



the Phi Owl

The University of Michigan Chapter of Psi Upsilon



Greg Rupp '81

President's message:

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL PHI BROTHERS!

As we embark on a new decade, I'm happy to report that Psi Upsilon at the University of Michigan continues to develop and grow. Our active brothers have now elected a third year of officers and all of us are getting our sea legs and finding our rhythms. It may not be a straight course, but it's a steady one.

Last year the House had two successful Rushes and our membership continues to increase, in spite of new recruitment rules implemented by the University. As we go to press the actives are preparing for the winter Rush and everyone anticipates being close to full occupancy for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Michigan's football season was an emotional roller coaster and despite it's less than desirable ending it provided us with three fun and successful tailgate events. We had originally planned on tailgates for the Army and the Homecoming game against Iowa, but due to the Wolverine's momentum and alumni zeal everyone pulled together and put on a last minute barbecue before the wet and exhilarating Notre Dame win. Look for the 2020 tailgate dates inside this issue of the Phi Owl.

The Phi was well represented at the 179th Psi Upsilon Convention that took place in Chicago last July. Besides connecting with

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brothers from other chapters, the highlight of the convention was our own Earl Raynal Jr. '81 being recognized with the Distinguished Alumni Service award. A fitting accolade for a brother who has been central to the Phi's return to the Michigan campus. We will be recognizing Earl more formally at this year's Great Lakes Founders Day event in March at the Detroit Yacht Club. Please join us to recognize Earl for his dedicated service to the Phi.

Finally, thank you to all my alumni brothers for their continued and growing support. Your donations of time, money and materials have helped bring the Phi back. As I said at the beginning of my report, our progress has been marked with fits and starts, but the important thing to know is that progress is being made.

YITB, Greg Rupp '81

TREASURER'S REPORT

Some Cautious Good News – Finally!

By the grace of God, and lots of hard work by many active and alumni brothers, we may have the funds for some additional improvements to the House this year.

I applaud the House leadership and actives who have found ways to pay the full, market-based rent for the house this year, even though it is not filled to capacity. This revenue will allow the Alumni to make a few improvements that we have been putting off during the lean years. The PAC Board and I are expecting this may end up being some new equipment in the kitchen.



Dan Smale, '81

As a quick recap of the past few years, the alumni have been subsidizing the actives since the House was not full. We also helped subsidize their working capital needs as the chapter got up and running. Our big investment was a \$300,000 roof in 2018 which was financed by a new mortgage on the House. All of this was in addition to cash drains and repairs associated with the years of non-Psi U occupancy when we didn't have an active chapter, or they were too small to occupy the House.

We look forward to many active brothers signing membership agreements to live in the House in the 2020-21 school year.

In the Bonds, Daniel T. Smale, Phi '81



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176TH PSI Upsilon CONVENTION

OMEGA | UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

JULY 26-29, 2019

Psi Upsilon held its annual convention and leadership conference in Chicago last July. PAC president Greg Rupp '81, who sits on the fraternity's Executive Council, and PAC vice president Kevin Brophy '83 represented the Phi alumni and then Archon Joey Cobau '21, John Cobau '21 and Alex Thayer '22 represented the active chapter. We

can happily report that Joey was elected to Psi Upsilon's Undergraduate Advisory Board. Strengthening the fraternity and building relationships is always the focus of the convention, and what better place to do it than Chicago in the summer. This year's convention will be in Atlanta, so if you live in the area come join us.



Left to Right: Joey Cobau '21, Kevin Lum '79, Alex Thayer '22, Kevin Brophy '83, Greg French '80, John Cobau '21, Greg Rupp '81

ARCHON'S REPORT

This year the Phi turns 155 years old and as the chapter continues to mature so does our current undergraduate brotherhood. Today, we are 45 members strong, with the goal of having a solid winter rush focusing on quality over quantity. It's important to grow, but only by tapping exceptional prospects to join our ranks as brothers.

Recently we elected a new Executive Council and we're ushering in a younger class of officers. Joining me in running our fraternity are:

1st Angelos Miles Macklin '22
2nd Angelos Alex Thayer '22
Treasurer Michael Zhang '22
Secretary Ryan Lints '22

This is our second year back in the House and we recognize it's a huge asset to the undergraduate brotherhood. We have 23 brothers living in, we hold philanthropic and social events here, and it certainly attract new members. Like everything in life, managing our amazing Chapter House has presented challenges. Our biggest one is making sure the House is fully filled with brothers. At this point, we have 26 members committed to living in, with a few more expected. We are all excited at the prospect of having at least 29 active members living in the House next academic year.

We are still working out the best ways to keep the House in good shape, clean and tidy, and mitigate damage. This year damage to the House has decreased significantly compared to last year and we are providing better upkeep of the House and property. We have also had the chance to complete projects like putting down carpet and working to preserve our historical artifacts in the Secretary's Room. The alumni have graciously supported and funded our efforts to fix and upgrade the House internet, giving brothers the ability to work more efficiently online.

One of the most rewarding parts of being a member of the Phi, for me and many of my fellow undergraduates, is the opportunity to connect with all of our brothers old and young. All of you are welcome at 1000 Hill Street any day and anytime. Events like our Tailgates and Founders Day Dinner have resulted in some great moments of discussion and shared experiences between all brothers—actives



and alumni. Some of the best moments have been alumni brothers who have stopped by for a few minutes while visiting Ann Arbor and shared their stories of living in the House with those of us who live their today. I know I speak on behalf of everyone when I say that it brightens up our day when we have the opportunity to talk to our older brothers of the Phi. So, if you are ever in the Ann Arbor area, even for a short period of time, I ask you to please come and visit the House and say hello.

Yours in the Bonds, Riston Escher '21



Phi Chapter

PLEDGE CLASS



Zachary Koonter, Laingsburg, MI Class of '23

"I joined Psi Upsilon because during the rush process I loved the fighting spirit involved in re-founding the fraternity."

PLEDGE CLASS



Noah Goldstein, Tenafly, NJ
Class of '22
"I joined Psi Upsilon because I wanted to become part of a close-knit brotherhood."



Ryan McNamara, Northville, MI
Class of '22 *"The Phi chapter has a diverse group of young men who are extremely inviting which compelled me to join."*



Leo Sabin, Bloomfield Hills, MI
Class of '22
"Psi U instantly provided me a welcoming community of role models and friends for life."



Daniel Brzozowski, Commerce Township, MI, Class of '23
"I stumbled across psi upsilon by complete chance and the brothers welcomed me with open arms."



Yuvraj Jamwal, Troy, MI
Class of '23 *"This fraternity has gone through its fair share of tough times, but each time it has come back stronger—that's why I want to join Psi U."*



Zachary Kaufman, Marlboro, NJ
Class of '23
"I joined Psi U because of the overwhelming display of brotherhood."



Nathan Murray, Clarkston, MI
Class of '23
"I joined Psi Upsilon because I wanted to be a part of a brotherhood that I was confident would always have my back."



Cole Wohlfiel, Birmingham, MI
Class of '23
"I joined Psi U because it is a tight-knit community of guys who actually care about each other."



Ryan Wycoff, Clarkston, MI
Class of '23
"I joined Psi U to find friends that will make me a better person and that I know will have my back for the rest of my life"

Great Lakes Founders Day

Our Great Lakes Founders Day tradition continues. This year's annual dinner will once again take place at the Detroit Yacht Club on March 20, 2020. Come join brothers from the Phi and Epsilon Nu as we toast to our history and Psi Upsilon's future.

**Founders Day
1981**



Left to Right: Bob Dailey '37 former Phi Alumni president, L. Norris Post '44 former Phi Alumni president, Henry McDonnell '42, Russell McShane '32 (Delta) former National VP, and Doug Manix '81

**Founders Day
2019**



Left to Right: Jeff Lockhart '81, Dan Smale '80, Doug Manix '81, Chuck Greening '81 and Greg Rupp '81

**Detroit Yacht Club
1 Riverbank Drive
Detroit, Michigan 48207**





ALUMNI GET TOGETHERS

Brothers Tim Whims '80 and Chuck Greening '80 announce this year's Phi Alumni Get Togethers. Gatherings are "after work" and open to all Psi U's alumni and actives, all chapters are welcome. So come on by after you're off the clock or after you get up from your nap. Your brothers are waiting!



Marking the beginning of the Roaring '20s at the Hammer and Nail in Detroit, January 2020 L to R: Tim Whims '80, Al Ray '80, Chuck Greening '81, John Doerer '83, Ken Hamel '81

Alumni Get Togethers 2020

- February 20th, Cadieux Café
4300 Cadieux Avenue, Detroit
- May 21st, Fishbones
23722 Jefferson Avenue, St. Clair Shores
- July 16th, Z's Villa
42 Piquette Street, New Center, Detroit
- April 16th, Mt. Chalet
32955 Woodward Ave, Royal Oak



Gathering at Sindad's on the Detroit River in July 2019



Getting together at Excalibur Park Bar in December 2019: Front L to R: Norbert Madison '75, Dave Peters (Beta Beta), John Boccaccio '75 Back L to R: Jim Perry '74, Ben Warren '77, Chuck Royer, Tim Whims '80

Football Saturdays at Phi



We held three great tailgates at the House this past year. Two were planned by the Phi Alumni Corp. along with the actives members prior to the Army game and for Homecoming against Iowa.

Thanks to Greg French '80 for once again organizing these two events for us. Then riding on the building momentum of the Wolverines—Greg Rupp '81, Tom Schwartz '85 and Tom Haney '83 sponsored an impromptu tailgate before the epic rain soaked win over Notre Dame. The weather was dreadful, but the win was sublime.



Alumni and active brothers alike took a moment during our Homecoming tailgate to informally recognize Earl Raynal Jr. '81 for all his work with the House. Earl was recognized at this year's national convention with the Distinguished Alumni Award. Snaps brother - we couldn't have done it without you!



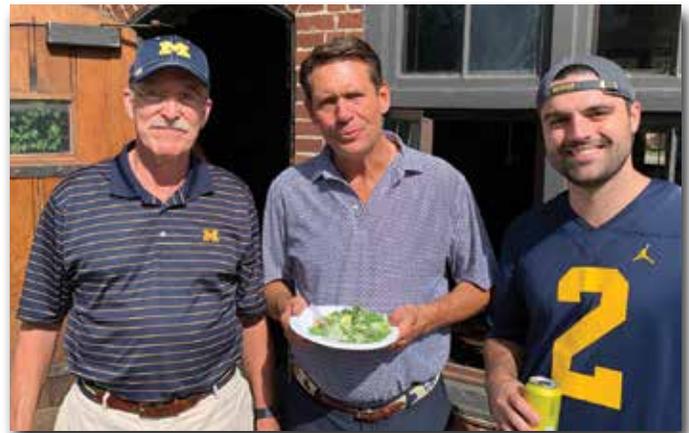
Despite it being a frigid October night and in the pouring rain, Phi alumni Max Nagle '54, Earl Raynal Jr. '81 and Buzz Webber '56, all suited up and came out to watch Michigan defeat Notre Dame.



Neal Sobol '80 and Chuck Greening '80 brave the rain for Michigan's victory over Notre Dame.



Celebrating the beginning of football season and the end of summer, brothers gathered for the Phi's first tailgate of the year before the Army game in September. L to R: Luke Donahue '11, Kevin Lum '79, Tom Smith '85, Steve Wesel '85, Ear Raynal Jr. '81, Bill McPherson '71, Greg French '80, Neal Sobol '80, Patrick Fishman '85, Dean Schueller '83, Tom Schwartz '84, Tom Haney '83, Mike Bignell '65



Football Saturdays 2020



The Phi Alumni are planning on two Saturdays Tailgates at the House this coming fall.

Enjoy a buffet lunch, no-host bar, reconnect with your alumni brothers and their families and meet the newest generation of Phi brothers.

Look for email announcements with the tailgate start times and and kick-off times – so don't forget to update your contact information in our MemberPlanet database.



September 26, 2020 vs. Wisconsin
October 22, 2020 vs. Purdue
(Homecoming)



It's never too early to start thinking about Michigan Football!

Dining Room Table

After years of faithful service to the House and numerous repair jobs, our Dining Room tables had clearly seen better days, and it was finally time for us to get new ones. After a call to action last summer a very dedicated group of alumni donated the funds necessary to purchase eight brand new tables.

Huge snaps to brother John Rea '83, Vice President at the Worden Company in Holland, Michigan for helping us produce the tables and heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to the following brothers for their generous support that made it all happen. They have been honored with plaque commemorating their generosity, shown in the picture below, that will be mounted in the Dining Room.

Howard "Buzz" Webber '56

Tymon C. Totte DDS '61

Michael G. Bignell '65 & the Class of 1965

Jeffrey D. Patterson '78

Dr. James A. Everett '79

Timothy A. Whims '80

Earl A. Raynal Jr. '81

Dr. Gregory P. Rupp '81

Michael J. Beaudoin '83 & the 1981 Fall Pledge Class

Jorge L. Freeland '83

John C. Rea '83

Robert A. Williams '83

In memory of Richard Miller '86:

Robert Boynton '85

Donald W. Cline '86

Stephen P. Schappe '86

James Franchi '86

Joseph Gneiser '86

Stephen L. Ewing '87

Kevin Cline '17



Brothers after having assembled our brand new Dining Room tables. Sitting at the tables, left to right: Miles Macklin '22, Eric Hillsberg '22, Dan Brzozowski '23. Standing left to right: Tony Roux '22, Nate Murray '23, Zach Koonter '23, Serge Albarian '20, Riston Escher '21, Joey Cobau '21, Ameen Hakimianpour '20, Nathan Houghteling '20, John Gontaryk '22, Dan Cullen '22, Alex Thayer '22



Phi Alumni Corp

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If you live near Ann Arbor and have gently used furniture that you no longer need, the active brothers will gladly take it off your hands. Desks, chairs, dressers, file cabinets and appliances like vacuums and carpet shampooers will be put to good use. Please contact Earl Raynal Jr. '81 if you have things you'd like to donate and we'll arrange for the brothers to come get it.



Luke Donahue '12 delivering donated recliners and bureaus to the House.