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Home games in **bold**.

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We want to feature more alumni news, photos and stories in *Alpha Musings!* Send your submissions to our editors at content@affinityconnection.com (mention Pi Kapp PSU in the subject). Your submissions may be featured in an upcoming newsletter or our monthly e-Letter.

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ALUMNI REPORT

You Have a Voice in Our Future

Survey Results Reveal Alumni Feedback on Active Chapter

By Steve DiOrio '78

As an alumni association, we have some important decisions to make. After several years of declining recruitment numbers and financial losses from fewer rent checks, we are at a pivotal crossroads: would we benefit from shutting down the Alpha Mu Chapter and re-colonizing with a bigger and better chapter in one or two years, or should we continue down the path we're currently on.

"No matter what happens in the immediate future with our active chapter, we would like to maintain an active alumni community."

I would like to thank the 52 alumni who responded to our recent survey with their suggestions and feedback. See page 2 for a sampling of the results. Alumni feedback will be heavily considered in our decision-making

process. If you did not receive the survey and would like to voice your opinion, please feel free to contact me at (215) 647-0278 or at steve@stevediorio.com. We'll keep you posted on our progress in the months ahead. Stay tuned for updates at www.alphamupikap.org, and be sure to verify your email address on the site to receive our e-Letter updates.

No matter what happens in the immediate future with our active chapter, we would like to maintain an active alumni community. The easiest way to remain an active participant is through our web site, www.alphamupikap.org. The site's latest development links your online profile with your Facebook page. Check it out! If you haven't yet registered on the site, follow the First Time Login instructions on the home page. (You'll need your Member ID, which can be found above your name and address on this newsletter).

CHAPTER NEWS

Pi Kap and Alpha Chi Omega Rank Second in 2009's Record-Breaking THON

Dancers Raise \$218,917.13 toward THON's \$7.49 Total

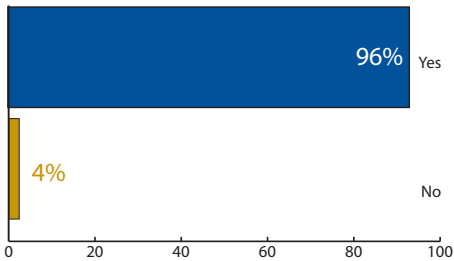
Congratulations to our undergraduate members for raising more than \$218,000 for THON 2009. Pi Kap, along with partner Alpha Chi Omega, ranked as second-place fundraisers among Greek organizations. The Penn State Dance Marathon is the largest student-run philanthropy in the world, raising millions of dollars each year to benefit pediatric cancer research.



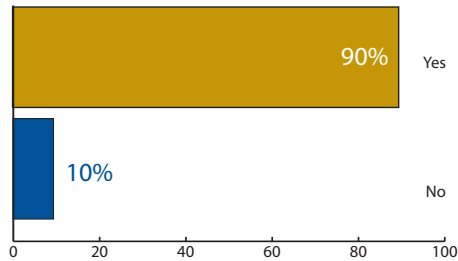
ALUMNI SURVEY

Thank you to the 52 alumni who responded to our recent survey regarding the immediate future of the active chapter. Visit www.alphamupikap.org to see the full results and to voice your own opinion.

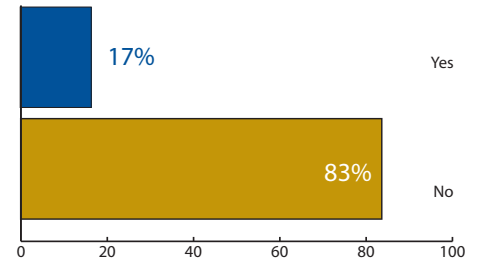
1. Do you think the Alumni Housing Corporation should retain ownership of 409 E. Fairmount Ave.?



2. Do you think the Chapter needs a "home"?



3. Do you think the present group of undergraduates should be removed and the Chapter recolonized in 1-2 years?



4. If the Chapter recolonized, would that cause you to regain confidence in financially supporting the Housing Corporation?

"I'm not sure there is anything wrong with the current group of undergraduates (I truly don't see them being any better or worse than we were. However, I do believe that our existing business model is flawed. We should be able to leverage our National to find out what works and what doesn't. I do remember when I attended some Pi Kapp national events, most of the Southern chapters had strong and vibrant membership, but a majority of the brothers actually lived outside of the house.

Additionally, my son just started pledging a fraternity at Cornell and his experience seems to be very positive and they seem to do things significantly differently. Examples - all pledges are required to eat dinners at the house, they must prepare one meal per week, they must plan one party, they must do a house improvement project that the brotherhood selects. To me, these are all activities that promote responsible brotherhood."

"There must be some potential in the brothers now in the house. They appear to have performed fundraising for the Dance Marathon. That would seem to require good organization and cooperation."

"If the Chapter recolonized, Pi Kappa Phi at Penn State would be done forever."

"If the present group does not share the values of a Pi Kapp then by all means they should be removed. Starting over again would stress the proper values that are important to be a Pi Kapp and maintain a house. We were not angels, but we knew how valuable living in the house meant, and we try to take care of it in the best way possible both in the structural integrity of the house and the academic sincerity of its members."

Remember When?

Special thanks to William Griffin '36 for posting this note on the message boards at www.alphamupikap.org.

He writes "This is going to create a bit of unbelief with the present brothers, but one of the memorable happenings was when a classmate arrived at the frat house, probably in his sophomore year, with an automobile, the only brother that had one. His father worked on automobiles and this was an older one that he fixed up for his son. Oh, yes, we might have one at school for a week or two, driving from home and

then driving back in a short time, but you did not have one of your own for the year.

And here is another one:

One of the brothers who was initiated with me entertained a group of us with tales during the evening of a gentleman that he knew who was in charge of a group at a large company just outside the town. You will have some idea of the type of stories when you hear that the name given to this person was, 'The Terrible tempered Mr.' The stories were both funny

and garish because of this person's ruling behavior. Now, the impossible happens when after about a hundred and fifty job-seeking resumes it is my luck to get a job - in the tough market hen - with the 'Terrible tempered Mr.' as my supervisor's boss, and later **my** boss! Yes, he lived up to his reputation."

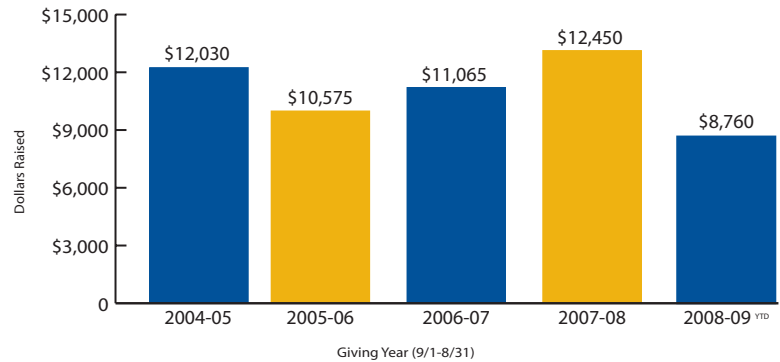
We want to hear your best Pi Kap memories too! Share your stories online at www.alphamupikap.org.

ANNUAL FUND

On Pace for a Record Giving Year

Special thanks for the alumni members listed below for putting us on pace to make 2008-09 a record giving year! As of April 15, we have raised \$8,160 toward the annual fund. This puts us within reach of exceeding last year's record total of \$12,450!

Help us to exceed last year's total and make this another record giving year by making an annual fund donation before the giving year ends August 31. You can make a gift online at www.alphamupikap.org, by calling 800-975-6699 or by mailing a check payable to "The Pi Kappa Phi Alumni Corporation" to the return address on this newsletter.



ANNUAL FUND

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Reflects annual fund gifts received as of April 15, 2009.

ALUMNI UPDATES

Ed Korecky '69 submitted this picture of Pi Kapps "ice fishing" at the home of **John Kieser '70** home on Lake Hopatcong, NJ, February 28, 2009. The Pi Kapps present were **Jack Pearson, Ron Trull, John Talone,**



John Kieser and Ed Korecky. Ed writes "poor ice conditions limited our access to the lake, but as true Pi Kapps we found other healthy 'entertainment.'"

Eric "Bundy" Soller '89 writes "One of our own, **Rob 'Schiz' Colville '85**, is running for the Pennsylvania Superior Court. Judge Colville has been a judge in the Court of Common Pleas in Allegheny County (Pittsburgh) for nearly 10 years. He could use our support. Please visit his website at www.judgecolville.com (Just like when we were undergrads, I am doing the work and Schiz is getting the credit)."

Is that JoePa in Harrisburg? No, it's just **Todd Michael '95** and family during the Nittany Lion football season. Reconnect with Todd at todd.michael@healthpoint.com.



We want to know what's new with you too! Submit your updates online at www.alphamupikap.org.

ON THE WEB

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We Asked, You Answered! Read Inside for the Results of our Recent Survey on the Future of Alpha Mu...

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