

THIS IS PHI TAU



ALPHA PHI CHAPTER
PHI KAPPA TAU
UNIVERSITY of AKRON

dedication

"... to encourage YOU as a college freshman in the spirit of fraternal endeavor. "

Three Greek letters . . . They may not mean much to you now; perhaps they seem just about like twenty other Greek letter names you've heard since you came to the University of Akron, but they mean something very special to the men you see listed in this booklet, the men that you will meet at the Phi Tau house during Rush.

We hope that this booklet, the parties you will attend, the bull sessions we will have together, and the good times that we will share, will explain to you in some small measure the rich meaning that these letters have to us . . .

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a letter from the president

One of the basic principles underlying fraternity membership is that of Brotherhood. To a freshman, this seems like a vague notion and it is difficult to put into words. The finest example of Brotherhood which I recall is from a letter addressed to our National President, Roland Maxwell, who is currently serving as President of the National Interfraternity Council. It was read to the delegates at our last national convention. It reads as follows:

"At present I am a Pfc. at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, but I am writing as a brother - Eta Chapter of Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pennsylvania (Class of '56). I have always considered my membership in Phi Kappa Tau to be a privilege and an honor. I have known the deep and lasting bond of fellowship and brotherhood in my own chapter, but I have had occasion to fully realize just what those words mean away from home. I felt that you, as our president, would appreciate hearing about my experience.

"My weekends at home are far and few between because of the distance to be covered in such a short time. But, during the weekend of the snow storm of February, I was returning to Fort Bragg with two of my buddies. My car is not the latest, nor the greatest, model--but, it has to do until I am a citizen again. My record at Fort Bragg is without reproach, and I was desperately trying to get back in time for reveille. To my horror, and utter dismay, my car stalled - and no amount of prodding, pushing or praying would make it budge an inch. I might add that we three were dressed for North Carolina weather - not the northern touch of a snow storm! I was beside myself with worry until a sudden thought came to me. Phi Kappa Tau! I found a telephone booth, and in no time at all I was surrounded by several brothers of the Beta Omicron chapter of the U. of Maryland! God bless them.

"After exhausting research, the brothers found it impossible to coax a sound of life in the old Plymouth. But my time was racing on, and the deadline was fast approaching. I was cold, and sick with worry; not only for myself, but for the two swell fellows I had with me as guests. My brothers came to my rescue with topcoats for us, and with fifty dollars (\$50.00) for train fare to North Carolina. They put my car in their garage and gave us a fine meal, and then saw us off at the station. My two friends were, and still are, quite amazed at such young men who would help a stranger without hesitation.



This is the attitude of Brotherhood which prevails in our fraternity. We have endeavored to make our chapter house the most cordial and hospitable place on campus. We have extended to every student a friendly and cordial welcome which the principles of Phi Kappa Tau require. This same atmosphere of friendliness exists at every Phi Tau chapter throughout the country and it provides the major reason for the success and prestige of our fraternity.

Jerry Glinsek
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Jerry Glinsek is presently a Junior in the Buchtel College of Liberal Arts. Jerry was graduated from Hower Vocational High School in 1957 and pledged Phi Kappa Tau in February of 1959. He was initiated a member in the summer of that year, and in February of 1959 while still a sophomore, he was elected to the highest office in the chapter, one of the youngest men ever to achieve that post. In addition he is President of the Young Democrats Club, member of IFC, Freshman Counselor, and Instructor in Personal Development, and a member of Student Leadership Club.

from our advisors



Dr. H. O.
"Doc" DeGraff

IF YOU JOIN A FRATERNITY:

1. You join for LIFE; not ONLY for the COLLEGE years.
2. You join an ORDER based upon IDEALS; not a CLUB.
3. You make LIFE FRIENDSHIPS; not mere ACQUAINTANCESHIPS.
4. You have the PRIVILEGE to CREATIVELY GIVE; not SELFISHLY GET.
5. You have the OBLIGATION to ACHIEVE SCHOLASTICALLY; not LOAF ACADEMICALLY.
6. You will suffer the STING of CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM; not ENJOY THE WINE OF INSINCERE FLATTERY.
7. You will learn RESPONSIBILITY; not BASK IN AUTHORITY UNEARNED.
8. You will REALIZE you ARE A MAN AND A MEMBER OF A FRATERNITY; A UNIVERSITY; A COMMUNITY; A STATE; A NATION; AND A WORLD; not a PARASITE DEPENDENT UPON THEM.
9. You will RECOGNIZE THAT MORE; not LESS IS EXPECTED OF or FROM YOU.

10. You have a LIFE'S OBLIGATION TO PRACTICE THE IDEALS AND TENENTS OF THE FRATERNITY RITUAL; not FORGET YOUR OATH.
11. You will LEARN TO LIVE WITH MEN AS A MAN; not as a BOY.
12. You will HAVE A WONDERFUL TIME! GOOD LUCK!

"Doc"

H. O. DeGraff
Faculty Co Advisor
Phi Kappa Tau

Dr. Harmon O. DeGraff, Professor Emeritus of Sociology, attended the State University of Iowa where he was a member of Acacia Fraternity and took his Ph. D. at the University of Chicago. "Doc" has been at the University of Akron since 1926 and with Phi Kappa Tau since 1931. During his tenure as advisor he has been a close associate of the brothers. By special dispensation of the National Fraternity, "Doc" was permitted to attend an initiation of the Fraternity at the initiation of Doc Sandefur in 1959. He is now in his thirtieth year with Alpha Phi and we're all proud of his past and present associations with our fraternity.



Dr. R. H. Sandefur

Dear Rushee:

No doubt you have been giving serious thought to the value of joining a fraternity.

We members of Alpha Phi chapter of Phi Kappa Tau have found three main reasons for joining a Greek organization. First, a fraternity stresses scholarship. After all, the reason we are here at the University of Akron is to get a good education. Second, a fraternity develops a sense of responsibility and a spirit of co-operation, important qualities for success in life. Third, a fraternity offers a well balanced social program, which is a part of developing an effective personality.

To get the most out of college, join a fraternity.

We Phi Taus have been pleased to have you visit with us. You are always welcome at our house.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dr. Ray H. Sandefur". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Dr. Ray H. Sandefur
Faculty Co-advisor
Phi Kappa Tau

Dr. Ray H. Sandefur, Head of the Department of Speech at the University of Akron. He attended Emphoria State College in Kansas and took his Ph. D. at the State University of Iowa. He has been with the University of Akron since 1950. In 1959, at the special request of the chapter and the National Fraternity, he was initiated a member of this fraternity and became co-faculty advisor, dividing the many duties of the office with "Doc" DeGraff. Anyone who has been associated with Akron U at all knows what an outstanding member of the University he is. In addition to his other duties as Head of a large department, he is Chairman of the Division of Humanities, Head of the Radio Workshop, Chairman of the Program Committee and of the Town and Gown Series. We're proud to number such a man among our brothers.

social program

Phi Kappa Tau is a social fraternity, and good times, while not the central object of our fraternity, is certainly one of them, as "Doc" Sandefur emphasized in his introductory letter.

The social program is designed to appeal to the variety of tastes found in a large group. Social events range from the most informal to the most formal, from the spontaneous trip to the Shortstop or Luigi's to the Spring Formal which has been planned since the year before, from the get-together after a ball game to a co-ed dessert. We try to include within our social program a wide choice of events. A few of the traditional ones are listed briefly below.

Highlight of the fall season is usually a semi-formal at one of the near-by country clubs.



Annual Spring Luau

Fall events include hay rides, barn dances, house and hall parties, and the traditional Halloween Party with its award for the craziest, and most authentic costume.

The fraternity Christmas Party is a tradition at Phi Tau. Santa "Pop Berry" Claus distributes presents to the girls in the true Yule spirit.

For New Year's Eve all Phi Taus and their dates get together for one of the biggest events of the season to make sure the old year leaves and the new year arrives in proper Phi Tau fashion.

Founder's Day is important in our fraternity. On this date we attend church together, Protestants to Trinity E & R Church, Catholics to St. Bernards, and afterwards the chapter gets together with alumni to pay tribute to the founders of Phi Tau whose vision created the nucleus of a great national fraternity, and to rededicate ourselves to those values that to us mean Phi Tau.

The Fraternity's Dream Girl Formal is the highlight of the spring semester. For this occasion the chapter elects a "Dream Girl" from among the pin mates of the members.

Bar-Room Open House is both a Phi Tau and Akron U tradition. On that day, the house is open to everybody on campus and Mattie Hall, famous local entertainer, leads the whole campus in her repertoire of traditional collegiate songs. This open house has had consistently the largest attendance of any open house on the AU campus.

The spring Hawaiian "Luau" is a big event, with dinner on the ground and traditional Hawaiian food, complete with pineapples and roast pig. Requisite for attendance is Hawaiian costume.

In addition to these traditional events are many other types of events. The fraternity sponsors a party or event of some sort after each University event as well, and these are usually held in the home of one of the brothers, in the fraternity house, or in a hall rented by the fraternity for the occasion. One thing is certain -- there's never a lack of something to do, as a quick glance at our social calendar in the front hall will prove.



Some of the numerous trophies taken by Phi Taus

sports

Phi Tau has been active in every phase of intramural sport on campus. We have entered teams in basketball, baseball, volleyball, swimming, bowling and wrestling.

Paul Misencik, first string tackle on the A. U. football team was this year named to the All Phi Tau team from chapters all over the United States.

Phi Taus took top honors last year in both swimming and wrestling, while the basketball and volleyball teams were runners-up.

traditions

Traditions are an important part of any group but in Phi Tau they are important because many of them originated in the earliest days of the fraternity. In many ways they are links which we have with the men who founded and built Phi Tau into the nationwide institution it is today.

Some of these traditions have already been explained to you, particularly those having to do with the social program. The annual Dream Girl, the Founder's Day Banquet, the Christmas and New Year's Party, and the Spring Luau are a few of the traditional events held each year.



Miss Bar Maid Candidates
at 1960 Bar Room Open House

More important sometimes are the little things, the traditions which may go unnoticed. For example, our prayer before and after meal or meeting, which pre-dates Phi Tau here at Akron U. It was originally a part of the tradition of the former local fraternity which became Phi Kappa Tau, then called Sigma Beta Nu.

Others, such as our having guests at meals, our special pledge-active functions, our annual Best Active and Best Pledge Award, our Scholarship Award to the outstanding graduating senior, are all traditions which have become an integral part of our fraternity. These traditions, great and small, together give our fraternity its own individual personality. We're proud of this Phi Tau tradition.



pledge program



The pledge program at Phi Tau is based on the premise that freshmen in college are men, and they expect to be treated as such. Pledgeship is designed to introduce the pledge to the fraternity and its members, to train him in the traditions of the fraternity, what he may expect of it, and what it expects of him.

Emphasis is placed on improvement in scholastic, social, and spiritual values. Pledges are expected to maintain an academic record which demonstrates their maximum ability; they are expected to conduct themselves as gentlemen at all times, and to practice the rules of courtesy and good manners; they are expected to give enthusiastic support to every undertaking of the group, whether they are an active participant in that activity or not. They are expected to demonstrate standards of ethics of the highest type.

Road trips, paddling, and dangerous stunts are forbidden by the National. Therefore, no Phi Tau, active or pledge, is permitted to strike another, or to make him engage in activities that are dangerous to his health or safety, degrading or insulting to his person, or contrary to his religious faith.

Phi Taus have a unique policy of making the outgoing President of the Fraternity the Pledgemaster of the Fraternity for the next semester, because we feel the President is the one most suited to teach the pledges about the history, traditions, workings and policies of the group.

The pledge class functions as a group within the group. In addition to participating in the Fraternity's functions, they are encouraged to maintain a program of their own. Their organization, under direction of the Pledgemaster, organizes itself on much the same lines as the Resident Council (Active Chapter), giving them training in participation within the group.

Pledge duties consist of periodical assignments about the house, usually not more than three assignments in a week. They are given 48 to 72 hour periods in which each assignment may be done. Additional duties consist of participating to the fullest extent which studies and work schedules allow. Pledges are expected to make a conscientious effort to get to know each individual in the Fraternity.

The Fraternity attempts to emphasize scholarship by requiring pledges to maintain regular study and library schedules. The Fraternity requires a minimum of 2.00 average in both the semester of pledging and the semester of activation.

At the Founder's Day Banquet in March of each year, the Fraternity awards a trophy to the Outstanding Active and the Outstanding Pledge of the Fraternity. Criteria are effective contribution to and participation in the group.

Pledgeship in Phi Tau generally lasts from five to six months depending on the progress of the class.

outstanding actives

BOB AMMON, a graduate of Garfield in 1956, is a Senior in the College of Liberal Arts, majoring in commercial art.

Bob has served the chapter as Social Treasurer, Vice President and President, 1958-1959.

On campus, Bob was delegate to the Interfraternity Council for four years and Vice President of that body for one. He has served as a Freshman counselor and instructor in Personal Development for two years. While still a sophomore he was one of 10 men from Akron U elected to the Akron Jaycees as an associate member. He was Treasurer of the Art Club, Political Party delegate, and Treasurer of our political party.

BILL BACHMAN, College of Ed, Speech Major. Bill is a graduate of Central in 1950, and a Korean Vet. He pledged in 1956. Bill is the only man ever to serve two full terms as President of Alpha Phi Chapter.

In addition he has been President of Interfraternity Council last year, and delegate to IFC for five years. He was a Freshman Counselor and instructor in Personal Development for four years.

Bill has been a member of Pi Kappa Delta, President's Advisory Committee. He has been active in forensic and theatrical activities.

In 1958 Bill received the award as "Outstanding Greek Man." He holds an A-Key, numerous chapter honors and national recognition within the Fraternity, and from the University as well for he holds an "A-Key."

RON CARR, a graduate of Garfield in 1956, is a Senior in the College of Liberal Arts, majoring in Political Science and French.

Ron has served the chapter as Secretary (2 years), Social Chairman (2 years), and numerous other offices and committee chairmanships. He is presently Laural Editor and Scholarship Chairman. He is an outstanding scholar, having a 3.53 overall, with averages in his major and minor of 3.78 and 3.83 respectively.

He has been a four member of the University Band, President of the Political Science Club for 2 years, President of Pi Sigma Alpha for 2 years, and Vice President of Phi Eta Sigma. In addition he has been a delegate to Interfraternity Council for five years and Secretary of that body for 2. In 1958, while still a sophomore, he was one of 10 men elected to the Akron Jaycees as an associate member.

He has been a Freshman Counselor and Instructor for two years, and is currently chairman of the 1961 Mock United Nations Assembly. He is active in the Young Republican Club on campus, has been political writer for the "Buchtelite" for 2 years, and is presently a student assistant in the Political Science Department.

Last spring he was selected the "Outstanding Fraternity Man" of 1960, and is an "A-Key" holder. Other honoraries are Phi Sigma Alpha, Liberal Arts Scholastic Honorary.

RUSS HUNT, a 1959 graduate of Central High, is a distinguished student in Physics and was first among the 10 Top Pledges on campus last year, with an average of 3.65.

PAUL MISENCIK, a 1958 graduate of Cleveland Benedictine High School, is a three-year letterman in varsity football at Akron U. He formerly played on the 1957 Ohio State Champ Benedictine team, and was recently elected by the National Fraternity to the All Phi-Tau Team. Paul is also active in many intramural sports, particularly wrestling, taking the heavyweight class at Akron U in 1960.

GARY TITMAS, a junior from Kenmore, is an outstanding Mechanical Engineering student. However, Gary has had time for other activities. He has been active in intermural sports, winning the 147-pound class in intermural wrestling. He has been active in theater and in the University Band. He is an outstanding percussionist.

BOB LEATHERMAN, is a graduate from Norton, and a transfer from Heidelberg. Bob is presently Vice-President of the Fraternity. He has doubled as the fraternity Social Chairman and served in many other capacities.

Bob has been active on campus as a Freshman Counselor, in IFC, in the Young Republican Club, and in the University Theater, Student Leadership Club, Forensic Union, President of Johnson Club.

Bob attended Kent and is Rush Chairman of the fraternity.

VERN WOLFE, a major in Electrical Engineering, is a 1956 graduate of Buchtel. Vern is an outstanding engineering student but has been active in other fields as well. He is Captain of the Varsity Rifle Team and last year won the Salem International Drag Races.

roster

LA - Liberal Arts

Ed - Education

En - Engineering

BA - Business Administration

G - General

Name	School & Year	College	Year	Major
Ammon, Dick	Garfield '56	Eng	Jr.	Electrical
Ammon, Bob	Garfield '56	BA	Sr.	Commercial Art
Bachman, Bill	Central '50	Ed	Sr.	Speech Ed.
Buster, Bob	Garfield '57	BA		Business
Calderwood, Bob	East '59	Gen	Soph.	Political Science
Carr, Ron	Garfield '56	LA	Sr.	Political Science
Cooper, Bob	Garfield '57	BA	Sr.	Business
Coughlin, Don	Kenmore '59	Gen	Soph.	Business
Cox, Bryan	Kenmore '59	Gen	Soph.	Chemistry
Crislip, Bill	Central '59	Gen	Soph.	Business
Dickason, Lowell	North '58	Gen	Soph.	Chemistry
Dickerhoof, Bruce	Garfield '56	Eng	Sr.	Electrical
Dinkins, Bill	Garfield '58	LA	Jr.	Art
Emerick, Bob	North '58	LA	Jr.	Physics
Engle, Jim	North '58	Eng	Pre-Jr.	Mechanical
Farley, Tom	South '59	Gen	Soph.	Political Science
Freas, Francis	East '58	BA	Jr.	Indust. Mgt.
Gandee, Bob	Norton '53	Ed	Sr.	Physical Ed.
Glinsek, Jerry	Hower Voc '57	LA	Jr.	Political Science
Grove, Marvin	Manchester '55	BA	Jr.	Industrial Mgt.

Hicks, Dave	Garfield	'58	LA	Jr.	Physics
Hunt, Russ	Central	'59	LA	Soph.	Physics
Kamrad, Joe	St. Mary	'58	Gen	Soph.	Chemistry
Kinney, Jim	Buchtel	'56	Gen	Soph.	Math
Krichbaum, Phil	Buchtel	'58	BA	Jr.	Industrial Mgt.
Leatherman, Bob	Norton	'53	Ed	Jr.	English
Madsen, Chris	South	'58	Ed	Jr.	Speech
Malaney, Frank	Wadsworth	'58	Eng	Pre-Jr.	Electrical
May, Dave	Garfield	'58	Ed	Jr.	History
Melling, Bob	North	'56	LA	Sr.	English
Miles, Willie	Barberton	'58	BA	Sr.	Industrial Mgr.
Misencik, Paul	Cleveland	'58	LA	Jr.	Pre-Dent.
	Benedictine				
Preiksa, Paul	Buchtel	'58	Bus	Soph.	Business
Ray, Roy	Northwest	'58	BA	Jr.	Industrial Mgt.
	Canal Fulton				
Renniger, Terry	Barberton	'59	Gen	Soph.	Business
Ryan, John	Hoban	'59	Gen	Jr.	Business
Schleicher, Bob	Kenmore	'56	Eng	Sr.	Civil Eng.
Smith, Doug	Buchtel	'59	Gen	Soph.	Accounting
Terry, Bob	Buchtel	'52	BA	Sr.	Accounting
Titmas, Gary	Kenmore	'58	Eng	Jr.	Mechanical
Vorce, Skip			LA	Sr.	Sociology
Wallick, Bob	Garfield	'59	Gen	Soph.	Chemistry
Weirath, Bill	Hoban	'59	Gen	Soph.	English
Weltzein, Mike	Wadsworth	'57	BA	Sr.	Industrial Mgt.
Wolfe, Vern	Buchtel	'57	Eng	Jr.	Electrical

objectives

1. To relate the formal classroom work of the student to the world about him so that the benefits of the full educational process can be realized.
2. To help the individual in his personal development and self-expression.
3. To teach men to live, work and think with other men toward worth while pursuits which yield both close fellowship and enriching achievements.
4. To teach the graces important to social development.
5. To furnish a laboratory for the practice of self-government.
6. To encourage the development of the spiritual, mental and physical well-being.



statistics

Total chapters	78
Number of men pledged each year	1,500
Number of living members	30,000
Chapter founded February 28, 1906 at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio	
Alpha Phi Chapter started on Akron University Campus in 1938.	