some of our philanthropy events include Treats for Troops, where we show our support for the troops by sending care packages and Home for the Holidays, in collaboration with Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority in which we gave Christmas presents to kids in the ICU at C.S. Mott's Children's Hospital. Our service even expanded overseas where a group of Phi Psis and women from Delta Delta Delta went to San Pedro Sula, Honduras, to donate their time to underprivileged kids.

## Campus Involvement Strengthens Phi Psi's Presence at University of Michigan

The strong emphasis we put on recruitment is shown not only in the quantity of our member-

ship, but also in the quality of our brothers. We have two members on the Interfraternity Council executive board, as well as brothers on every sub-committee of IFC. But our involvement stretches past the Greek community, as we are active members in more than 74 different organizations on campus, including local publications, investment clubs, Student Government, and even Michigan athletics.

The Phi Kappa Psi Michigan Alpha brotherhood is developing at a great pace. The sense of brotherhood, loyalty, and duty towards our fraternity and the community separates us from the rest and makes me proud to be a Phi Psi.



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## 2011 CHAPTER OFFICERS

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**Max Epstein '09**

Messenger  
**John Arnold '10**

Chaplin  
**Jordan Altman '08**

## Recruitment Recommendations

Alumni, we value your input on membership selection. If you know someone who would be an asset to the chapter, please send your recommendations to **Joshua Brass '10** at [joshuabrass@gmail.com](mailto:joshuabrass@gmail.com)



## Welcome, New Members

**Evan Adkins**  
*Muskegon, Mich.*

**Dan Adsit**  
*Canton, Mich.*

**Morris Blaustein**  
*Chicago, Ill.*

**Sam Byrne**  
*Chicago, Ill.*

**Troy Carroll\***  
*Chicago, Ill.*  
(Brother **Bret '08**)

**Colton Christian**  
*Seattle, Wash.*

**Eddy Consuegra**  
*Greenwich, Conn.*

**Stephen DeBrincat**  
*Novi, Mich.*

**Steven Denowitz**  
*Westport, Conn.*

**Joe DeWulf**  
*Phoenix, Ariz.*

**Nick Diehl**  
*Grosse Point, Mich.*

**Bryce Doreen**  
*Atlanta, Ga.*

**Alfredo Holguin**  
*Rye, N.Y.*

**Will King**  
*Chicago, Ill.*

**David Kinrich**  
*Los Angeles, Calif.*

**Grant Kugler**  
*Greenwich, Conn.*

**Jonathon Landre**  
*Canandaigua, N.Y.*

**Nick Liberator**  
*Greenwich, Conn.*

**Reid Mechanick**  
*Bedford, N.Y.*

**Stephan Miller**  
*Dallas, Texas*

**Willy Rosemblat**  
*Miami, Fla.*

**Avery Roth**  
*Scarsdale, N.Y.*

**Hayden Schenker**  
*New Hope, Pa.*

**Mike Scott**  
*Westport, Conn.*

**Joseph Simon**  
*Grosse Point, Mich.*

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## MICHIGAN ALPHA HOUSE CORPORATION

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*Grand Rapids, Mich.*

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**Dave Frayne '89**  
*Plymouth, Mich.*

Treasurer  
**Brad Holman '02**  
*Madison Heights, Mich.*

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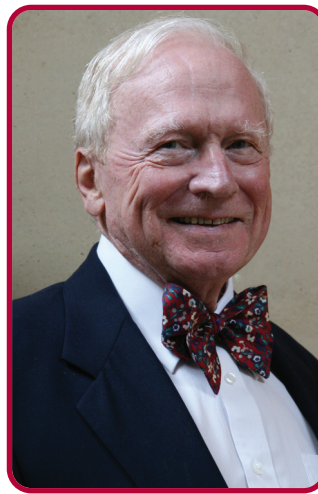
Chapter Treasurer  
**Corey Javer '09**  
*Smithtown, N.Y.*

Members  
**Al Dickerson '57**  
*South Haven, Mich.*

**Dick Chamberlin '58**  
*Hickory Corners, Mich.*

## MICHIGAN ALPHA OFFERED DAVID CARSON '52 A PLACE TO LEARN AND STAY CONNECTED TO THE UNIVERSITY

*Alumnus Works to Provide Same Opportunity to Michigan Students*



For David Carson '52, his experience at the University of Michigan and Phi Kappa Psi was one that provided both enjoyment and success further down the road. "I think my complete university experience at Michigan laid the groundwork for what I have done over the years. The fraternity experience, including serving as chapter president of Michigan Alpha, played a significant role in that."

The opportunity to be a member of Michigan Alpha not only provided him the outlet to develop his leadership skills, but it also gave him the avenue to expand his involvement on campus overall. "Michigan is a very large campus and the fraternity system was quite robust in the 1950s. I was attracted to Phi Psi after meeting the brothers and seeing the house; to be involved with Michigan you had to live on campus, and Phi Psi was where I chose to be involved and grow," David says of his reasoning for choosing Phi Kappa Psi.

David's experience at Michigan Alpha includes fond memories of Big 10 football games, alumni luncheons at the chapter house followed by strolls to the football games, social events, and getting to share his fraternity experience with his mom, Hilda, on Mother's Weekend. "The whole lifestyle was enjoyable," David shares. In addition to his involvement with Phi Kappa Psi, David studied and received a bachelor's degree in business administration from the Ross School of Business. In 1957 he was drafted into the U.S. Army and served as mathematical statistician to the Small Arms Division of the U.S. Army Infantry Board at Fort Benning for two years.

David's business career has centered on financial services. In 1960 he joined the Hartford Insurance Group as a young casualty actuary and in 1969 was named senior vice president and actuary. He was president and CEO of Middlesex Mutual Assurance Co. from 1974 to 1982. In 1982, David was persuaded to leave the insurance business to join People's Bank in Bridgeport, Connecticut, as its President. In 1985, he was named CEO, a position he maintained until January 2000. He served on the board of Prudential Mutual Funds until 2010. In addition to his degree from the Ross School of Business, David has four honorary degrees and anticipates another later this year.

David continues his close involvement with the Ross School of Business today. "The university asked how they could improve the program. I thought business executives need a better understanding of how public policy in Washington is formed," David explains. From this discussion came the Carson Scholars program, where junior and senior students have the opportunity to complete a course in Washington, D.C., learning how public policy is developed. David advises all undergraduates to take advantage of programs similar to Carson Scholars, in any way they can. "Learn as much as you can, meet different people, take different classes. Find a way to use your skills and try different things."

David and his wife of 52 years, Sara, reside in Hartford, Connecticut, and Wellfleet, Massachusetts. They have three children and six grandchildren. David has been involved in public education and religious organizations, having served as a board member for three theological seminaries. He is currently the chair of the Connecticut Center for School Change and a public member of the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education which is part of NEASC.

He still keeps in touch with Phi Psi brothers **Fred Hertel '52**, **Doug Povenz '52**, **Gil Snyders '52**, and **George Nichols '52**. "I have lived a busy and fulfilling life. I look back to my time in Ann Arbor as an adventure that helped shape who I am." To contact David, e-mail him at [decarso@aol.com](mailto:decarso@aol.com).

## JOIN US ON LINKEDIN!

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[www.michiganhipsi.org](http://www.michiganhipsi.org)



## 2011 WOLVERINES FOOTBALL

Oct. 29	vs. Purdue (Homecoming)
Nov. 5	at Iowa
Nov. 12	at Illinois
Nov. 19	vs. Nebraska
Nov. 26	vs. Ohio State

Home games in red



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**Attention:** This newsletter is intended for alumni and parents. If your son is currently attending the University of Michigan, he will receive a copy at the Chapter House. If he has graduated, please send us his permanent address to update our records. Thank you.

## ALUMNI UPDATE

**Allen Dickerson '57** lives on the lake in South Haven, Mich., with his wife, Arlene. They have two children, Randy and Scott, and two grandchildren, Zach and Noah. Allen still gets together with Michigan Alpha brothers **Tim McDonnell '85** and **Greg Scott '86** to watch every Michigan home football game. E-mail: [aldickerson200@gmail.com](mailto:aldickerson200@gmail.com)

**Dick Chamberlin '58** retired from Upjohn Pharmaceutical after a 25-year career and now teaches classes at the Kalamazoo Nature Center. Dick and his wife of 51 years live in Hickory Corners, Mich., and have three daughters. This summer, he and his wife followed the Lewis and Clark trail in Montana and visited Yellowstone National Park. E-mail: [rhchambe@tds.net](mailto:rhchambe@tds.net)

**David Frayne '89** has worked for Ford Motor Company for the past 18 years and resides in Plymouth, Mich., with his wife, Kari, and their three children: Lizzie, Julia, and Andrew. Dave keeps in touch with brothers **Brian Gilbert '88**, **Kevin Banks '89**, **Greg Scott '86**, **Mark Steffanina '87**, and **Rick Fanning '89** on a regular basis, as well as his fellow House Corporation members. E-mail: [dfrayne@ford.com](mailto:dfrayne@ford.com)

**Brian May '99** is the director of business strategy at Wolverine Worldwide. He and his wife, Kelly, welcomed their first daughter, Madeline Grace, in September. Brian is a member of a fantasy football league with several of his Michigan Alpha brothers, and whenever he's in New York, Chicago, or Los Angeles, meeting up with local Phi Psi brothers is the first thing on his list. E-mail: [bdmay10@gmail.com](mailto:bdmay10@gmail.com)

**Bill Wiedman '01** is attending the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University and will return to a private equity firm upon his graduation. Bill lives in Evanston, Ill., and still gets together with Phi Psi brothers in Chicago on the weekends and makes frequent trips to New York City. E-mail: [wwiedman@gmail.com](mailto:wwiedman@gmail.com)

**Jared Frost '03** works at Credit Suisse on the equity derivatives trading desk, managing their relative value insurance portfolios in the United States. Jared lives with Phi Psi brothers **Jason Schleifer '02** and **Mike Amez '02** in the East Village of Manhattan, and still gets together for dinner with other pledge class brothers. E-mail: [jared.c.frost@gmail.com](mailto:jared.c.frost@gmail.com)