



IOTA QUARTERLY

PHI SIGMA KAPPA

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Chapter President Reports

Phi Sigma Kappa Enjoys Terrific Spring Semester

This spring was a tremendous semester for the brothers of Phi Sigma Kappa. We benefited from the strong leadership of the senior class backed up by the hard work, creativity, and vision of the underclassmen. These factors added up to a great semester fraternally, socially, and academically.

The semester started off with a bang when nine young men began their journey into the brotherhood on pledge night. Justin Stander, our inductor, led them through the learning process, making sure that each one of the pledges was worthy to become a brother of our house. I am proud to announce that we just initiated nine new brothers. This brings the total number of brothers in the house to a whopping 41.

On the last Saturday in February we held our annual Shrimp and Beer. As usual, the party lasted until the wee hours of the morning and was tons of fun for all

of our brothers and guests. We also hosted many small-scale activities during the semester, which further strengthened the friendships on which our house is built.

Brad Lewis, a national representative, came to visit us in mid-March. Upon his arrival, several brothers showed him around New York and our surrounding area. During his stay Brad met with each of the officers and attended an EC meeting and a regular brothers' meeting. In his evaluation of our house he had nothing but good things to say. The chapter finances and the positive attitude of the brotherhood particularly impressed him. We look forward to meeting him again at this year's national convention in San Antonio.

The semester is ending with an all-brothers camping trip set up by the brotherhood chair, Israel Torres. The brotherhood chair is an experimental position

created this semester. The job of the brotherhood chair is to put together activities that will strengthen our ties of friendship within the house. Izzy did a great job, and I expect that the position of brotherhood chair will become a permanent addition to our list of house officers.

Of course, it goes without saying that our members were very involved in other on-campus activities this semester. We are a diverse group of individuals involved in organizations ranging from the fencing team to the dramatic society to the radio station.

The lessons we learn in the house are what propel us to success on campus and after graduation. I am proud to be a brother of the Iota Chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa, and I can't wait for everything to start up again in the fall.

Kurt Levins '02

Brothers Make House Improvements

Since last fall, the interior of the house has seen great improvement. We are in the process of finishing the repairs to the ladies' bathroom in the basement, including the replacement of the cabinet and the installation of a new fixture. We are also looking forward to installing new light fixtures in the dining room and the chapter room and making some major improvements to the third-floor bathroom. These improvements will include the replacement of the sometimes unreliable plumbing and the upgrading of the small shower.

As the weather warmed up, we turned our attention to the exterior of the house. Among the projects in progress or planned are building picnic tables for the side yard, cleaning up the landscaping in front of the house, and possibly putting in a horseshoe pit.

I would like to thank those who have offered materials and time in the ever-continuing repair of our great house. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please feel free to contact us.

Andrew De Liso '02, House Manager

Plan Now For Iota Night 2002!

Iota Night 2001 was a night full of fun, dancing, and memories at La Reggia banquet hall in Secaucus, New Jersey. The brothers of Iota would like to extend an invitation to the alumni for the next Iota Night in early 2002. Watch your e-mail for invitations!

Iota Chapter Welcomes Nine New Brothers

Once again, a well-organized rush program led to the Iota Chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa gaining a fine group of new brothers. Nine new brothers were initiated this spring semester, a group comprising not only freshmen but upperclassmen as well. It is a great feeling to have such a diverse group of new members!

As with pledge classes past, these guys were very ambitious to learn and become part of our brotherhood. In the end it was very rewarding to see their dedication and effort, and I'm very grateful for the role I got to play in passing on the benefits of brotherhood to these nine new members.

Justin Stander

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National Rep Impressed With Chapter's Finances

Brothers, I am glad to inform you that the chapter is doing well financially. About 85 percent of the brothers have paid their housing bill. Alumni have stuck well with their payment plans, thus making my job easier.

I would like to inform the alumni that a national representative visited the chapter late in the semester and was very impressed with the chapter's finances. He mentioned that this was probably one of the best chapters he had visited because we were current on all our bills.

We have a couple of projects planned for the summer and will try to complete them by the start of fall 2001. We hope many of you will visit the house in the coming months and enjoy some of the changes. Finally, if you would like any information, please do not hesitate to call me at 201/216-3384 or e-mail me at rpitchik@stevens-tech.edu.

Fraternally,
Ravi Pitchika '03

New Position Helps Brothers Grow Closer

This spring, after hearing about it at conclave, the Iota Chapter established the position of brotherhood chair, and I had the honor of being the first brother elected to the position. It is the responsibility of the brotherhood chair to create events that will help the brothers grow closer to each other. The big event for the spring semester was the brotherhood camping trip on the weekend of April 20, which was a great success. We all look forward to the events that the next brotherhood chair will organize and hope that the position will become a permanent one.

Israel Torres '03

ALUMNI NEWS

Please note this new address for MICHAEL E. LAINO '66: 99 Twinberry Court, Paramus, NJ 07652.

The owner of the Pebble Creek Golf Club, JOHN MATTALIANO '69 can be reached by e-mail at maj1947@aol.com and by "snail mail" at 8 Jamestown Pass, Colts Neck, NJ 07722.

Last August, Cheryl and PHILIP MOREIRA '79 relocated to Singapore (8 Cuscaden Walk, #04-02 Four Seasons Park, SINGAPORE 249692), where Phil works for Air Products & Chemicals, Inc., as vice president and general manager. Phil reports that LOU TOMASSO '79, who works for Texas Instruments, stopped by for a visit in January on his

way through on business. Send e-mail to Phil at moreirpg@apci.com.

JOSEPH M. LAKAWICZ '85 writes, "My free time is occupied as a youth soccer and basketball coach, which keeps me busy year round. I have recently been voted in as president of Butler Junior Soccer Club. Weekends are spent hunting and fishing and at soccer and basketball games." Joe's a senior software engineer at Electronics for Imaging, and his address is 297 Boonton Ave., Butler, NJ 07405 (joe.lakawicz@efi.com).

In June 2000, JEFF BERGMAN '88 and his wife, Rita, welcomed their second child, daughter Emma, who joins sister Devon (4). The family still lives in

Tenafly, New Jersey (14 Oak Ave., 07670), but Jeff has changed jobs and is now working in patent law with the firm Pennie & Edmonds in Manhattan. Drop a line to Jeff at bergmanjp@aol.com.

Congratulations to MICHAEL P. WEBER '95 on his October 2000 marriage to Renee Ostrowski! He reports that they are "living happily among the 'cheeseheads'" at 2128 Crestview Court, Wauwatosa, WI 53226 (e-mail: mweber908@aol.com).

Moving? Make sure we have your new address!