



**Washington Alpha – 100 Years
1914 - 2014**

Founders Day 2011:

Tony Wiegering '94 Named Alumnus of the Year

The Chapter chose **Tony Wiegering '94** to win the **Whitney Harris '30 Alumnus of the Year Award**, honoring all his support of alumni activities and the undergraduate chapter in the past year. Hosting a class sneak and chapter barbecues at his home, working with the House Corporation, attending GACs and alumni events, mentoring younger Brothers, and improving the computer lab are just a few of the many ways that he has helped the Chapter. (*Tony has two younger brothers in the fraternity — Mike '96 and Randy '03*). All of this involvement is even more significant when you learn about Tony's background. A computer whiz, he had a great career working in computer sciences. It abruptly changed on April 15, 2007, with a tragic accident. He was at a marina, after participating in a sailboat

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Tony Wiegering '94 displays the plaque presented to him as this year's winner of the Whitney Harris '30 Alumnus of the Year Award.

Undergraduates were awarded \$18,000 in scholarships.

See pages 2 and 3 for details.



Capacity Crowd Fills UW Faculty Club

A chapter open house, lots of socializing, an auction to help the Seattle Alumni Association, awards, and presentations of annual scholarships highlighted Founders Day on February 19 at the University Faculty Club.

The undergraduates held an open house before the dinner, and alumni and parents walked with them to the Faculty Club. Purposely, there was no guest speaker this year, in order to allow more time for connecting with classmates.

The Parents' Group made an appeal to parents and alums for contributions to remodel the guest

lounge and bathroom. The goal was \$7,000, and thanks to a lot of work by **Diana Duenkel**, mother of **Drew Duenkel '08**, and others, and plenty of generosity, they made their goal. (*See article on page 3.*)

A silent auction raised \$560 to help support Alumni Association costs. Thanks to the donors of auction items: **Jim Boyle '88**, **Brad Phillips '89**, and **Dave Auckland '93** and his Wilde Rover Pub & Restaurant.

And, thanks to the auction buyers: **Ken Katzaroff '04**, **Phil Cook '75**, **Steve Duenkel**, **Brian Thorp '02**, and **Colt Fry '01**.

Spring 2011

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Seattle Alumni Association
Phi Psis, Friends & Family Golf Outing
Sunday, June 12
Sumner Meadows Golf Course

Check-in begins at 10 a.m. for the 11 a.m. shotgun start.

The tournament fee is \$68 until **May 27**.

Late registration is \$78, and on-site registration \$88. The field will be limited to 48 players and is expected to sell out, so please register early!

Entry fee includes golf, cart, range balls, prizes, beverages, and after-game barbecue.

What a good deal! Don't play golf? Come for the barbecue at 3:30 p.m. or volunteer to help out, and enjoy an afternoon of beer, sun (we hope), and brotherhood.

Please register online at <http://tinyurl.com/pkpgolf> or contact:

Matthew Donegan-Ryan

425-681-8505 ~ seattlehipsi@gmail.com

Hope to see you there!

Founders Day 2011:

\$18,000 Awarded in Scholarships

Ken Katzaroff '04, chairman of the Scholarship Committee, announced 29 recognition and cash awards to undergraduates. Undergraduate brothers apply for the scholarships, which are awarded based on merit.

Who Funds These Scholarships?

You do — all of you who have generously contributed to the Chapter Scholarship Fund, which now totals \$437,000, the fifth largest scholarship fund of all Phi Psi chapters. The more *tax-deductible* capital contributed to the account, the more *tax-free* income can be paid out for scholarships. The capital stays *in perpetuity* — forever, and can only be borrowed against for an eventual renovation loan. *It's a win-win situation: you get a tax deduction, capital accumulates and earns interest tax-free, and a portion of the income is paid out tax-free for scholarships. The IRS gets none of it, as long as the scholarship money is used for "educational purposes"* — scholarships. An eventual renovation loan, at low market rates, is paid back — we would, in effect, *repay ourselves!*

Why Do We Pay Out This Income?

\$161,000 to 243 undergraduates since 2000 when the Fund began — no other fraternity at UW can make this claim! *Some may ask, "Why do we pay out this income, rather than letting it compound?" The answer:* Certainly, more capital needs to accumulate; the amount in the Fund is far from what is needed.



Washington Alpha's Scholarship Winners

Front, L-R: Erik Luetkehans, Tanner Faubion, Dylan Taylor, John Irwin, Mike Acode, Mike Jo, and Jeff Huschka. **Middle:** Ryu Sikora, Brendan Allar, Joel Anderson, Nolan Kozu, Dan Menday, and Romero Kupai. **Back:** Kenichi Sato, Chris Schafbuch, Andrew Duenkel, Dave Marshall, Gordon Freischlad, Sean Peterson, and David Birlenbach.

But we need to do *both*. The financial needs of our undergraduates are more pressing — tuition and living costs now total about \$5,000 per quarter. An increasing number of undergraduate brothers must work part time to supplement what their parents can afford. We need to help them stay in school and in the chapter, and at the same time recognize their

academic achievements and their support of Washington Alpha. At least, some of this money comes back to the chapter through house bills.

Of the 2011 income allocation, \$2,500 has again been set aside to fund the Wineman Incoming Freshman Scholarships, awarded in June, which help with rushing.

Tony Wiegering: Alumnus of the Year (Continued from page 1)

race, leaning against an iron railing, and talking with friends. The railing broke (it wasn't properly anchored), and Tony fell backward to a concrete walkway 20 feet below. He had multiple skull fractures, two broken arms, and two broken legs.

"I was in a coma. Part of my skull had to be removed to allow for swelling — it was five months before my skull was whole again, plus surgeries on both arms and legs. I lost track of the number of operations."

But Tony's injuries were only the beginning. Huge medical costs followed. His health insurance was canceled. Fortunately, an insurance settlement eventually covered his costs, and as he recovers, the settlement now gives him the financial footing to resume his career.

"I'm a perfect example of someone with a 'pre-existing condition.' Because of the damage from the accident and because I was in a coma, I'm uninsurable for 30 years. This is why the new National Health Insurance Plan, effective in 2014, which covers pre-existing medical conditions, is so important for people like me."

Tony now audits computer science classes at the University. He's re-learning skills he lost, and gaining new knowledge. *"The CS professors are my friends and are helping me. I hope to go back to work within another year. I love the Fraternity — it's fun working with the young Brothers. They and the alumni have been supportive, and I enjoy helping them. I wish more alumni would get involved, too — it's so rewarding."*

Congratulations, Tony!



2011 Alumnus of the Year Tony Wiegering with 2011 Outstanding Senior of the Year Dan Menday '08 (left), 2010 Alumnus of the Year Craig Nishizaki '88, and Outstanding Brother of the Year David Birlenbach '08.

Congratulations, 2011 Scholarship Award Winners!

Brent Streich '00 Memorial Scholarship — Senior of the Year - \$1,500

Dan Menday '08

One of the most active brothers all four years; every position from Rush Chair to President; current ASUW Senator; Outstanding Brother Award '10; Phi Psi workshops: President's Leadership Academy, Recruitment Boot Camp, ALA. Physiology/Pre-Med major; 3.2 GPA.

John Quick '49 Memorial Scholarship — Outstanding Brother - \$1,500

David Birlenbach '08

Past President; Active on numerous Chapter committees; Mentoring chairman; University committees and community involvement; Chapter athletics; Junior of the Year '10; Sets an example for younger brothers; Lived in the chapter house all four years.

Paleontology major; Cum. GPA above 3.0

(David is the son of Dr. Ulrich Birlenbach '71)

Freshman of the Year — Bryce Hobbs '11 - \$1,000

Pledge Class President; Public Relations chairman; Philanthropy committee; Scholarship committee; Chapter athletics. Mechanical Engineering major; 3.58 GPA

Sophomore of the Year — Sean Peterson '10 - \$1,000

Freshman of the Year '10; Chaplain; Finance chairman; Governing committee; Summer Rush live-in; ALA delegate; new Rush Chair 2011. Business major; Dean's List; 3.6 GPA

Junior of the Year — Ryu Sikora '09 - \$1,000

Treasurer; Finance chairman; Social chairman; Accounting major; Cum. GPA 3.52

Dale McKnight '32 Scholarship — Most Academic Improvement - \$1,000

Gordon Freischlad '09

Double majors, Physics and Astronomy; Improved Cum. GPA from 2.53 to 2.83; Fall 2010 Dean's List; 3.67 GPA

Ruddick Lawrence '31 Scholarship — Community Service - \$1,000

Brendan Allar '09

Founding principle of the Fraternity: "The Great Joy of Serving Others"

Senior; Past Rush chairman; Chapter community service: Adopt-a-Highway and philanthropy projects; Volunteer: East African Community Services - ESL service for Somali refugees

Del Cyr '46 Scholarship — Needy Freshman - \$1,000

Dylan Taylor '11

Double majors: Physics and Bio-Source Science & Engineering.

Full scholarship for Bio-Source major; needs help for basic living expenses.

Family also has two daughters entering college.

Judge John Meyer '65 Scholarship — Pre-Law - \$1,000

Chris Schafbuch '08

170 score on LSAT's; Cum. GPA 3.38; Italian/Pre-Law major; Law clerk with Peterson-Young-Putra in summer 2010 — personal injury cases.

Has applied to UW, Notre Dame, and University of Virginia.

Whitney Harris '30 Scholarship — Needy Brothers - \$1,000 each

Joel Anderson '10

Senior (sophomore in the Chapter); past Pledge Class President; has overcome significant personal and family obstacles to attend the UW; Business major; 3.2 GPA

Romero Kupai '10

Sophomore; Paying for school with student loans and employment while helping his mother and younger sister. Despite working full time, Romero has been active in the Fraternity while maintaining a 3.57 GPA as a Chemistry major.

Academic Achievement Awards

Must have lived in the House the previous year, with 3.45 GPA or higher.

\$220 per quarter allotment

Andrew Duenkel	3 quarters	\$660
Erik Luetkehans	3 quarters	\$660
Matthew Dahl	2 quarters	\$440
Kenichi Sato	1 quarter	\$220

Summer Live-In Awards

\$250 toward Summer Live-In Costs to Support Rush

Romero Kupai
David Birlenbach
Gordon Freischlad
Ryu Sikora
Daniel Menday



Parents' Group Remodels the Guest Room

Diana Duenkel (son Andrew) made a presentation at Founders Day: the guest bath/sitting room — older alumni may remember it as the guest room prior to the 1962 house addition — badly needed renovation.

The Parents' Group came to the rescue, and the renovation became a joint project financed by contributions from parents, alumni, and the undergraduate chapter. Led by mom Diana Duenkel with help from **Linda and Mike Irwin** (son Johnathan), estimates were obtained, and the group settled on a contractor's price of \$7,000, which included all the remodeling and furnishing of the sitting area. To finance the project, the \$7,000 came from many sources: cash donations and raffle tickets, and direct contributions by parents and alumni. The undergraduates gave money from their Spring Work Week and Rush budgets, plus cash donations. The Alumni Association matched all donations contributed through the electronic registration for Founders Day.

Thanks to parents **Linda and Mike Irwin**; **Kathy Peterson** (son Sean); the **Faubion family** (son Tanner); **Diane and Jeff Menday** (sons Dan and Jeff Jr.); **Steve and Diana Duenkel**; **Carolyn Hobbs** (son Bryce); and **Lisa Kupai** (son Romero). Thanks also to alumni **Chris Browne '79**; **Stan Kohagen '55**; **Gail and Jack Burk '81**; **Dionne and Rich Clasen '83**; **Steve Murphy '63**; **Alan Stay '65**; **Dave Sommers '63**; **Joe Pruss '81**; **Bill Ryberg '48**; and **Jim McDonough '80**. Special thanks to **Barbara and Wayne Browne '55** who provided a matching dollar-for-dollar contribution to reach the final \$2,000 needed. Thanks to the undergraduate chapter for helping with some of their budget dollars, and buying raffle tickets. And, thanks to all the anonymous buyers of raffle tickets and cash donations and those who contributed in their electronic Founders Day registration. *If this list misses anyone, thanks to you, too!* As Diana said, "Come by and see the remodeled guest bathroom and sitting area. You'll be amazed to see what your donations helped accomplish."

Extra special thanks to you, Diana!
(Photos of the guest bath/sitting room are on page 5.)

American Leadership Academy Awards

\$220 each toward airfare to attend ALA Spring Break sessions.

Freshmen	Sophomores
Bryce Hobbs	Jeffrey Huschka
Dylan Taylor	David Marshall
Hyun Jo	Michael Acode
Kelsey Leek	Jonathan Irwin
Tanner Faubion	

From the Chapter President — Dan Menday '08



Dan Menday displays the two IFC award plaques won by the chapter.

The Annual Greek Awards Banquet was held March 3. This is the first time that we have entered the competition, and we are pleased to announce that we won two awards: *Excellence in New Member Programming*, and *Excellence in Public Relations*. We were also finalists in the Alumni Relations, and Most Improved Chapter categories. Our chapter GPA for fall quarter was 3.10, and we just got our winter quarter results: 3.18 GPA.

Paul Wineman '55, ex-National President, visited us March 28 for dinner and chapter meeting. During his term, he started the National Mentoring Program, and included Washington Alpha as one of the test chapters. So far, about half of the members have alumni mentors. If you would like to mentor an undergraduate, or if you would like more information,

please contact **Mentoring Chairman David Birlenbach** at dmb9@u.washington.edu. You'll find that mentoring can be fun and rewarding, and is certainly appreciated. Paul also presented a challenge to the chapter for fall quarter 2011: Any pledge who attains a 3.25 grade point average and is initiated will receive a \$1,000 cash reward scholarship. If the chapter pledges at least 20 members and they ALL attain this grade point, then every other undergraduate member who attains a 3.0 GPA that quarter will ALSO receive the \$1,000 scholarship. This is a great potential financial commitment by brother Paul Wineman, an estimated \$60,000. The purpose is to encourage the whole chapter to participate in the rushing process, and to recruit quality members.

We need your help in recruitment. If you know of any high school graduate or college student interested in UW rush, please contact **Rush Chairs Sean Peterson**, seanmp@u.washington.edu (253-307-1327), or **Nolan Koza**, nkozu20@u.washington.edu (206-713-7960); or fill out and mail the enclosed "Recommend a Rushee" card to the chapter.

The chapter logged 232 man hours doing community service in winter quarter. One project was serving and clean-up at the Norwegian Women's Choir Banquet; another was unloading trucks and running the coat check at the annual Seattle Home & Garden Show.

A large project was working in brother Matt Horjus' senior project — restoring part of Yesler Creek near the Burke Gilman Trail. We'll be entering a team in the Relay for Life in May, which is a 24-hour walk-a-thon raising money for cancer research.

As usual, the welcome mat is out for Monday night Chapter Dinner at 5:30 p.m. Brenda's food is truly wonderful — probably better than you'll get at home! And, if you have the time, join us for Chapter and re-live memories from your undergraduate days.

Welcome, New Brothers! Winter 2011 Initiates

1694	Bryce William Hobbs	Mt. Vernon HS	Mt. Vernon, WA
1695	Erik James Luetkehans	Capital HS	Olympia, WA
1696	Tanner Brant Faubion	Mt. Vernon HS	Mt. Vernon, WA
1697	Johnathan Michael Irwin	Auburn/Mountain View HS	Auburn, WA
1698	Jeffrey Thomas Huschka	Mt. Vernon HS	Mt. Vernon, WA
1699	Michael Eddie Acode	Mt. Vernon HS	Mt. Vernon, WA
1700	Nicholas Kord Chambers	Auburn Riverside HS	Lake Tapps, WA
1701	Kelsey James Leek	Mt. Vernon HS	Mt. Vernon, WA
1702	Michael Kenneth Lauritzen	Shasta HS	Redding, CA
1703	Evan Robert Heitman	Gonzaga Prep HS	Spokane, WA
1704	Michael Hyun Jo	Aberdeen HS	Aberdeen, WA
1705	Dylan Michael Taylor	Skyline HS	Sammamish, WA

Washington Alpha Goes to the ALA



(L-R): Dave Marshall, Tanner Faubion, Nick Chambers, Erik Luetkehans, Evan Heitman, Brian Leer, Jeff Huschka, speaker Paul Wineman '55, John Irwin, Dylan Taylor, Mike Acode, Kelsey Leek, speaker Jim Boyle '88, and Bryce Hobbs.

Nine freshmen and three sophomores spent a fun, educational Spring Break week in March at the American Leadership Academy in Cabo San Lucas. **Jim Boyle '88** was a speaker during the week, and **Paul Wineman '55** taught "Negotiating Skills." More than 600 undergraduates attended from all chapters. The training and breakout discussion sessions are taught by leading alumni from many fields, who share a wealth of professional knowledge, covering subjects that range from *Career Paths-Choosing the Right One*, to *Success: What They Don't Teach in School*.

Freshman **Mike Acode** said: "ALA, in a word, was phenomenal! Two themes that meant the most to me were 'Find your passion in life' and 'Take risks.' My favorite quote came from Greg Wittstock, a speaker who founded a start-up business that became a four-time fastest growing privately held company in America. 'You'll never work

another day in your life when you're doing something that you love.' Taking risks can be good or bad, but overall you learn and gain experience from them. ALA was an inspiring, life-changing experience!"

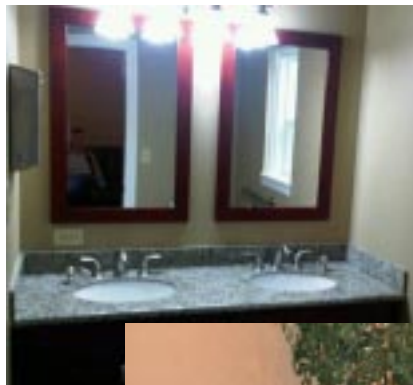
Classmate **Kelsey Leek** added: "I gained the most listening to the speakers' life stories. They helped me realize what I am passionate about and want to achieve in life. Meeting many brothers from other chapters was a great experience. In the breakout sessions, we exchanged ideas on how to make our chapters more successful. So far, a few of those ideas have worked well going into spring quarter. I can't say enough about all that I gained at the ALA!"

Corporations spend thousands to sponsor similar motivational seminars — even career professionals who attend are amazed at what they learn. No other fraternity has a training facility like the ALA.

Parents' Group Enhances Life at Washington Alpha



From this
The moms
who made it
happen:
Linda Irwin
(left) and
Diana
Duenkel



Remodeling
the Guest Bath
and
Sitting Room

To this



(See story
on page 3.)



Stockings on the Stairs:
A Parents' Group tradition since 1998



Bringing
Christmas
to the
Chapter
House

Moms Linda Irwin,
Diane Menday, and
Toni Jacobson
decorate the second
landing.

9th Annual Washington Alpha Chapter Retreat

Cabo San Lucas, Mexico ~ September 11 – 17, 2011

“Alumni, Parents & Undergraduates — Learning, Bonding, Sharing, and Having Fun in Paradise!”

You're all invited to another inspirational, fun Chapter Retreat in Cabo. Alums, this is your chance to renew ties to the Chapter, meet new undergraduates and their parents, and become a part of the "vertical fraternity." You'll discover new, rewarding friendships, created with alums of many ages, as well as a perfect opportunity to renew ties with classmates. Parents are important, too. The Retreat is an ideal opportunity to meet alumni, share an educational *and* relaxing week with sons, and learn more about the Fraternity.

The More Alumni and Parents Attend — the Better the Experience!

As **Mark Crisler '80** said at the last retreat: "Whether or not you've thought about attending, don't wait any longer. DO IT. Everyone — alums, parents, spouses, undergraduates and pledges — gains from this experience"

How the Retreat Is Organized

Alums and parents have their own rooms (with bath) in the beautiful Nelson Estate, a walled, private, resort-like compound with indi-

vidual houses, right on the beach facing the Sea of Cortez. Undergraduates stay at the Marbella Suites Hotel, owned by the American Leadership Academy, just down the beach. Meals, and seminar meetings led by leading alums, are held at the hotel. Many of the social events are held at the Nelson Estate, or at restaurants in town.

Sunday is the usual day of arrival, reserved for getting settled and acquainted. Monday through Thursday, after breakfast, we come together for seminar sessions at the hotel from about 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. After lunch, the rest of the day and night are free to do whatever you want — shop, play tourist, golf, fish, socialize, or just relax by one of the pools. Friday is a free day. Saturday is the travel day for most attendees.

Interested? Ask For More Information:

Jim Boyle or Stan Kohagen
jdb_uwhuskies@yahoo.com or stanko206@aol.com

We can answer your questions
and send you a sample of the week's schedule!

Musings of an Old Alum By Stan Kohagen '55

While preparing to fly to Seattle for Founders Day, I couldn't help thinking of **Ray Munson '49**, prominent Yakima attorney and retired Superior Court Judge, who, despite poor health, drove to Seattle almost every year. In 2004, Ray was in his hotel room, dressed and ready to head out for Founders Day, when he died of a heart attack. And **Tom Ables '46**, known to so many Phi Psis, was there almost every year. When the roll call came for his class in '05, there he was, announcing that his melanoma cancer was in remission. But it wasn't, and he died a few months later. There are countless other stories of loyal alums from years past.

Just a few of the out-of-towners this year: **David Lodge** and **Brian Thorpe '02** from Oregon; **Mike Moldovenau '06** from Arizona; **Jim Boyle '88** from Nevada; **Rich Beauchamp '73** from Montana; **Stan Kohagen '55** from California; **Erik Knoph '85** from British Columbia; and **Rich Clasen '83** from Mt. Vernon.

In contrast, with 500+ living alumni in the Northwest, many won't drive across town to attend. Why? Reasons may vary from apathy to poor health, but for whatever reason, they're disconnected. They'll support other organizations, but not their fraternity. Is this the fraternity's fault? No. I remember a relevant comment from an alum who spoke at a chapter retreat. He hadn't been in contact with classmates or with the fraternity in 50 years. He said: "I wish that I had stayed in contact. I lost valuable business and social connections because of it."

The more brothers who attend, the more enjoyable Founders Day is. The main reason for going to Founders Day is to reconnect with classmates and others you know. The more involved you are through Founders Day, the Chapter Retreats, the House Corporation, or the Alumni Association, the more the fraternity universe expands. This is the "vertical fraternity"—alumni of all ages who become friends, and may become more important than the brothers from your undergraduate years.

Through this vertical connection, I've learned something about the fraternity that I

never knew as an undergraduate: *fraternity relationships and family relationships often intertwine.* There are many blood relatives — grandfathers, fathers, cousins, uncles, nephews, grandsons, and of course older and younger brothers, even twins. There are brothers who are godfathers to the children of best friends; brothers who became brothers-in-law — their sister married a classmate.

Some brothers who were classmates 60 years ago gather once a month for lunch, and their friendship is as strong as it was when they were college students. Many brothers met their wives through the fraternity; brothers become best friends for life, their wives and children a part of that friendship; classmates who celebrate wedding anniversaries together; brothers who stay in touch with widows of classmates. There have been brothers who helped support a classmate with a job when he was experiencing hard times; others who helped a classmate recover from illness. There are sorority women that brothers met through the fraternity who became their friends for life. Parents become friends through the Parents' Group. The stories abound. Think what your life would have been without the fraternity; how these relationships have altered the course of our lives.

The fraternity has seen periods of ups and downs. In 1956, with a big pledge class, Phi Psi was narrowly the largest fraternity chapter at Washington — more than 100 members. In 1972, the chapter had the

largest *initiated* class in the history of the chapter: 33. The Viet Nam era was rough on the Greek System and affected it — and our fraternity — for about 20 years.

The fraternity reflects society. It changes with each new class. As undergraduates, each class is entrusted to maintain the continuity — the standards and traditions — during their time. If you didn't, whose fault was it? Not the fraternity.

In the late 1980s- early '90s, the chapter had a mini-renaissance. Through a combination of hard-working, motivated undergraduates, and advising by alums such as **Kerry McMahan '55**, membership was built up, resulting in more revenue. House improvements were made, and traditions that had been lost over time were brought back. *But changes can be fragile.* A few years later, a faction in the chapter was using and dealing drugs. The undergraduates asked the alumni for help. National officers were brought in, the entire chapter was reviewed, and the offending members were asked to leave. Heavy-handed maybe, but something had to be done. Almost an entire pledge class was lost, as well as some upperclassmen. The fraternity experience for the other members suffered. It took years for the chapter to recover from this one setback, and it has provided an enduring lesson for the chapter ever since. (*We now enforce the National Fraternity zero-tolerance policy on drugs — a chapter can be suspended or lose its charter.*)



Fall 1990, the height of Washington Alpha's "mini-renaissance." Everyone wore matching khaki pants and white shirts for the photo, and mascot Kodi posed, too..

Alphan Postscripts

From Bob Edgers '49:

Matt Anglin '90 is shown in sizable photos accompanying an article in the current employee magazine *Boeing Frontiers*. The article is titled "Burn Notice" - *Boeing works with the FAA to standardize airplane flammability testing requirements.* In a company with over 160,000 employees, seeing someone in the magazine that you know is incredible. Matt's job title is 767, 777, and 787 *Flammability Engineer.*

Feedback from alums, parents, undergrads, and others. . .

From John Zelasko '42:

Bill Blecken '42 called today. He received copies of the old Phi Psi pictures that I sent him. We reminisced about the annual Phi Psi vs. Chi Psi Apple Fight. (The apples we used were less than quality.) Both fraternities got a couple barrels of apples and threw them at each other until we ran out. (It was something like that tomato fight thing that they do in Italy.) Then, I think, the officers went to the Blue Moon (tavern) to argue about who

won. The last one I remember was in 1941. We had the advantage — throwing downhill. At one point, I thought we were winning, so I yelled "Charge" and started running down 47th — thinking that the others were following me. They weren't! So I was immediately captured by the Chi Psis and spent the rest of the afternoon in their house under guard. I think I was the only "captive" in the history of the tradition. After WWII, it died — no one could get enthused about staging battles!

Musings *(Continued)*

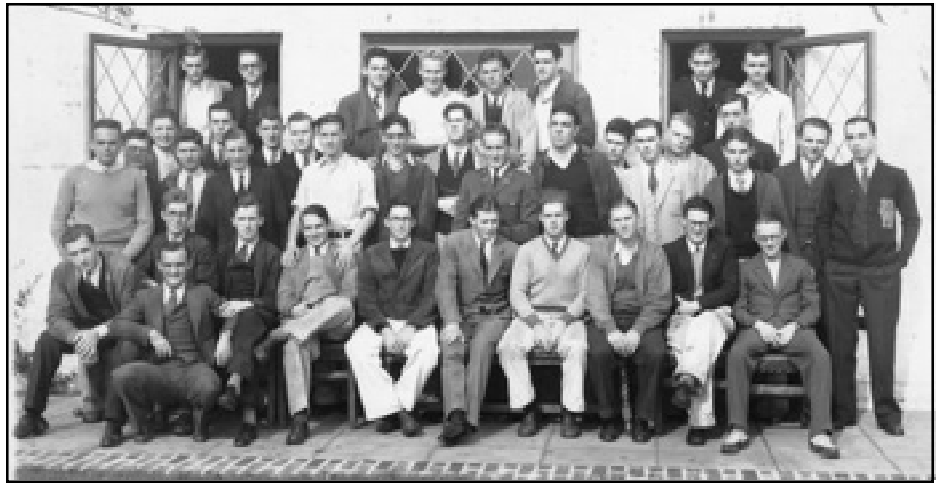
Many alumni have served selflessly on the House Corporation. Like any all-volunteer steering group, it changes over time. With 20-20 hindsight, a Building Fund should have been established many years ago. In the past, repairs were often needed that used up reserves. The Corporation and the undergraduate officers are dealing with challenges *now* — not just the prospect of a needed renovation. The older the chapter house becomes, the more problems occur.

Now we have the tax-exempt **Scholarship Fund and a Building Fund**. The IRS rules make this complicated but basically: *With either fund your contributions are income tax-deductible.* Scholarship Fund money can be borrowed against (and repaid) for renovation tax free; its interest income can be used for scholarships tax-free. The *Building Fund* money can be used tax-free as long as it is used for “educational” purposes — approximately 40% of the chapter house is deemed “educational use” by the IRS. (Legislation is pending to make ALL contributions to Greek Housing tax-free, like University housing. The problem is to get Congress to act!)

In late 1929, the first house at 2120 burned. The alumni had no choice: either rebuild it quickly or see the chapter fade without a house. It happened at the worst possible time: the Great Depression. With \$16,000 in insurance money, they raised the additional \$60,000 (over \$1 million now) through a loan and alumni contributions to build one of the nicest chapter houses at the University of Washington. There was no other house quite like it; most of it was custom built. (When the north wing was added in 1962, the House Corporation couldn’t afford to match the original quality.)

When we were undergraduates, we took the place for granted. For kids right out of high school, it was a nice, fun place to live. And we did little, paid nothing, to ensure that it stayed that way. We knew nothing about what it took to build it. We paid our house bills, which just covered operating costs, used the house and abused it, and walked out the door at graduation. Successive house corporations never thought that some day, the chapter house would be worn out.

The undergraduate brothers see the chapter house as it is now — not as it once was. Times have changed greatly, but these young men are not much different than we were at their age. They have the same questions about where they are heading, the same uncertainties. They are generally a terrific group, smarter than we were — they have to be to get into the University. Many of their majors are much more difficult. They live in a faster paced, more difficult time, with more competition in the job market, made even worse with the economic downturn. *But young men today still gain the same benefits from the fraternity experience that we did.*



The Chapter in 1933: Whitney Harris '31, for whom the *Alumnus of the Year Award* is named, can be seen in the second row, fourth from the left, in shirt sleeves, with his hands on a brother's shoulders.

Older alumni compare the standards now to the standards of a previous era: *“Undergrads won’t use the sleeping porch — they sleep in their rooms; they have girls on the 2nd deck; they drink in their rooms; the rooms are messy; such-and-such is not maintained like we did.”*

Military discipline, instilled by the post-World War II and Korean War veterans, created those standards that older alumni remember, and those familiar standards lasted for over 20 years. But we live in a radically different time, and the old standards are long gone.

To give you an idea of the mettle of our undergraduates, here’s a recent example. The big water storage tank for our gas-fired hot water heating system suddenly fell. The fastenings for the aluminum straps had pulled out of the ceiling studs. When it fell, it broke water pipes and damaged the circulating pump. Instead of waiting for the House Corporation to figure it out, to save money, House Manager **Andrew Duenkel** and **Donniel Brown**, with a lot of help from alum **Paul Homer '02**, started to make repairs. They re-anchored the heavy tank to the ceiling, replaced the galvanized iron pipes with copper, and got it working again. As a result, they discovered that the old iron pipes were nearly occluded with rust and sludge. *Would you have taken this initiative when you were an undergraduate?*

The chapter house is like a beautiful lady who has worked hard all her life, and that beauty, the “good bones,” are still there — just greatly in need of renewal. She gave each of us a time and a place to grow up in our college years, and she continues to make all of this happen for generation after generation of young men. Now she needs our support, more than ever. *Where is the resolve that our alumni had in 1930?*

Alphan Postscripts

From Frank Nolan '43:

“Wouldn’t it be great to have a history of our college days at old Phi Psi? Of course, that will never happen but occasionally fragments like the Phi Psi/Chi Psi Apple Fights, and the Active vs. Pledge Toilet Bowl touch football game at Ravenna Park come back to memory. I remember, too our impromptu snowball fights with the Phi Deltas but they had the advantage, being higher up and throwing down. A few windows were broken from

time to time before cooler heads in the form of House Managers broke things up.”

From Judge John Meyer '65:

“I left the Northwest for several years after graduation. When I returned, the fraternity gave me a network with shared experiences and bonds. It helped instill in me ethics and skills useful throughout my life. Had I not been a Phi Psi, I wouldn’t have met my wife; I would not be practicing law here; I would not have served as a Superior Court judge.”

From Kathy Peterson (Son Sean '10):

“I want to thank everyone — alums and parents, for their generous donations and help with the 2010 Christmas stockings. It was a wonderful event and set the mood for the holiday season. Thanks to Brenda, we all enjoyed a fantastic brunch complete with Christmas music. We had a fun time filling and hanging the stockings, the boys were very excited and appreciative, and the staircase looked awesome with all the purple stockings hung.”

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From John Zelasko '42:

(A funny story about the initiation of his brother Ted '47):

"This was after the War, when **Ernie Ingram '47** was President; I was Vice-President, and (blood) brother Ted was in the group being initiated. Ernie did the "Repeat after me" part flawlessly. My part was the charge "Brother...." The first candidate at the altar was Ted. I looked down at him from my elevated position, behind the flickering candles and skull, and with all the pomp that I could muster, started my recitation with "Brother." Ted, thinking he was still in the "repeat after me" portion, looked back at me and with all seriousness answered "Brother." It struck me so funny that I lost my composure and nearly burst out laughing. I ducked down behind the rostrum to gain some decorum. In the meantime, Ted was left standing, staring at the skull and flickering candles. A few caught the gaff and started laughing — there went the solemnity of the occasion!"

From Paul Homer '02:

"I attended Monday night chapter on March 28th. **Paul Wineman '55** was there to address the chapter about the Mentoring Program. The dinner was incredible — Brenda made a wonderful chicken piccata, grilled polenta, and balsamic broccoli. I'm amazed the food came from that kitchen (We didn't have that kind of food when I was in the House!). Chapter was also very fun and inspirational. They're off to a strong start with the Mentoring Program."



From Kathy Peterson, President of the Parents Group:

"Sean and I spent Spring Break visiting relatives in North Carolina, and we got tickets for the NCAA/Huskies basketball tournament in Charlotte. At the games, we met a friend of my sister's husband — **Tim McCourt '78**. *I still can't believe it, talk about a small world!*" (Tim's younger brother is **Kevin McCourt '83**.)

Sean Peterson '10 and Tim McCourt '78 at the March Madness games

Obituaries

Charles E. "Chuck" Gilmur, '40-359, passed away peacefully January 13, 2011, in Tacoma, surrounded by loved ones, at the age of 88. He will be remembered for his strength, warmth, kindness, and wit. Chuck was born in Seattle on August 13, 1922. He earned three letters in UW basketball, spent three years in the Army, and signed with the Chicago Stags basketball team in 1946. He also played for the Washington Capitals. Chuck married Thelma Thureson in July 1948, and they soon began a family. He coached the Lincoln High Abes basketball team for years, and raised a family of three children. Gardening was his favorite hobby. Surviving Chuck are his wife, Thelma; daughter, Lorri Gilmur-Dillman (Randy); brother, Jim (Jackie); five grandchildren; and daughter-in-law, Deanne Gilmur. **Lee Puro '49** added: "Chuck was among the first members of the NBA, and later became coach and teacher at Lincoln, and Mt. Tahoma High Schools." And, from **Dick Zahniser '42**: "Chuck was a very good friend of mine in the fraternity. Much later, I became acquainted with Jack Nichols, who was a star center on the UW basketball team and later played pro ball for the Boston Celtics. I asked him if he ever played against Chuck. He said when they played the Washington Capitals, he had a hard time getting the ball to the center because of Chuck. He said the coach, Red Auerbach, told him to 'get in there and clean it out under the basket.' Jack said he was in for three minutes, had three fouls and two black eyes! They didn't nickname Chuck 'Elbows' for nothing!"

William H. Harris, '40-365, died January 25, 2010, at his home in Selah, Washington. He grew up in the Fauntleroy area of Seattle. He met Harriett Sharkey in 1941, and they were married in 1942 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Will entered the Army Air Corps in August 1942, and served in World War II in the South Pacific, returning home in October 1945. He completed veterinary training at Washington State University, and began his professional career as a veterinarian in Moses Lake, where he worked with Dr. Leon Bode. In 1957, Will began his veterinary practice in Toppenish, and continued his practice there for 35 years. He was a member of the St. Francis Episcopal Church in Toppenish for many years and served on numerous committees. He enjoyed river rafting in the Southwest and family gatherings, especially at Dabob Bay. Will is survived by Harriett, his wife of 67 years; their daughter, Marianne Harris, and her husband, Jack Calvert; a sister, Bernice Davidson; and nieces and nephews.

Donald H. Linderoth, '47-493, passed away Saturday, April 2, 2011, of a massive heart attack. No obituary has been submitted to the *Seattle Times*. **Frank Nolan '43** commented: "Don was a quiet, solid citizen who was an honest banker in the old-time sense. His work didn't just end at 5 PM, as he devoted countless hours to Masonic orders, particularly the Nile Temple of the Shrine" **Bill Ryberg '48** added: "Don was one of my earliest National Bank of Commerce (later Rainier Bank) associates. He and his wife, Fay, visited us in Aberdeen when I managed the branch there (1953 – 1965). We kept in contact in later years. Frank, you are so right about what a solid banker and honorable Phi Psi he was."

Albert N. "Al" Stack, '53-626, died February 27, 2011, in Sun Lakes, Arizona. A New Year's baby, he was born January 1, 1934, in Oakland, California, raised in Seattle, and graduated from Roosevelt High School. He entered the University of Washington, majoring in business administration, and was initiated into the fraternity in 1953. Al was President in 1956, when the chapter had peak membership. He married Mary Jo Sorgenfrei in 1956. His lifetime career was in sales and importing in southern California and the Northwest. He was a member of the Useless Bay CC on Whidbey Island and Palo Verde CC in Sun Lakes. Al is survived by Mary Jo, his wife of 54 years; son, Ned (Vicki); daughter, Mary Margaret (David); three grandchildren; and brother, Martin Stack, and family.

Dawg Talk

James B. Slayden, '43-416, wrote, "Great fall (2010) *Alphan!*" Get in touch with him at 37 Mela Lane, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275.

Frank W. Nolan, '43-421, wrote a note to Dawg Talk in January 2011: "The spring, summer, and fall assizes of The Old Boys — **Blecken [William E., '42-402]**, **Burkland [Martin G., '42-400]**, **Nolan, Nordin [John P., '45-466]**, **Olson [William, '47-509]**, and **Zahniser [Richard S., '42-389]** — monthly reunion of drinking, eating, and lying — are now in hiatus until spring." Frank lives at 900 University St., #12-G, Seattle, WA 98101. He filled in the blank for "Occupation" with: "HAH!"

S. Dow Watkins, '43-431, lives at 12660 Red Chestnut Lane, #49, Sonoma, CA 95370. He sent this note: "My regards to **Frank Nolan, John Humphrey ['43-434]**, and all the rest of the '42 thru '48 brothers! I've been land-locked in California these many years, so other than receiving *The Alphan*, I never hear of any of them, particularly since my brother, **Jack [John E., '46-474]**, died about 12 years ago. But it is fun reading *The Alphan* and wishing I was there for their lunches."

John P. Nordin, '45-466, is retired from the King County Health Department. He and his wife, Juanita Johnson Nordin (ZTA), live at 6819 25th Ave. NE, Seattle, WA 98115. Their son is Eric (55), and their daughter is Valerie (51). Contact John at jpnordin@comcast.net or 206-524-7837.

Ernest M. Ingram, '47-491, can be reached at 120 E. 1st St., Aberdeen, WA 98520.

Alvin C. Leonard, Jr., '51-571, reports that he has been a Bayshore II owner for 21 years. He and his wife, Myrna, live at 6324 Northridge Dr., Snohomish, WA 98290. Send e-mail to bayshore02@comcast.net or call 360-568-2470. Al wrote: "With 21 (mostly grown) grandchildren, we've now collected our first two 'greats,' Jackson and Blythe. This is gonna turn into a BIG bunch — and all Republicans." The second generation of the Leonard clan includes Candy (57), Al III (55), Craig (50), Todd (49), Lisa (47), Darin (45), and Leigh (43).

Harold J. Burton, '53-617, wrote that his sixth novel, *The Cronus Cypher*, was published in September 2010. According to Hal Burton's on-line biographical sketch at amazon.com, five of his six novels are still in print, and four of those five have plots woven around historical events that took place on the Olympic Peninsula of Washington. Contact Hal at 61 N. Picnic Dr., Lilliwaup, WA 98555; colsurf@hctc.com.

William J. Doell, '58-716, has retired from his career as a real estate broker. He is active in the University Masonic Lodge #141, and serves as director of the Greater University Chamber of Commerce. "I have been working with the Seattle Police North Precinct Advisory

Council for several years, providing socks for homeless families." Bill and his wife, Carolyn (U of WA), live at 9554 44th Ave. NE, Seattle, WA 98115. Send e-mail to wjdoell@aol.com or call Bill at 206-523-8656.

Carl R. Christophersen, '62-799, reports that he is currently the commander of Blackburn-Aurora VFW Post 3348. He has a stepdaughter, Lindsay (27). Contact "Chris" at 152 N. 155th St., Shoreline, WA 98133; carl_jr@comcast.net; or 206-362-1657.

Kelly G. Crisler, '74-1083, has a new address: 312 Coronado St., Newport Beach, CA 92661.

Richard L. Clasen, '83-1247, and his wife, Dionne (XΩ-U of WA), have a daughter, Katie (18), a senior at Mount Vernon High School, and a son, Evan (13), a seventh-grader at Conway School. Rich, a process safety engineer, has been with Shell Oil Co. for 20 years. "We're preparing to send our daughter off to college this fall — hopefully to UW. With six Phi Psi freshmen from Mount Vernon High School, I expect Katie will be at the house often." Rich keeps busy following son Evan's football games and AAU basketball. He also enjoys "getting together with **Joe Pruss** ['81-1204] and **Mark Coker** ['82-1237] for tailgating and annual birthday dinner!" Get in touch with Rich at clasen@startouch.net or 21424 Blue Jay Pl., Mount Vernon, WA 98274.

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