HAPPY HOLIDAYS
Whatever Holiday brothers are celebrating this Holiday Season with loved ones, the men of the Alpha Psi Chapter of Theta Xi - young and old - wish it to be Merry, Safe, and Full of Joy. --Yours In The Bonds --

QUICKNOTES

Congratulations:
Dean Spaay (AV '57) will graduate this month with a BS in Petroleum Engineering! Good luck Brother and don’t be a stranger.

All of brothers who have new babies and grandbabies this holiday season.

Question: Do you remember your Pledge Father? Pledge Grandfather? We’re seeing how high we can go in an effort to reach Charter Members. Let us know!!

Thanks to $4,657.94 in donations from 28 alumni (so far), we have completed Phases One and Two of our Paint & Doors project. Phase 1 was painting the exterior of our chapter house buildings. It was actually completed at the end of September with most of the work being done during the Work-weekend 28-29 September 2013 where five of you made the trip to Rolla to help us out in person (Double Thanks!!). The cost of Phase 1 was $788.49.

Phase 2 was replacing the exterior doors of both the New House and the Annex. Brother Lewis Buchanan (AV '57) has devoted almost all of his spare time (including installation work for over 36 straight hours the weekend of initiation) to getting the materials ordered and completing the work for Phase 2. The final cost of Phase 2 exceeded initial estimates by $1,000. This is because we neglected to consider the following in our original estimates:

1. Replacement cost of the basement door (dub!)
2. Replacement cost of the two new house bathroom doors and
3. Costs to purchase security locks (with mechanical combinations) for the two entrances to the annex.

Phase 3 is the replacement of 17 interior doors to the sleeping rooms in the annex. The estimated cost of Phase 3 is $3,400, and we still need $2,150 to purchase the materials to complete remaining phases. Our intent is to utilize these doors in the new construction as much as possible. Alumni support has been and continues to be critical towards success in the completion of this project, which will reap rewards for years to come in our rush efforts and will provide a cost savings during construction of the new chapter house in the future.

Consider going to alphapsialumni.org today to make a secure donation to help us complete this project before the next semester starts. We hope you all had a very Happy Thanksgiving and enjoy the rest of this Holiday season!

Lifeline of the Fraternity

Good news on the Rush front from the Active Chapter. The Actives have been working hard this semester to recruit a solid Associate Member class for the Spring and there are some significant changes brought on by the University, which create unprecedented opportunities to grow our numbers.

Four young men have already signed bid cards to be Associate Members next semester and Actives are still actively recruiting four other solid candidates for Associate Membership. It will be great for them to reap the fruits of their labor in both recruitment and chapter house upkeep. There is a solid chance we will have a 7 or 8 Man Associate Member class to start off next semester! Kudos to the Actives for their efforts.

We expect great things from the Actives in the realm of Rush this coming semester. Missouri University of S&T has announced plans to close the student residence named ‘The Quad’, on the Southeast corner of Campus, and are actively supporting efforts to transition the young men who currently live there into the ranks of fraternity membership. The focus of these efforts are the smaller houses on campus - smaller houses which at the moment includes Theta Xi. This is an unprecedented opportunity for us to capitalize on and grow our numbers quickly with candidates who have shown they are more likely able to handle the rigorous standards of MOU S&T’s curriculum.

Formal Spring Rush is 31 January - 2 February 2014 and gives current students the opportunity to look at Greek Life. There are a lot of activities planned for the weekend and Alpha Psi Actives and Associates will be front and center showing prospective members the benefits of Theta Xi membership and the greatness of being an Alpha Psi. An Alumni presence would go a long way to show evidence of the Alpha Psi mantra of being the best combination of Educational Assistance, Professional/Leadership Mentoring, Networking and Support from Actives and Alumni, and a great social experience at a price point for board and membership dues which is very competitive compared to other housing options.

Lastly, Spring Rush efforts for the Fall semester will kick off around the same time with the release of the call list. As many of you may remember, this is the list of future students who will likely enroll in the Fall and have expressed an interest in Greek Life. Many of you have expressed a fervent interest to support Rush efforts by opening up your home for Rush events; or sponsoring an event by providing the food for a barbecue cookout in your regional area. Others have indicated a desire to support these efforts with your attendance and even participating in interviews with potential Associate Members and their parents. We need and welcome this kind of support. You may note we have hubs of alumni in more austere locations (Illinois-13, Colorado-9, Texas-21, Arizona/New Mexico -10) which can be a huge rush advantage as other houses are not likely to try reaching out to prospective members from these areas until they arrive in the Fall.

If you want to support our Rush efforts, please respond to the email and let the Alumni Association know. Alumni support helps rush efforts on two fronts. First, it impresses potential associate members (and their parents) and two, it motivates the actives and raises their moral to continue to do good work on behalf of the house. Thanks in advance for your support!
This year we celebrate 150 years of Theta Xi on 29 April 2014. There will be Anniver-
sary celebrations across the country where brothers will gather to celebrate this mo-
momentous occasion. Select cities (currently includes Chicago, IL; Denver, CO; Los Ange-
les, CA; New Orleans, LA; New York, NY; Orlando, FL; Pittsburgh, PA; and St. Louis, 
MO) have been pre-selected to host celebrations which will be connected via video
feed to each other and the 150th Anniversary Convention at the Alpha Chapter house 
at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY. Details are posted at www.6294.org
as they develop.

STOP TRYING!!! The AΨ Ski Trip is coming up 5-9 February at Winter Park and still has
one spot available. Every year up to 13 AΨ brothers rent a Ski in/Ski out Condo for about 3
days (plus travel time) of fun and fellowship. Historically, brothers have never left the Con-
do except to ski because it is a ski-in/ski-out Condo There is a ski/ball rental shop within
walking distance and lift tickets can be purchased through the Condo’s property manage-
ment company.

The estimated cost of the trip per person is $400 (Room/board/equipment rental/lift tickets) +
plus travel costs. It’s always a lot of fun. When making travel arrangements please allow
time to help clean up the Condo Sunday morning prior to your departure. Contact Pete Rus-
sell (AΨ505) or Nick Ereckson (AΨ494) if you are interested in joining them at Winter Park.

Check out these videos of previous trips:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iduyggVm2bc
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g3JU_GFOvAU

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KC Alumni Workday - 3/1/2014
Alumni Brothers from the KC area are planning trip to the Chapter House this
coming March to work on house improvements. A convoy of pick-ups full of
alumni with power tools checkbooks will make that glorious drive down High-
way 63S late Friday night or early Saturday morning. We hope 15-20 alumni
will make the trip from KC with us and that those not able to make the trip will
attempt to unite us even further. All alumni & current members are wel-
come to request admission as a member.

Alumni can also make a secure donation online.


Username: alphapsi Password: puresoul
Select the donate button and fill out the information fields to send your secure donation to
the Alumni Association today. You can also sign up for automatic monthly donations to
commit to provide financial support to the house without thinking about it.

When we meet our current fundraising goal for the Paint & Doors we will immedi-
ately transition to raising $25K to upgrade the HVAC system (heating and AC) in the
annex. Help is always needed and your support in any form is appreciated. Hope
to see you soon at future events. Until then. Yours in the Bonds!