

Fall 2012

ALPHA



Washington Alpha – 100 Years
1914 - 2014

Chapter Scores at the 2012 GAC

San Antonio, Texas, was the site of the biennial 76th Grand Arch Council, July 11-15 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel. Washington Alpha was well represented with seven alumni and undergraduates among the 638 Phi Psis in attendance.

Ed Jensen '56, retired CEO and president of Visa International, was one of eleven alumni, and the first Washington Alpha alumnus, to receive the National Leadership Award from the Phi Psi Foundation, in recognition of his outstanding civic, business, and community accomplishments. Ed has also regularly joined leading Phi Psis as a speaker at the American Leadership Academy.

Jim Boyle '88 was elected to serve a two-year term as the Fraternity's National Treasurer and a member of its Executive Council. Jim previously served a two-year term as National Secretary.

The chapter's hard work of the past several years was recognized by the Fraternity, with Washington Alpha taking home two awards: **Best Chapter-Risk Management** (outstanding efforts to abide by the Fraternity and UW social, educational, and insurance programs); and **The Founders Award** (the chapter that best demonstrates the purpose of the Fraternity Founders in community service and involvement). The chapter did an excellent job of entering categories, and Washington Alpha was a finalist for eight other awards: (1) Thomas Cochran Campbell Award - Ritual Exemplification; (2) Membership Excellence Award; (3) Griffing-Tate Award - Fraternity Education; (4) Chapter Public Relations Award; (5) Outstanding Intramural Program Award; (6) Outstanding Recruitment Materials Award; (7) Outstanding Chapter Newsletter Award; and (8) Ralph D. Daniel Award for Outstanding Chapter Management.

The next GAC — the 77th Grand Arch Council — will be held July 9-13, 2014, at the Biltmore Hotel in Phoenix, Arizona.



Chris Brubaker and Bryce Hobbs with the Founders Award (and founders Letterman and Moore looking on)



Washington Alpha delegates at the 76th Grand Arch Council (L-R): House Corporation Trustee Tony Wiegiering '94, Ed Jensen '56, current Executive Council member Jim Boyle '88; Chris Brubaker '12; current House Corporation President Matt Anglin '90; and Bryce Hobbs '11. Not pictured: Past National President and current Foundation Trustee Paul Wineman '55.

State of the Chapter

By Sean Peterson, GP, and Nolan Kozu, VGP

The school year is in full swing, and things couldn't be better at Washington Alpha. The chapter has grown, with a total of 75 members and 60 members living in the house. We recently signed three more freshmen, raising this year's pledge class to 23. The year 2012 has been good for the chapter, and we are optimistic about the future. We'll highlight some of the great things Washington Alpha has accomplished. The main improvement, besides numbers, is morale. Chapter morale is higher than ever, and with that positive attitude comes increased involvement in community service, philanthropy projects, on-campus activities, and recruitment — all of which have raised the chapter to a new standard of performance.

Philanthropy:

The Phi Kappa Psi national philanthropic cause is the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. We have reestablished our relationship with the organization, and it has been extremely rewarding. **Saare Tesfay '12**, our Community Service/Philanthropy chairman, scheduled several events with different Seattle-area clubs in the past year, and also raised the requirement of service hours from 8 to 12 hours per person per quarter. This summer we volunteered at the North Seattle Boys/Girls Club carnival, and this fall we worked at their county-wide auction. Both events were a lot of fun and have further developed our relationship. The chapter completed 470 hours of community service in spring quarter 2012. We've become more consistent in philanthropy — getting more involved with sororities while helping them raise money for their charitable causes. This fall, we won First Place in the *Zeta Tau Alpha Crown Cup* philanthropy, almost sweeping every event and collecting more than 650 pink yogurt lids for breast cancer. We took Second Place in the *Chi Omega "Swishes for Wishes"* basketball hoops contest.

The Parent Connection:

Parents have always been a big help to the chapter, but we need to do a better job of communicating with them, getting them involved, and inviting them to events. So we've established a Parent's Committee to do this. The Parent's Committee will be in charge of relaying information from the chapter to the Parent's Group, and vice-versa, and working on other ways to involve parents. There are five main Parent's Group events: the Christmas stockings; representation at Founders Day in February; the Scholarship Lunch in June; the Chapter Retreat in September; and the Pledge/Parent Lunch in October honoring the new pledges and all parents. The recent Pledge/Parent Lunch was a huge success. Last year's remodel of the guest bathroom, completed by the Parent's Group, was a big boost. We also want to encourage a mentoring relationship between parents and other members, similar to our alumni mentoring program. Parents are our primary mentors, and other Brothers, besides their sons, can learn from them.

Academics:

Our chapter GPA last spring quarter was 3.31, 9th out of the 33 fraternities at Washington. Part of this can be attributed to **Romero Kupai '10**, our Scholarship Chairman, and his new program, Study Bros. Romero pairs a Brother with a pledge or another Brother who didn't make his grades the previous quarter. They are paired based on similar majors and schedules, and he requires them to study together during the week. The system produces stacked rankings and creates a more competitive academic environment.

Fall Work Week:

We just finished a second successful Fall Work Week, and many large projects were completed, including a complete renovation of the basement Rec Room ("The Cave") and Weight Room, and re-roofing and reconditioning of the "Tikki Porch" — the flat roof over the main floor guest room.



Nolan Kozu (left) and Sean Peterson

Campus Activities:

Members have become more involved with on-campus activities. We currently have members in the College Republicans, ASUW Senate, Men's Glee Club, Beta Alpha Psi (accounting club), Black Student Association, and Husky Traders (Finance Club). We also have two members in the Husky male cheerleading squad, and five members in the male practice squad that supports the women's basketball team. This past year, **Bryce Hobbs '11** was the VP of Standards in the IFC, and **Lucas Smith '12** was VP of Alumni Relations. IFC 2013 elections were held last month and Bryce was elected VP of Alumni Relations and Advancement, and Lucas was elected new VP of Standards. **Erik Luetkehens '11** was elected VP of Outgoing Foreign Exchanges for the UW AIESEC (international exchange students) program.

Grand Arch Council Awards:

We entered every award category in which we were qualified. As a result, we won two national awards while also being nominated as finalists in ten categories. This placed Washington Alpha as one of the most awarded and recognized chapters, in competition with more than 100 chapters. We won the **Risk Management Award**, and **The Founders Award**.

Chapter Retreat:

The Chapter Retreat in September was extremely successful. The presentations were fantastic, most of them new subjects. Since the retreat, we've had increased alumni involvement, with some of the same alumni giving their presentations again to the whole chapter, and more to come later. We've also had other alumni give presentations, and all the increased involvement has really been appreciated.

Wanted: Chapter Advisor

We're still looking for a Chapter Advisor, an alumnus who will regularly visit the house, talk to the officers, and communicate with the House Corporation. It can be fun as well as rewarding; the more you get into the job, the more you'll want to be involved. A hands-on advisor would be helpful to us in furthering the goals that the chapter must meet. If you are interested, **please contact Matt Anglin**, House Corporation President, at **206-919-4868** or **anglin11@comcast.net**.

This is our last quarter as President and Vice-President of the chapter, and we're both really happy with the progress we've made, and the direction in which the chapter is heading. Elections are held in the fall, and a new slate of officers will take over in January. The future is brighter than it has been for a long time, and we're glad that we have played a part in that. *Our goal: Grand Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi.*

Save the Date!

Founders Day 2013

Saturday, February 16, 2013

Chapter Open House: 3-5 p.m.

Cocktails and Dinner: 5-9 p.m.

University Faculty Club (UW Club)
(East of UW Hub Building)

Watch for your invitation in January!



Welcome, New Brothers!

Initiated September 23, 2012

- 1733 Issac Andrew Stockdale Nathan Hale H.S., Seattle
- 1734 Hunter Chase Cowan Auburn Riverside H.S., Auburn
- 1735 Bruce James Adsero John F. Kennedy H.S., Buriem
- 1736 Dylan Hayes Ross John F. Kennedy H.S., Buriem
- 1737 Alexander James Harris Mark Morris H.S., Longview

**The Second
Wineman Scholastic
Challenge**

In fall quarter 2011, **Paul Wineman '55** offered a cash incentive to chapter undergraduates, to help raise both freshman and overall chapter grade point averages. As a result, 10 freshmen who met the challenge to achieve a 3.25 (or better) GPA for fall quarter received \$1,000 each. As all alumni will remember, fall quarter is the hardest period of adjustment scholastically for entering freshmen.

At the same time as the other Chapter Scholarship Awards were paid out for spring quarter 2012, the \$10,000 Wineman Challenge money was sent directly to the University to help pay tuition for each winner of the Wineman Challenge.

Paul Made a Similar Offer for Fall Quarter 2012:

1. Each freshman who achieves a 3.25 (or better) GPA for the fall quarter will receive \$1,000, applied directly to his spring quarter tuition. As before, the funds are paid out directly to the University from the Phi Psi Foundation.
2. IF 20 freshmen make the 3.25 (or better) GPA goal for fall quarter, then ANY brother in the chapter who gets a 3.25 ALSO gets \$1,000 applied to his spring quarter tuition.
3. Each undergraduate who meets the Challenge receives a Certificate of Award at Founders Day in February.

All annual scholarship funds, including the Challenge Awards, are paid out in the spring quarter because all funds must be processed tax-free through the Phi Psi Foundation, according to IRS rules.

Freshman Class Averaged 3.52 Spring Quarter 2012

All-Chapter Average: 3.31

17 Members on the Dean's List

In spring quarter 2012, the chapter ranked 9th in the All-Greek Average, along with Phi Kappa Sigma, and Tau Kappa Epsilon. The freshmen averaged 3.52; sophomores: 3.07; juniors: 3.36; seniors: 3.46, for an all-chapter average of 3.31. Seventeen members were on the Dean's List.

**Welcome, 2012 Fall Pledges —
Soon to Be Brothers!**

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| Alexander Foster Huff
Woodinville H.S., Woodinville | Jared Martin Smith
Camas H. S., Camas |
| Alexander Joseph Pickett
R. A. Long H.S., Longview | John Robert Brendel
Issaquah H. S., Issaquah |
| Brett Kenneth Busch
Central Valley H.S., Spokane | Jorge Andres Maldonado
Chelan H.S., Chelan |
| William Madison Stinson
Bellevue H.S., Bellevue | Lane Joseph Schinnell
Centralia H. S., Centralia |
| Cameron James Mielke
Ferndale H. S., Ferndale | Marchael Erik Acode
Mt. Vernon H. S., Mt. Vernon |
| Chase Costas Kutsunai
Roosevelt H. S., Seattle | Nathaniel Clark Stockman
Bainbridge H.S., Bainbridge Island |
| Curtis William Lewis
Deer Park H. S., Spokane | Ryan Alexander Hale
Ballard H. S., Seattle |
| Erik Einar Arntsen
Ferndale H. S., Ferndale | Ryan Michael Prescott
Bellingham H.S., Bellingham |
| Jacob Hamilton Wallace
Emerald Ridgetts H. S., Puyallup | Scott Eric Feather
Camas H. S., Camas |
| Shawn Bryton Franklin
Everett H. S., Everett | Taylor Brian Faubion
Mt. Vernon H.S., Mt. Vernon |
| Christian Jordan Larsen
Aragon H.S., San Mateo, CA | Dwight Lockwood Stoddard
Cascade H.S., Leavenworth |
| Bryant Lee Taylor
Riverside Polytechnic H.S., Riverside, CA | |

Forty undergraduates, their parents, and alumni gathered at the American Leadership Academy's Marbella Suites Hotel in Cabo San Lucas, September 9-14, for another leadership and character-building retreat week.

The retreat week is always inspirational, educational — and fun! The week started with a get-acquainted dinner at the hotel Sunday, followed by sessions Monday through Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with the rest of each day free for fun. Tuesday evening, **Jerry Nelson** hosted a special dinner at his estate next door, and Wednesday he also hosted lunch at a restaurant in Cabo. The sharing in the leadership sessions, and the socializing — mixing undergrads and their parents with alumni — are the most beneficial. Most of the older folks — alums and parents — admit that they gain and learn as much or more from the week as the undergraduates.

The week always starts with Jerry Nelson's presentation "*Winner or Loser — Make the Right Choices.*" The message is timeless, and no matter how many times everyone hears it, they learn more from it. This time Jerry deviated from his regular presentation to tell the story of his long career — an inspiration to all.

Here are some of the other subjects presented:

"*Being Financially Responsible*" and "*Life Planning*" by **Gary Glein '62**;

"*Selling Yourself*" by **Chuck Bleth '88**;

"*Actions Now, Consequences Later*" by **Niles Gooding '88**;

"*Can't Means WON'T — Won't Means GO HOME!*" by **Daryn Klingensmith '86**;

"*Etiquette*" by **Nonnie Owens**, a professional etiquette trainer;

"*Teamwork*" by **Brad Phillips '89**;

"*Successful Job Interviews*" by **Jerry Nelson**.

Paul Wineman '55 presented his "*Negotiating Skills*" and "*Applying Negotiating Skills*" sessions. In the Application session, it's always fun to see the creative ideas from the negotiating teams.

Sean Peterson '10, Chapter President, led special sessions on determining chapter issues, and then solutions to the same issues. Alums and parents also attended these sessions.

Jerry Nelson's generous hosting of Washington Alpha in Cabo is always boundless, at both the annual chapter retreats and the American Leadership Academy sessions. His inspirational leadership by example is reflected in the increasing quality of the chapter undergraduates, and the appreciation of the parents and the alumni who witness the Cabo Experience.

"If It Is To Be, It's Up To Me!"

The 10th Annual Chapter Retreat

Undergraduates, Parents, and Alumni Gather in Cabo



The group at the retreat week.

Some First-Hand Comments From the Retreat:

From Melodie Kauf, mother of Trevor Kauf '12:

"After our son attended the ALA in March, he was so enthused that he wanted to go to the Chapter Retreat in September. He asked me to attend with him. It was INCREDIBLE! Great alumni dedicating their time, money, business knowledge, successes and failures to benefit our kids! I've paid hundreds of dollars to attend seminars by professionals, and these sessions were as dynamic as any I've attended. Our sons get this opportunity for the price of an airline ticket! I almost didn't attend because of the cost but now I'm so glad we sacrificed other opportunities to buy our tickets. December and Christmas are not too far off — an airline ticket for your son would make a great gift. I hope to meet you at the next Washington Alpha Retreat, next September!"



Special Dinner Tuesday Night
Jerry Nelson spoke in one of the two dining rooms at Principe House, Tuesday, September 11, 2012.

From Nonnie Owens, professional etiquette trainer:

"Jerry Nelson once told me this quote about Etiquette: 'Manners send messages, whether it is in the fraternity, with friends in social circles, or in the business world. Knowing the rules are one thing, putting them into practice — is a reflection of your character.'"

From Nolan Koza '10, Chapter VP:

"This is the third time that I've attended the retreat and the ALA. Each time ends up being more beneficial than the last. The generosity of the alumni and Jerry Nelson is always phenomenal. The chapter is definitely moving up within the UW Greek System, and National Phi Psi ranks. I hope that more alumni will get involved — you and we both will gain from your involvement."

More Comments:

From Gary Glein '62:

"2012 was my 8th year presenting at the Cabo retreats. I have taught Financial Literacy and Life Planning — I believe that forming a good life focus and financial habits at an early age are important to success. I enjoy helping the young Brothers. It's a two-way process; I learn from them as well. I think the Brothers and pledges at this year's program were the best I've seen. They were attentive to the presenters, but also did an outstanding job of discussing issues to improve the chapter. I look forward to keeping in touch with them during the school year."

From Daryn Klinginsmith '86:

"The retreat opportunity and the offerings of incredible knowledge and insight in the sessions have so much more value than most of the classes the undergrads will attend at the UW. I was fortunate this time to spend some days with a few of the alums from my era — Niles and Lori, Chuck and Kathy, Brad, Ziggie, and Boyle. I really enjoyed the chance to get together again!"

From Bryce Hobbs '11:

"Each time I attend the chapter retreats, or the ALA sessions, I learn something new and inspiring. I learn so much from hearing the personal life stories of older Brothers who have been in my shoes. It was great to recharge my 'fraternal batteries' so I could hit the ground running this fall. My Cabo experience helped me make the most out of the school year."

From Kathy Peterson, President of the Parent's Group, and mother of Sean '10:

"I was amazed at the quality of the speakers and the subjects they presented. They provided real-life personal and business experiences and guidance on so many important topics. It was exciting to see the interaction of the alumni with the parents and their sons. I'm not sure who gained more! As a parent, I left the retreat week energized, motivated, and thankful that my son joined the Phi Psi Brotherhood."

From Brad Phillips '89:

"I've attended and presented at chapter retreats in the past, and I'm always amazed by the brotherhood that this event builds. I learn from the presenters, and I gain great satisfaction hearing from the younger Brothers how much they learn from us. This is an incredibly important event for building teamwork essential to the continued success of Washington Alpha. By the way, the chapter contacted me yesterday to give my Teamwork presentation again to the whole chapter this quarter. I'm glad that they are following up with this."

From Sean Peterson '10:

"This retreat was by far the most successful that I've attended. I partially attribute this to the energized chapter members, but mainly to the alumni support that we received. It wasn't just about the presentation speeches, but the time that they took to get to know us and sincerely help us work to improve the chapter. I won't be an undergraduate at Washington Alpha much longer, but I am happy to say with complete confidence that we will continue to grow and have a good chance to become Grand Chapter after I am gone. Jerry has provided us with an excellent program specific to Washington Alpha, and it is a huge driver of our success."

From Carolyn Hobbs, mother of Bryce '11:

"Every retreat speaker presented valuable information that you hear nowhere else: Paul Wineman — negotiating skills for navigating life; Niles Gooding — "THINK before acting, OWN your actions; Gary Glein — thinking ahead, planning your life; Chuck Bleth — selling yourself with integrity; Daryn Klinginsmith — his speech about pushing yourself to higher goals touched everyone's heart; Nonnie Owens — so important manners and standards that are rarely taught today; Brad Phillips — teamwork, working together to win. And above all, Jerry Nelson's experience and knowledge — sharing his life lessons with all of us. My husband and Bryce's father died when Bryce was 12. It was then up to the two of us for him to have a successful middle school and high school experience. Bryce graduated as Class Valedictorian. The fraternity has now become his Brothers and friends."

Chapter Needs Mentors

The dictionary defines a mentor as *"A wise and trusted counselor."* All of us have had one or more mentors in our lives: Of course, our parents; other relatives; teachers; a boss or co-worker; commanding officer; a religious leader — it can be anyone who influences your life in a positive way. Even fraternity classmates can be mentors — they may influence your choice of a major, or you may emulate their standards and personal behavior.

As **Daryn Klinginsmith '86** commented at the recent retreat: "Mentors are essential in life, the more the better. I've found mentors by being engaged in things that *weren't* about me — volunteering, working in a completely new field, taking chances, researching and asking questions of people new to me — developing relationships. *Mentors can't be assigned to you; you either find them, or they find you by taking an interest in you.*"

The only way the Chapter Mentoring Program can be successful is for more alumni to get involved. If you'll get involved, you'll find that *you want* to be a mentor. *It's as simple as listening, and advising.* Today's students face the same uncertainties we encountered as undergraduates, except in a much tougher, competitive environment, both at the University and in the job market. Many alumni may feel they would have nothing in common with undergraduates. They are so wrong. These young members *want* to meet alumni, but they can't unless we come to them *first*. You'll be surprised at how rewarding it can be. Attend the ALA or a Chapter Retreat; attend Founders Day; join the House Corporation; go to a Chapter Night dinner. The undergraduate Phi Psi Brothers haven't experienced your life lessons — how about sharing your experience with them?

The Retreat Is All About Mentoring

The Washington Alpha retreats are a small version of the American Leadership Academy, with subjects presented *only* by our chapter alumni. It's a unique experience bringing alums, undergraduates, and their parents together. And, it's all about *mentoring* — sharing life lessons through leadership and character-building subjects never taught in University classes. **Jim Boyle '88** attended this last retreat, and had these impressions: "When I served on the ALA Board, and by attending the retreats, I came to understand how the undergraduates value the time spent with alumni. They are so appreciative of alums who are willing to share experience, wisdom, opinion, and guidance. For many of them, the mentoring provided by alumni is the most formative assistance and assurance they will receive in college.

"At this retreat, some of the undergraduates shared their backgrounds: One who was silently homeless through his high school junior and senior years because of family problems; two who had one of their parents pass away in the past few years; one who is an immigrant from the war zones of Africa; several who needed help on deciding a major or career path; and several who admitted they lacked focus and wanted to gain the skills necessary to be successful men. The relationships developed with alumni at the retreat gave them more chances to learn and develop. In my opinion, this type of *"Paying back to Phi Psi"* is the most important role that an alumnus can play.

"I would like more of our alumni to come to the retreat, to see this type of growth in action. It's the key part of what's making Washington Alpha more dynamic, and relevant!"

Steve Murphy '63 shares
his mentoring experiences on page 10

Phi Psi Facts: Little-Known Chapter History 1941 – 1947

January 1943: The chapter was closed, the house leased to Pacific Bell telephone operators, to help pay the overhead. Most members had left for military training, and the few that remained were in training programs at the University. Those members moved into the Theta Chi house, which was used as a boarding house.

October 1943: The chapter was sublet to the University of Washington as a women's dorm (the dorms on campus were occupied by men in military training programs). The chapter house was named "ZANADU HOUSE" by the University. The chapter room was locked; the chapter continued to have elected officers, and the few Brothers stationed in Seattle were allowed to use it for chapter business and meetings.

September 1944: The University of Washington converted to the semester system. On September 2nd, Japan formally surrendered aboard the battleship *Missouri*.

January 1946: Washington Alpha regained the chapter house from the University. New chapter President **Dick Anderson '42** and House Manager **Jim Slayden '43**, returning from active duty, were responsible for bringing the house back to operating condition, and revitalizing the chapter. Jim Slayden served as House Manager for two years.

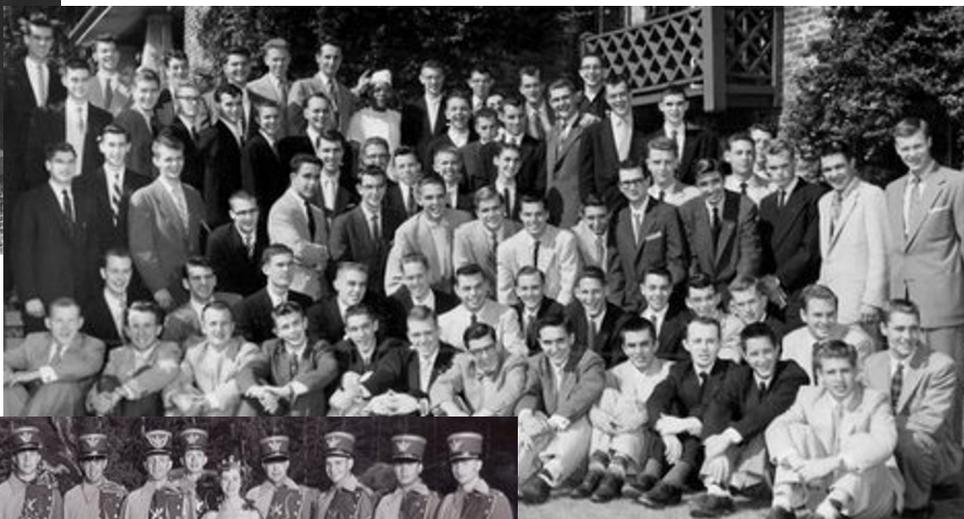
October 1947: With the many members returning from military service, and entering the University on the new GI Bill (living costs and tuition were paid by the government), the chapter swelled to over 100 members (normal capacity of the chapter house then was around 50). The returning GI's instilled a system of discipline and house operation that lasted for over 20 years. — *Courtesy of Bill Blecken '42*



Remembering..... The Phi Psi 50s



Homecoming 1952



Washington Alpha Chapter 1954



Phi Psi Seafair Guards
and the
Royal Court, 1953

Remembering.....

Toad Hall “No pictures exist, but it created a lot of memories”

In the late 40s and into the 50s, the chapter membership stayed close to 90. Half of them were “town men” living at home. The capacity of the existing house was around 50 so the chapter was losing needed revenue by not providing more “live-in” space.

In 1954, the House Corporation bought the old residence behind the chapter house, to provide the land for building a north wing. It probably had been built in the early 1920s, as a family home for someone working at the “U,” about the same time as the original 2120 house that burned in 1929. Until financing could be raised for the new wing, that old home handled overflow from the chapter house.

No pictures of it exist, but alums up to the 50s will remember it. For “younger” alumni, here’s a word picture: Wood frame, two stories, painted gray with dark green trim; full basement; one bedroom with ¾ bath, living room, dining room, kitchen, and front porch on main floor facing east; three bedrooms, full bath, and sun porch on the second floor. Originally, the house had a sweeping view to the east of the Cascades, Lake Washington, and Mt. Rainier to the south.

From 1955 to late 1959, when it was torn down, that house became known as Toad Hall. How it was named requires a lengthy explanation: The pledge class of ’55 was the first to occupy it, in the fall of their sophomore year. **Bill Brubaker** and classmate **Bob Munson** (younger brother of **Ray Munson ’49**) were kitchen helpers for the much-loved cook, **Bob Ashford**. Brubaker was always making up nicknames for classmates, and Munson became known as “*Mr. Toad*” (the resemblance came from his always wearing a crew hat and his stocky build, like a fire plug). Whether the house was named after Bob, or a take-off of *Alice in Wonderland*, opinions differ. But, in any event, the name Toad Hall stuck.

It created a lot of memories for the approximately 20 brothers that lived there every quarter and summers for the next four years. It started out rather tame but the closer the time came to tear-down, the “looser” the conditions became. As one Brother rather extremely observed, “*It was the original Animal House.*” Despite that claim, the occupants always had better GPAs than the Brothers in the main house!

As **Lee James ’56** recalled, “We had 45 in my pledge class, so the chapter house was very crowded my freshman year. Pledge Brother **Gerry Barker**, **Wayne Browne (’55)**, and I were roommates in the front upstairs bedroom spring quarter ’56. Wayne, **Kerry McMahan (’55)**, and I ran the Toad Hall Brewing Company in the basement. We turned out about ten gallons of ‘Old Crock’ every two weeks, and sold a lot of it to the freshmen (who couldn’t buy beer and weren’t that picky), and that allowed us to buy better beer for ourselves. The ‘brewery’ lasted for about a year.” **Don Edgers (’58)** remembered Old Crock as “chunky, cloudy, urine-colored liquid passing for beer. They sold it to the freshmen in the evening hours when the light was dim and the sediment wasn’t so noticeable!”

Lee added “A highlight was when we dug a plastic-lined pond between the main house and Toad Hall for the annual Hawaiian Party. We built a bridge over the pond onto the front porch of Toad Hall — I brought a pump from home and we had a fountain and waterfall. Complete with ferns scrounged from here and there, and phony palms, it was quite impressive. The pond lasted for two parties.”

“**Larry Rickdall (’54)**, and **Gordy Burgess (’56)** were both drummers and set up their drums in the basement. Those of us who were musicians (sort of) — me on trombone, **Fred Holmes (’56)** clarinet, somebody on trumpet — would ‘jam’ with them, generally producing racket to the consternation of the other inmates.”

Herb Saunders (’56) added some different memories: “My first stay was summer ’56. **Larry Rickdall**, **Bob Owen (’54)**, **Dick**

Troyer (’56), **John Holland (’56)**, **Wayne Browne (’55)** — and I can’t remember who else, lived there, too. We were all in the Seafair King’s Guard that summer. I met the King Neptune for that year, Allan Ferguson, President of Rainier Brewery, and he gave me tin sheets of 48 printed party pak cans, each with a different color and cartoon. We ‘papered’ some of the walls with these sheets; the other walls with bull fight posters and burlap finished with varnish. We covered the ceiling with 24 x 24-inch egg crate separators from Bob Ashford. Very creative — or so we thought! Completing the ‘décor,’ we added desks, couch (for ‘entertaining’ ladies), overstuffed lounge chair, a burgundy carpet, all for \$20 from St. Vincent DePaul. A fellow engineering student spliced into the Kappa Sig telephone lines so we had our own phone. We were, so to speak, in Hog Heaven!”

“**Ron Ubaghs (’56)** painted the upstairs bathroom blood red — ceiling, walls, bathtub, toilet, even the window. It was a riot to hear the reaction of bombed-out coeds!”

“We decorated the basement as a German pub, with leftover Hawaiian Party fishnets on the ceiling, floor covered with peanut shells, ‘found’ tables and chairs, etc. We were the envy of other Greeks. We ran a sorority beauty contest for *Queen of Toad Hall* — we had a huge warty wooden toad trophy, and even got a photo page slated for the *Tyee Annual*. We voted in Sheila Dolan of Delta Gamma, who also was the UW Queen of Queens. Weenies on the IFC whined in jealousy to UW Dean of Men, and they nixed the whole affair. But we sure had a bang-up open campus celebration! (*Does anyone have photos?*) The basement pub became the place to go after the taverns closed. Unfortunately, the supply of Old Crock couldn’t meet demand, so we augmented inventory with conventional ‘spirits’ hauled in by Lee James in his ‘tavern taxi’ — an old Plymouth coupe with a huge trunk.”

“It was not all partying, though. We had our own Toad Hall study hours, Big Brother mentors, and house duties. We gave the chapter house stiff competition for highest GPA — there were a lot of smart guys living in ‘The Hall.’”

Bob Pollock (’57) has different memories from his tenure: “The damn place had on-and-off heat because the old furnace was always failing. As backup, the living room fireplace wouldn’t draw well and smoked; the upstairs bathroom seemingly was always occupied by Troyer or Saunders. The rest of us had to run across the back yard, in rain or snow, past Ashford’s Cadillac, up the stairs to the main bathroom. All this ‘luxury’ for \$95 a month (or was it a quarter?! Kerry and Lee making home brew; the ‘band’ banging and tootling away in the basement; Ron Ubaghs running around with Army blanket and ukulele as resident hippie; ‘**Big John Meyer (’56)** and ‘**Little Rog Meyer (’56)** studying above it all; **Curt Tenzler (’56)** coordinating his ‘social’ activities; **Ed (Punahou) Jensen (’56)** — regardless of the cold, roaming in Hawaiian shirt and flip-flops. We freshmen — **Bill McCallum**, **Hal Gismervig**, **George Richardson**, **Clint Viebrock**, **Phil Wiggen**, **Joe Hardwick** and I — lived there for two quarters and still made our grades!”

Bill McCallum (’57) added, “As the tear-down date neared, we chopped holes in the walls with an axe so that we could communicate better room-to-room.”

And as a final note, Don Edgers remembered that “After the house was torn down, now that we had all the extra land, a backhoe was rented to dig a bigger Hawaiian Party ‘lagoon.’ Various Brothers wanted to try their skills at operating the machine. Someone was overzealous and the gas line was broken, resulting in our own version of an ‘eternal flame’ spouting out of the ground, at least temporarily, in memory of Toad Hall. Even the *Seattle Times* covered the event!”

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

From Bill Ryberg, Jr. (son of Bill Ryberg, Sr. '48):

"On behalf of our family, we are so touched by your wonderful eulogy of my father in the Spring Phi Psi newsletter. You captured our father's spirit perfectly."

"Happy 90th Birthday, Bill!"

From Frank Nolan '43:

"Here's the lineup of Washington Alpha survivors attending Bill Blecken's surprise 90th Birthday party (L-R): **John Zelasko '42, Frank Nolan '43, Bill Olson '47, Bill Blecken '42, Dick Zahniser '42, and Marty Burkland '42.** John came from Aberdeen and a couple of Bill's kids came from Montana. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres were in abundance!"

And from Bill Blecken '42: "Thank you all for coming to my 90th Birthday party. It was a complete surprise, and another highlight of my life!"



The 50s Gathering Lunch Bunch – Saturday, June 16

Front Row, L-R: Kerry McMahan '55; Joe Taller '54; Lee James '56; Chuck Van Pelt '51; Ken Graham '49; and Dr. Neil Duncanson '51. Back Row: Bob Fetty '50; Rick Adams '49; John Largis '51; Herb Saunders '56; Al Leonard '51; Dave Williams '53; Don McCandless '53; Norm Reed '53; Jack Fahlstrom '51; John Adams '54; Dick Simkins '51; and Guy Harper '51.

From Guy Harper '51:

"That was a great 50s Gathering Lunch at the Seattle Yacht Club! For those unable to attend, 18 of us met for a buffet lunch. Prior to that, each brother recapped his activities over the last 60 years or so — it was very interesting to hear of all the varied interests. We posted in the room various pictures from the fraternity and crew rowing web site for review. **More pictures are available on my 50s web site: http://guyharper.com/old_uw.**

"It was fun to relive some of the old memories, and all the stories, and recalling different Brothers. We even sang a couple of the old Phi Psi songs — everyone seemed to remember the words! Thanks again for attending — maybe we'll see each other next year with more Brothers in attendance!"

From Jack Fahlstrom '51:

"What a fun time at the 50s luncheon! It was a special time to visit with all of you. I was the lucky one to receive the beautiful silver maple wood Phi Psi Reunion Bowl. Thank you for that beautiful artifact made and signed by you, Guy — I'll cherish it!"

From Dick Simkins '51:

"Guy, you are a true friend and Brother. I've organized this type of reunion event before, and it's like herding cats to get folks signed up and committed. Can't imagine how much time you've spent on this! *Great job!*"

From Lee James '56:

"Guy, thanks for sending the photos from the Phi Psi 50s Gathering Lunch, and thanks for organizing it. It was fun to get together with other alums from the 50s — maybe we can make it an annual event. I enjoyed hearing the life updates from the alums around the table!"

From Ed Jensen '56:

"Very interesting Spring 2012 *Alphan*. Thanks for all the work to make it a success. I enjoy reading it.

"By the way: I spent a few days at the American Leadership Academy with our attending undergrads and about 130 young Phi Psis from mostly east of the Rockies. ALA is very impressive and effective."

Dawg Talk

Richard D. Margerum, '41-385, is “swimming, fishing, golfing, and enjoying retirement.” He is a Mason and a Shriner. Dick and Barbara Jean are parents of Michael (64) and JoAnne Lediard (65). Write to Dick at 1115 Drake Way, Carson City, NV 89701, or call him at 775-882-5129 or 775-315-0979.

Philip C. Schmidt, '47-495, is “fully retired. My orchards are all sold, and my Two Mountain Winery was purchased by two grandsons. Phyllis (U of WA) and I spend five months a year in Indio, California, and two to three months on our boat in northern British Columbia. We are never in Washington in February, so we can't attend Founders Day.” Phil is a member of the Indian Palms Country Club in Indio, and the Flounder Bay Yacht Club in Anacortes. He and Phyllis have a daughter, Kathryn Rawn, and a son, Ken. Another son, Ron, is deceased. Write to Phil at 2155 Cheyne Rd., Zillah, WA 98953, or call him at 509-829-5930.

Michael I. Gamble, '54-632, retired after 49 years with Boeing. He writes: “For five years after retirement, we lived like nomads in our motor home. We traveled all over North America. Now we're settled in a 55+ community in a town that reminds me of my youth in Snohomish, Washington.” Michael (a k a “WOP”) and his wife, Charlotte, receive mail at 2017 SE Rhododendron Ave., Dallas, OR 97338; e-mail at gamblm@uw.edu; and phone calls at 253-709-8026. They have a son, Scott (47), and a daughter, Paula (45).

Stephen E. Murphy, '63-832, reports: “**Craig (Nishizaki)** and I had a fun time at ALA's March session with Washington Alpha and nine other universities. I encourage other alumni to come and share their life stories with Phi Psi undergrads.” Stephen receives mail at PO Box 15155, Seattle, WA 98115.

W. Edward Hatzenbeler, '90-1383, is principal of Orting High School. He and Kim are parents of Hunter (11) and Jake (9). He enjoys fishing, crabbing, and spending time in Lake Chelan. “I enjoyed a wonderful summer barbecue with brothers **Craig Nishizaki** ['88-1331], **Mike Machula** ['90-1374], **Chad Lepper** ['90-1368], **Mark Medzegian** ['90-1377], **Chad Barnes** ['90-1386], **Mike Silva** ['90-1375], and **Frank Ehresmann** ['90-1381]. It was the first time some of us have been together since college.” Write to Ed at 22009 SE 424th St., Enumclaw, WA 98022. Call 360-367-6265, or send e-mail to hatzenbelere@orting.wednet.edu.

Chapter Eternal



Jack G. Parker, '37-314, of Portland, died peacefully on April 21, 2012 with his daughter, Patty, by his side. He was 95. Jack is survived by his children, Patty and Chris; his daughter-in-law, Teresia; and his granddaughter, Haley.

John F. Humphrey, '43-434, died April 23, 2012, at age 87. He enrolled in the University of Washington in fall 1942, but, like almost



all of his fraternity brothers, he answered the call to military service in World War II. In 1943 he joined the Army and was shipped off to the European Theatre. He was captured by the Germans in late December 1944 in the Ardennes Forest during the Battle of the Bulge, and was a POW for the remainder of the war. His family wrote: “*While he was a POW, John made a covenant with the Lord to always place Him and his family first. He kept the promise. That was the way he lived his life.*” After the war, John completed his degree at the University. **Dick Zahniser '42** remembers talking to John after he came home: “John was in the back of an open truck on his way up to the front lines when he undid his pack strap, and his pack fell off the truck. He laughed and said it didn't

matter because before they went much further, the truck was stopped by Germans and they were captured. I asked John if he ever tried to escape from the POW camp and he laughed again, ‘Sure, three times!’ I asked what happened, and he said, ‘Oh, we got caught!’ John weighed about 160 pounds when he went overseas, and about 110 when they were rescued. His great sense of humor never left him.” **Frank Nolan '43** added, “John was ‘a glass-half-full’ type of guy. His laugh was so distinctive — a genuine, happy-to-be-here laugh — I'd love to hear it again.” John spent 27 years of his business career as an auditor with the Chevrolet Motor Division of General Motors in the Washington and California state regions, and another 10 years as a freelance auditor. His favorite pastime was anything to do with fly fishing — stream or lake, or just tying flies or wrapping rods. For peaceful times, his rose garden was his retreat. John leaves behind his wife of 63 years, Bonnie; son, Jeff; daughter, Ann Williams; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.



Don D. Kennedy, '44-437, died April 4, 2012, in Seattle. Don graduated from Lincoln High School in 1937, and proudly attended his reunions, including the reunion of fall 2011. After high school, Don was diagnosed with tuberculosis and quarantined at Firland Sanatorium, an experience that left him health-conscious for the rest of his life. Upon release, Don enrolled at UW and was initiated into Washington Alpha by the few Brothers stationed or in training

in the Seattle area, who continued to have chapter meetings despite the chapter being closed and the chapter house leased out. Don's TB history exempted him from military service. He opened his real estate brokerage in 1945, and was soon joined by his brother. Don was successful in the business for more than 65 years, building, selling, and renting many major apartment buildings in the U District and Magnolia. He also built dozens of homes, most of which still exist today. He was a passionate supporter of the Seattle Police Department, working on many special awards and projects with his close friend, Officer John Abraham. He was also an advisory board member of the Medic One Foundation, and he was the creator and founder of the Seattle Fallen Fire Fighter's Memorial in Occidental Park. Some of his special interests were boating, tennis, eagles, sunsets, the Daily Jumble, lemon meringue pie, and Dalmatians. Don is survived by his wife, Betty; his son, Donald Phillip Kennedy; his daughter, Linda; and five grandchildren.

William J. Vorwerk, '48-523, of Seattle, died May 3, 2012. Bill was born in Seattle in 1929. After college, he served in the Army Corps of Engineers as a second lieutenant. He then enjoyed a long career as a manufacturer's representative and owner of Carlson Sales, Inc. During that time, he was a member of EERA and the Electric League, where he served as president. Bill's greatest memories were the times spent traveling with Madeline, and enjoying time with family at his home on Whidbey Island — fishing, playing board games, and grilling on the deck. He loved his church family at First Free Methodist, and counted many of those there as his closest friends. He leaves behind his loving wife of 59 years, Madeline, and his two daughters, Kim Berger and Andrea Giles. He adored his five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



Charles M. Parker, '56-672, of Kirkland, Washington, died February 11, 2012, according to the family.

Fred A. Brown, '62-797, of Chula Vista, California, died May 8, 2011, at age 68.

“It’s a great honor to have this mentoring relationship.”

Steve Murphy '63 has had a long career doing business in Latin America. He discovered that he could use his background to counsel the undergraduates interested in International Business, overseas service, and the value of learning a second language.

“I met **Mike Acode** at a Spring Scholarship Brunch at the chapter house a few years ago, when he was rushing Phi Psi. He and his parents struck me as wholesome and positive people. I was flattered when Mike asked me to be his mentor in his freshman year. I have enjoyed keeping up our dialogue, often over lunch. An important subject was Mike’s concern about finding the right major. I encouraged him to take an in-depth ‘aptitude’ test, which proved helpful. Today, Mike is happy to be concentrating on Environmental Sciences, and he also used his leadership skill as co-rush chairman this past summer. It’s a great pleasure and honor to have this mentoring relationship with Mike, and I encourage other alums to get involved as mentors.”

Mike explains the undergraduate point of view:

“Steve was the first alum I met when I was coming into the fraternity. When the chapter started the Mentoring Program, I asked Steve to be my mentor. We’ve had a great friendship ever since. Steve is always there, and willing to help. We go out for coffee, or have lunch, and he has me fill him in on what’s going on in my life. He’s interested in my good news, but focuses more on my problems.

“I always leave our meetings with a sense of security — what I need to do in terms of academics, fraternity, and social plans and interactions. Having Steve as my mentor, with his timeless insight and advice, has made my college and fraternity experience much more worthwhile.”

That’s all it takes to be “*a wise and trusted counselor.*” But you have to get involved first.

If you are interested in being a mentor, please contact **Matt Anglin '90**, at 206-919-4868, or anglin11@comcast.net.



**Mike Acode '11 and mentor
Steve Murphy '63**

More Alphan Postscripts:

From Steve Murphy '63:

“**Tony Wiegering ('94)** joined me at the chapter for our talk on international opportunities and AIESEC. We had the President and VP of AIESEC/UW to dinner and for a discussion period. Thirty Phi Psis signed up for possible internships abroad.”

From Craig Nishizaki '88:

“Spring quarter 2012 grades are in! Phi Psi ranked number 9 of 33 fraternities at UW, with an all-chapter **3.31 GPA**, and **17 members on the Dean’s List. Freshmen earned a 3.52 GPA — fantastic!** Sophomores: 3.07 GPA, Juniors: 3.36 GPA; and Seniors 3.46 GPA.”

From Matt Anglin '90:

“At the GAC, we were finalists for 10 awards and won two (Founders Award and Risk Management Award). *This is a huge deal.* The awards are extremely hard to win, going against over 100 Phi Psi chapters around the nation. To win two in one biennium is a huge honor. *Great work, guys!*”

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