



IOTA QUARTERLY

PHI SIGMA KAPPA

STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

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Alumni President Reports

Chapter To Undertake Capital Campaign For House Repairs

Working with Omdex Consulting Engineering, Stevens has finished the design for our sprinkler system. The scope of work is complete, and the contractor has been selected. The design accepted is the more expensive commercial design that Hoboken is making us use as opposed to the less expensive residential design that the state has accepted.

The total cost is \$121,500. This does not include some additional costs that may be incurred but should cover the bulk of the work, including electrical and wall/ceiling repairs after the system is installed. The state will provide a low-interest loan to cover \$104,750, and Stevens will provide interest-free financing to cover the rest.

We will be finished paying off our mortgage in February 2003—just in time for them to start the installation of the sprinkler system in spring of the same year. Therefore we should be able to cover the bulk of the expense without increasing our monthly rent charge to the undergrads.

Even though it appears on paper that the costs should be covered, we do expect that there will be some extras required to do the installation and that some additional modifications, renovations, or repairs might also be necessary. One item that must be done is to remove the hanging beds/lofts. This is a requirement of the sprinkler system design. New (movable) bunk beds will have to be built.

This is our biggest expense to date on our house! Fortunately, the house is in good repair—the result of over 12 years

of intense toil on behalf of the alumni association and the dedication of the undergraduate brotherhood in improving and keeping up the house. Below is a partial list of the projects that have been completed over the years:

- electric upgrade
- boiler replacement and radiator repair
- window replacement
- new wallpaper
- new carpeting (twice!)
- banister repair
- bathroom replacement (second rear and third floor)
- shower replacement (second front)
- moat bridge repair
- shed renovation
- front steps repair
- chimney repointing
- roof hatch replacement
- water heater replacement
- new tile in keg room
- painting of cellar floors
- chapter room curtain and mirror replacement
- chapter room wood floor refinishing
- Cad 5 computer network wiring installed with hub
- exterior soffit cleaning and painting
- iron fence painted
- sidewalk and curb repair
- pool room paneling and trim replaced
- bedroom doors replaced
- landscaping and new railroad ties

There are some long-term projects that will need to be accomplished soon. These include roof replacement, moat wall repair, front steps renovation, kitchen upgrade, and house brick repointing. All of these are big-ticket items and will require a significant amount of time and money to accomplish. Remember that this house is over 80 years old and will need this attention.

We will be starting a capital fund drive to cover these costs. Information will be in the next issue, and a mailing will be sent out. I ask all alumni brothers to consider making a contribution—a *significant* contribution—to this cause. For something so important to all our lives while we were students, it is a worthwhile investment in our future.

Fraternally yours,
Edward S. Giacobbe '82
Alumni President
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Alum Cleans Up Database

An alumnus whose Iota experience meant a great deal to him and who really cares about the chapter has recently helped out the board by doing a very significant amount of work on our database. He discovered that there are 595 alumni for whom we have good addresses. We are still looking for 128 who are “lost.” Fortunately, all of the 1,072 initiates are listed in the register at the house, where our precious records are well kept and secure.

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Ongoing Repairs Keep House Functioning Well

Several issues have been addressed this semester regarding house management and repairs. This semester the house has pulled together to improve the appearance of the house and the internal functioning devices such as electricity and heating. The house was inspected from many different angles and was analyzed thoroughly. Many people gave their input on what they would like to have done or what needs to be done.

This semester we replaced a number of things that had been functioning poorly. For instance, the water heater in the boiler room was replaced earlier this semester and is now fully functional. Many of the house windows were also replaced and repaired. In addition, we are trying to make the bar room completely serviceable. The bar room sink was fixed, and we are working on the leaky refrigerator. The third-floor bathroom has been rebuilt completely and is now fully operational. Repairs have been made to electrical wiring, and all exposed wires have been covered. The banisters have been repaired several times this year; however, they are in poor enough condition that they should be replaced. The front yard is being tended, with new grass and bushes to be planted soon. We also hope to repair the ceilings in the boiler room and commissary closet, which are slowly collapsing. In the near future the walls should receive some type of treatment.

Overall, the house is in decent condition, and we will continue to make improvements to it each semester.

Your news is important!

*Let us know what you're doing—
where you've traveled,
whom you've seen,
how your family is prospering.
Mail your news today
to the address on page three.*

Alum Seeks Help In Preserving Valuable Letter From Archive

I received an e-mail from Ed Pierce '93. He was going through some old PSK files and stumbled across an original letter from Delta Chapter, written to Iota Chapter on March 22, 1899. It reads as follows:

The Iota Chapter
Phi Sigma Kappa
Stevens Institute, Hoboken, NJ

Delta Chapter instructs me to send her greetings and to congratulate your chapter upon its induction into Phi Sigma Kappa (T's).

We hope that in your mutual relations that harmony will prevail which can exist only when there is a community of interests and where the spirit of helpfulness and self-sacrifice reigns supreme. Also that by a wise selection of candidates, Iota will become one of the fairest jewels in the diadem of the fraternity.

The writer, having had contended him the constancies of a supplementary term (at Stevens) has the warmest feeling for everything that pertains to her instructions and the institution at large and a double interest in the welfare of Iota.

Very truly and fraternally,
C R Jones, Delta '94

Ed has investigated the cost of restoration. He has committed \$200 of his own money, and this leaves a balance of \$520 to cover the cost of restoration.

Are there any fellow alumni who can donate a few dollars to this worthy cause? Please let me know ASAP so we can get this project under way!

Fraternally yours,
Edward S. Giacobbe '82, Alumni President
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Alum Cleans Up Database

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Our industrious alumnus took the basic list, which we maintain in conjunction with our service provider, who cross-checked with the Stevens College records. He then laboriously pored over the CD Rom recently published by Stevens. The comparison with the house "initiation register" and the Stevens material then led to distinguishing between graduates and those who initiated but transferred or moved on. Naturally, some of those who were deceased required final Iota

"accounting"; that number totaled 315. Currently we have 27 undergraduates.

This is pretty good accounting for such a fabulous group of brothers. We thank our "Iota data maven" for his effort and know that you will show him your appreciation by continuing to support our excellent undergraduates.

Sincerely for the cause,
Ed Giacobbe '82
Alumni President

Chapter President Reports

Brothers Conclude Busy Year

The Iota Chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa started the academic year 2001-2002 with a total of 32 active brothers. In addition to these, there were four brothers studying at the University of Dundee in Scotland.

As has become the norm during the last couple of years, we spent the fall semester spreading the word about our house and its ideals as part of the semester-long rush process. We held our annual smoker and a number of other events as part of this effort, including a trip to the Comic Strip Live in New York City. We also took advantage of the unusually warm fall weather by holding weekly barbecues, which were open to all of campus.

With the start of the spring semester came pledge night and the wonderful experience of welcoming 12 young men into the Phi Sigma Kappa brotherhood. We have been teaching them the histories, traditions, and rituals of our great fraternity, and we hope that they will learn to love and cherish her cardinal principles and will enjoy the fruits of brotherhood, as have just over a thousand Piskies at Stevens over the course of the last 103 years.

On the social scene, the annual shrimp extravaganza was held again this year. On the last Saturday in February, the basement was covered in sawdust with the various nautical items brought into the house and displayed in all their glory. Although the alumni turnout wasn't as large as it normally is, we were pleased to see a number of new faces.

On the subject of our alumni, I have been in contact with Robert McAuliffe '53, who has been working on updating the database and address list for our chapter in preparation for his class's 50-year reunion next year. He has asked me to

remind everyone to notify the Stevens alumni office and the PSK national headquarters' alumni office of any changes in their addresses or other contact information. This would make his job of completing the database update and sending out notices and invitations, etc., a lot easier. Younger graduates especially need to get this information in, as most of you still have the house listed as your home address. If you would like to contact him, please get in touch with me and I will give you his phone number and/or e-mail address.

The chapter house is in pretty good shape. The third-floor bathroom was completely redone at the start of the semester and is as good as new now. A number of small projects have been done around the house, but we need to start planning and putting aside money for some of the bigger projects that are likely to become serious issues sooner rather than later. Chief among these are the wiring in the house and the moat wall, which continues to give way under the weight of the hill above. Of course before all that we will be installing the newly mandated fire sprinkler system in the house, and that alone will be an enormous project. Most of the details are still up in the air, and we would appreciate input from anyone with knowledge in the field. The planned date of installation is the summer of 2003, and that is approaching rapidly.

Finally, it was with more than a tinge of sadness that we bid adieu to nine brothers who graduated this semester. We wish them well in their future endeavors and look forward to their continued participation in the activities of the house.

Vivek Menezes
Chapter President

Social Calendar Includes Something Old, Something New

In addition to the traditional social events that we hold each year, this spring we enjoyed a few new events. We began the semester with a party with a 1940s theme. Malted beverages, appropriate attire, and retro music made the party one of a kind. We had an excellent turnout, and the party went off without a hitch.

Our annual shrimp party had a spectacular turnout of alumni, friends, and colleagues. Well over 500 guests turned out for a night of dancing, conversing, and, of course, indulging in freshly prepared shrimp cocktail. The entire basement was converted into a virtual beach with eight inches of sawdust covering the floor, iron anchors, chains, signs, and even a piece of a boardwalk to complete the look.

We held another around-the-world party this spring, but this time just for brothers and friends of the house. The idea was to keep it as small as possible to promote brotherhood. Every room in the house was themed to a different country, allowing the brothers to show off their cultures.

The Piskies Punk Show brought live punk-rock bands to the house and Stevens community. The audience had a great time and at one point started up a mild mosh pit. The two bands—Social Hazard and Throk!!—both put on spectacular performances. Social Hazard is a new band from Long Island that plays in various small venues. Throk!! is a band from southern New Jersey that has taken the stage at the Warped Tour. After the bands finished their sets, the DJ stepped on. He played rap, reggae, and techno music to start up the dance floor. The show was an overall success, and you're likely to hear about another show like this next year.

Our social events brought alumni and a large number of students to our house this semester. Our letters were seen across campus, forging a stronger name for our chapter.

Rob Volk

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Iota Alumni Send Their News

Congratulations to Lynn and ED GIACOBBE '82 on the birth of Liana Rose on March 6, 2002! Ed writes, "She is a happy baby and growing fast." Send best wishes to the Giacobbes at 11 Carlisle Rd., Basking Ridge, NJ 07920 (giacobb1@optonline.net).

When we last heard from MARK B. MEISELS '83, he was working for Estee Lauder and living at 20 Marshmallow Dr., Commack, NY 11725. Send e-mail to Mark at mmeisels@yahoo.com.

Employed by Johnson Controls, Inc., RICHARD J. PIOVANO '85 can be

reached at richard.piovano@jci.com or at 31 Lackawanna Blvd., Gillette, NJ 07933.

"I still live in Southern California," writes DAVID CASE '86 (24352 Encorvado Lane, Mission Viejo, CA 92691; dcase@smplsolutions.com). "In the summer of 1998 I started a computer networking and telephone systems consulting and systems integration company with a good friend of mine. It has been a lot of work, but also very rewarding."

CHRISTOPHER L. POLING '92 and his wife, Rosemary, have relocated to the Charleston, South Carolina, area, and

when Chris wrote to us last summer, he and Rosemary were looking forward to the birth of their first child in December. Contact Chris at creeshaw@msn.com or at 4062 Plantation House Rd., Summerville, SC 29485.

A project manager at Landice, Inc., MATTHEW E. PYERS '01 reports a new address of 247 Mountain Rd., Flanders, NJ 07836 (matt@pyers.com).

Stay in touch with FREDERICK E. KUEHN '01 at 43 Farview Dr., Hackensack, NJ 07840 (fkuehn@stevens-tech.edu).

Chapter Eternal

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Burak Bayramli '96
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Frank Dominguez '96
David Wolfe '96
Samuel Salinas '99
Brion T. Kennedy '00

Help Us Find These "Lost" Alumni!

We no longer have good addresses for the alumni whose names appear below. If you can help us locate any of them, please write to us at the address on page three. Thank you!