



# ALPHA PHI ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

# The Phi Tauker

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## REUNION TAILGATE PARTY & INAUGURAL GAME

### SAVE THE DATE

#### [Tailgate Reunion Party & Inaugural Game @ Infocision](#)

Tailgate Party at the ΦKT House Saturday September 12, 2009

#### [ΦKT Reverse Raffle](#)

Sat. Oct. 17, 2009  
Barberton Sokol Center

#### [ΦKT Thanksgiving](#)

Wed. Nov. 25, 2009  
ΦKT House, 6pm

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The University of Akron is hopping with excitement and so should you. The inaugural game of the new InfoCision Football Stadium is just around the corner and so is the Phi Tau Reunion Tailgate Party! That's right, if you haven't heard, the Alumni Council is sponsoring a Phi Tau Reunion tailgate party prior to the first game on Sept. 12th. The response has been overwhelming as over 220 alumni, friends and family have registered for the event. YES 220+. Not only does the Phi Tau alumni have the largest block of season ticket holders (62 tickets) but we also have the largest block of tickets for this first game (170 tickets and still counting).

The stadium is nearly ready as construction is rapidly coming to a conclusion. The neighboring student housing will remain under construction for the next year or so but the stadium itself will be complete by Sept 1. Having been on two tours of the stadium, I would say this is one of the best sporting event stadiums I have ever been in. There is not a bad seat in the stadium. Both lower and upper levels on the east and west side feel as though they are on top of the field. The field is a majestic two-tone green highlighted with blue end zones and center logo. The 7 story high press box, located on the west side, towers over not only the field but also provides panoramic view of all the university campus and downtown Akron. Included in the press box are 6th level 16-person suites, 5th level 4-person lodges & club seats and ....



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## Akron Phi Kappa Tau Golf Outing Raises Over \$17,000 For Flying Horse Farms

**FHF founders David and Jenni Belford matched fundraising total, bringing net result over \$34,000!**

The 5th Annual Hole in the Wall Classic Charity Golf Scramble was held Saturday, June 20th at Sable Creek Golf Course in Hartville, OH. The Event was an overwhelming success with 148 golfers (48 alumni) and more than 20 volunteers who came together to raise funds for Flying Horse Farms. After a short rain delay, the skies cleared into a beautiful sunny day and outing participants enjoyed a great day of fun, which included lunch, free range balls, golf and a steak dinner afterwards. In addition, each golfer received a Nike golf shirt and a "goodie bag" full of snacks, golf items, Newman's Own dressing, valuable gift certificates and discount coupons all donated by our sponsors. The day ended with a Silent Auction, where golfers enjoyed bidding on items donated by many local retailers and golf courses.



*80's Alumni-Tessner, Weaver, Smith, Maurer*

Thanks to the generous contributions from more than 70 sponsors and the outing participants, the day's events generated upward of \$17,000 for FHF. Flying Horse Farms camp founders, David and Jenni Belford, matched 100% of the dollars raised to bring the total over \$34,000! Our initial goal was to duplicate the \$12,000 raised last year and .....

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## FOUNDERS DAY CONTINUES TO GROW IN NUMBERS AND PRESTIGE



*70's Alumni with Phil*

A great time was had by all at this year's Founder's Day banquet. Over 50 past, present and future (associate) Phi Tau's gathered at the Quaker Square Hotel in downtown Akron last March. As always, this year's event provided many lasting memories.

Congratulations to both Mike Wyne, who was honored as the Most Active Alumnus and to Phil Ridgeway who was named the 2009 Ray C. Bliss Award recipient.

On behalf of the alumni council, John Maurer ('84) presented Jerry with his original 1959 Phi Tau jacket in a beautiful glass and wooden frame. Jerry was clearly moved by this honor as he gave his acceptance speech.

Known as the "Mad Musical Barber of East Liberty," Phil gave a colorful, yet heartfelt acceptance speech that definitely kept the crowd entertained. Afterward, Phil led everyone in a rowdy, "Hip, hip, hooray!" to commence the Brotherhood song.

As in years past, Founder's Day does not end with the singing of the Brotherhood song at the banquet. Alumni and actives alike went back to the Alpha Phi chapter house for fellowship, games, and reliving of old memories. A good time was had by all. I am looking forward to next year. I hope to see you all there.

*Written by Jim Smith ('88)*



*John Underation*



*Jerry with his latest award*



**PHIL SAYS: "HEY, DON'T MISS NEXT YEARS' FOUNDER'S DAY: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH, 2010!!!"**

QUAKER SQUARE, DOWNTOWN AKRON

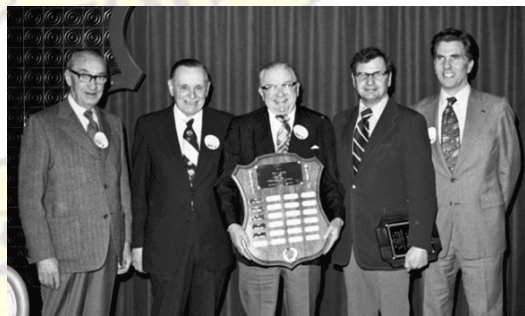
## BLISS AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Alumni Council is now accepting nominations for the Alpha Phi Chapter Ray C. Bliss Outstanding Alumni Award. The RAY C. BLISS Award, established in 1969, honors prestigious Alpha Phi alumni that have demonstrated outstanding achievement and made significant and successful contributions to their communities or nation. More information about the award and last years recipient can be viewed at our website; [http://www.akronphitau.org/bliss\\_history.html](http://www.akronphitau.org/bliss_history.html).

Nominations are being accepted until January 10<sup>th</sup> at which point the nominees will be reviewed by the Ray C. Bliss Award panel. The award panel consists of past Bliss Award recipients, BOG and Alumni Council Officers. The 2009 Recipient will be presented at the 2010 Founder's Day banquet on Saturday, February 27th.

Please submit all nominations by January 10<sup>th</sup> to Butch Momchilov, Ray C. Bliss Committee Chairman, via email or mail. We can assist in contacting the nominee to obtain their credentials; all we need is nominations to initiate.

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Ray C. Bliss Nomination  
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*Byron Larabee, Dr. Carl Krill, Ray C. Bliss, John Ballard, & Bill Ruhlin (left to right)  
The First 5 Ray C. Bliss Outstanding Alumni Award Recipients (photo © 1979 by Bob Pairan)*

# It's a 70's REUNION man!

Friday March 20, the night before Founder's Day, Bob Pairan organized a reunion at Rockne's Pub in Cuyahoga Falls. Over 25 brothers from the 70's attended and couple of younger brothers. Jeff Bowling and Phil Ridgeway dressed in 70's garb. Greatly embellished tales of our past flowed with ease as the evening progressed. The Dale, Two Turtles, The Town House, The beer machine, the juke box, the pinball machine, turtle race, beer relay, bug stuff, Greek week and the Big Apple where all mentioned, with 'Do you remember when?'

It was like stepping into yesterday. The years just melted away. We are brothers now and ever! Until next time we meet In Old Phi Tau.

*Written by Bob Pairan ('74)*



## 2010 FD REUNION - 90's & 00's

This coming 2010 Founders Day will feature a combined reunion of the 90's and 00's. We are postponing the 50's-60's era due to their major reunion this fall at the inaugural game & tailgate. Reunion dinner and drinks will be on Friday, February 26th, the night before Founder's Day. Location will be determined closer to the date based on number of attending, but will be in the Akron vicinity. Reserve the date and make plans to attend! More detail will follow in the winter Phi Tauker edition. R.S.V.P. if interested to:

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## ΦKT REVERSE RAFFLE

Saturday, October 17th 6:00pm

@ Barberton Sokol Club

R.S.V.P. John Underation at

[junderation@sbcglobal.net](mailto:junderation@sbcglobal.net) or (330) 607-2477

Come one, Come all. \$30 / Ticket

**\$1000 Grand Prize**  
**Buffet Dinner and Beer**  
**Also Featuring Sideboards,**  
**Bingo & tons of fun!**

**Doors Open: 6:00 pm**  
**Dinner: 7:00 pm**  
**Raffle: 7:45 pm**

**Sokol Club**  
**888 W. Hopocan Ave**  
**Barberton, OH 44203**

**HITWC GOLF TOURNAMENT****( CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 )**

get the Belford's match again. We weren't very optimistic especially the way things started for us back in Feb/March when we lost a couple of our larger sponsors from years' past. As we got closer things really accelerated due to increased alumni support and we started thinking we could get to \$14k. We were stunned and thrilled when things came to completion and we exceeded \$17,000.

This is the third year the Alumni of the Alpha Phi Chapter have organized and hosted the event to raise funds for Flying Horse Farms. We have raised over \$34,600 in three years of this event (\$5,600, \$12,000, and \$17,000) We have been matched the past two years by the Belford's. If you include the match, Flying Horse Farms has received almost \$64,000 from our golf tournament over the past 3 years.

What makes our event so successful? At first thought I would say our tournament is so successful due to the hard work and effort put forth by our alumni, but if I take a step back and really think about it, I would say the cause is what truly makes our event so special and successful. What the HITWC camps do and who they serve, children fighting life threatening illness, is what makes our tournament such an overwhelming success. Without that, we wouldn't be able to generate the degree of sponsorships and donations from many of the local businesses. The other factor that makes our event so special is the way our alumni have embraced the HITWC especially since the news of the new Ohio camp being formed, Flying Horse Farms. Having a camp built right in our back yard has really generated more support and interest from our alumni.

Although the monetary donation is terrific and obviously the primary goal, we feel that the awareness that we have generated for Flying Horse Farms and the HITWC has been our biggest success. The first year we ran the event, almost every person or businesses we would approach about playing or donating had never heard of the HITWC's. We'd spend 10 minutes trying to explain what a "Hole in the Wall" was. Now, thanks to our efforts, tournament success and participants, the word has definitely gotten out.

Flying Horse Farms is the newest, future Hole In the Wall Camp located in Mt. Gilead, Ohio. After three years of careful planning, design, fundraising and more, the camp broke ground on June 13th. As the Midwest's first HITWC, FHF will open to serve children with serious illness throughout Ohio and surrounding states in the fall of 2010. More information about Flying Horse Farms can be found at [www.flyinghorsefarms.org](http://www.flyinghorsefarms.org). For more information on Akron Phi Kappa Tau and the 5th annual HITWC golf outing photos visit [www.akronphitau.org](http://www.akronphitau.org).

Lastly, I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to all the alumni that helped with this years event or contributed donations. There was a great deal of effort put forth by our alumni in planning, organizing, securing donations and sponsorships, getting participants, setting up, cooking, running the event itself, the silent auction execution and cleaning up. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and I hope you all take great pride in this year's accomplishment.

*Written by Spanky Raymond ('94), Tournament Director*



## LEADERSHIP ACADEMY 2009

This year two active members, Cameron Klempay (left) and Cody Simon (right), attended Leadership Academy. The location of academy was back to our hometown roots in Oxford, Ohio at Miami University. "It was really cool being able to see the history and landmarks first hand of where we were actually founded" said Klempay. "I thought it was awesome to meet all the different brothers from around the nation," remarked Simon.

Now although learning the history and meeting other brothers was fun, they did get down to business on learning how to become better leaders. They went through class after class of learning better ways to improve our chapter such as learning how to recruit more efficiently and how to create a stronger brotherhood.

Throughout the week many different awards were given out to the chapters for achieving certain things. It wasn't until the end of academy, at the Hole in The Wall Camp lunch, that our chapter got to shine in the spotlight. Awards were being handed out to chapters that donated a decent amount of money to the Hole in The Wall Camp's but our chapter donating the most money across the nation got the biggest award of all, The Paul Newman Award! Both Klempay and Simon went up to accept the award and proudly brought it back home where it currently sits on display for everyone to admire.

*Written by Cameron Klempay ('08), Active VPAR*



## PHI KAPPA TAU & HOLE IN THE WALL CAMPS

Paul Newman (Ohio University '43), founded The Hole in the Wall Camps (HITWC) in 1988. He realized that luck can sometimes play a dirty hand to those least deserving... and there are many who can make a major difference to those facing great challenges. The Hole in the Wall Camps were developed to provide children, ages 7 to 17, who battle serious and life threatening illnesses with the opportunity to have a normal summer camp experience. Thousands of children come to camp every year, free of charge, for one week. They forget about their illnesses and simply get a chance to be a kid. In the words of Brother Newman: "Camp is a place where kids can kick back and raise a little hell." The Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity adopted The Hole in the Wall Camps as their national charity in 1995. Since that time, several hundred thousand dollars have been donated to the camps and hundreds of men have volunteered as cabin counselors, activity specialists, unit leaders, and other camp staff.



### **ΦKT 2008-09 Academic Year**

Phi Kappa Tau chapters nationally raised **\$129,404** for HITWC during the 2008-09 academic year

- ★ **The University of Akron ΦKT chapter was the highest donating chapter in the Nation with \$31,139.43 during the 2008-09 academic year, about \$5,000 next closest.**
- ★ 36 chapters donated through the Phi Kappa Tau Foundation this year
- ★ The average gift was \$1,457
- ★ 1 chapter raised more than \$30,000
- ★ 2 chapters raised between than \$20,000 and \$26,500
- ★ 8 chapters raised between \$5,000 and \$8,000
- ★ 13 chapters raised between \$2,000 and \$5,000

## TAILGATE & INAUGURAL GAME ( CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 )

class rooms on levels 2-4 that will be ready for use starting the fall of 2010 and will replace the loss of Memorial Hall which is scheduled for demolition in the following year.

The north end two-story locker rooms, medical facilities and AD offices create a unique elevated end zone concourse and vantage point to view the game. The east and west side concourses feature plenty of concessions on the outward side and bathrooms on inward side of the stadium. The south end features a jumbo-tron perched above the grassed hill side for some of the stadiums general admission seating. Truthfully the only thing wrong with the stadium is the University has decided to make the stadium non-alcohol for the Zips first season of football, with the exception of the suite, club and lodge levels. In summary, the stadium is a magnificent sight so come join us for the Phi Tau Reunion Tailgate Party and the Inaugural Game!



The tailgate party will start at 11 am, followed by the football game at 2 pm and finishes with a continuation of the tailgate party post-victory. Food, beverages, wine, beer, Zips Jell-O Shots and DJ will be provided by the Alumni Council so all you need to do is reply and show. If you don't have tickets, we have that covered as well, as we have reserved up to 200 Reserve seats at a discounted price of \$15 (regularly \$20). Tailgate party is open to Phi Tau's, friends and family. Children are welcome and free of charge for the tailgate but will require tickets for the game since we are in the reserved section of the stadium. We



will have many fun activities such as cornhole, poster making table, gift bags for kids and more. Come join the fun and see some old brothers!!! Details about ordering tickets and tailgate can be found on page 7.



**\*FYI:** We will be tailgating at the house before every home game!

Written by **Spanky Raymond ('94)**, (330) 351-3120 , [sraymond@neo.rr.com](mailto:sraymond@neo.rr.com)

### 2009 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Location	Time (ET)	Media
Sat, Sep 05	at Penn State	at University Park, Pa.	Noon	Big Ten Network
Sat, Sep 12	Morgan State	Akron, Ohio	2:00 p.m.	
Sat, Sep 19	Indiana	Akron, Ohio	3:30 p.m.	ESPNU
Sat, Sep 26	at Central Michigan *	at Mt. Pleasant, MI	4:00 pm	
Sat, Oct 03	OPEN	TBA		
Sat, Oct 10	Ohio (Homecoming) *	Akron, Ohio	6:00 p.m.	
Sat, Oct 17	at Buffalo *	at Buffalo, N.Y.	3:30 p.m.	
Sat, Oct 24	at Syracuse	at Syracuse, N.Y.	TBA	
Sat, Oct 31	at Northern Illinois *	at DeKalb, Ill.	Noon	ESPN Plus/GamePlan
Sat, Nov 07	Kent State *	Akron, Ohio	3:30 p.m.	
Fri, Nov 13	Temple *	Akron, Ohio	8:30 p.m.	ESPNU
Fri, Nov 20	at Bowling Green *	at Bowling Green, OH	5:30 p.m.	ESPNU
Fri, Nov 27	Eastern Michigan *	Akron, Ohio	TBA	ESPNU/ESPN360
Fri, Dec 04	at MAC Championship	at Detroit, Mich.	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2

# InfoCision Stadium Inaugural Game



## TAILGATE PARTY & ZIPS HOME OPENER!

COME JOIN US FOR THE AKRON ZIPS NEW STADIUM UNVEILING

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2:00 PM GAME

REUNION TAILGATE PARTY STARTS AT 11:00 AM @ PHI TAU HOUSE

**\$25 PER PERSON INCLUDES**

**\$20 RESERVED GAME TICKET & TAILGATE FOOD, BEVERAGES, BEER, ZIPS SHOTS & DJ**

**TAILGATE PARTY ONLY: \$10/PERSON IF YOU ALREADY HAVE YOUR GAME TICKET**

**GAME TICKET ONLY: \$15/PERSON IF NOT INTERESTED IN TAILGATE / CHILD PRICE**

**CHILDREN UNDER 14 ARE FREE FOR TAILGATE PARTY BUT REQUIRE TICKET FOR THE GAME.**

**TICKET WILL BE BEST AVAILABLE RESERVED SEATS APPROXIMATELY 45-25 YARD LINE.**

**TICKETS AVAILABILITY IS LIMITED, RSVP IMMEDIATELY!**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

	# Attending	Price /Person	Subtotal
Game Tickets & Tailgate Party		\$25	\$
Tailgate Party Only		\$10	\$
Game Ticket Only		\$15	\$
		Total	\$

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**BE A PART FROM THE START!**

## A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD...

The gentlemen of the active chapter continued to maintain success with a GPA of 3.18 for the spring semester of 2009. Also, I would like to congratulate the young men who recently graduated. I wish them the best of everything and continued success.

The active chapter put many hours into planning for the fall semester and is concentrating on the areas of recruitment and leadership. Two of the younger active brothers, Cody Simon and Cameron Klempay, attended Leadership Academy this July at National Headquarters. I would like to thank all alumni who contributed funds to our convention pool, which allow any individual from the chapter to attend this event for little cost. Thank you! It is very much appreciated. This opportunity will allow the young men of our chapter to learn about leadership and applying it to our chapter.

The Board of Governors hopes everyone had a wonderful and safe summer! We are looking forward to a great fall semester. Hopefully, we will see you for tailgating at the fraternity house before the games. This will be an exciting football season on campus!!

Written by **Jim Pekarek ('00), BOG Chairman**

### Board of Governors

Chairman: Jim Pekarek  
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## AKRON FRATERNAL HOME HOLDING

The status of the house is good and all bills are current. Max Davidson ('84) has recently repaved the entrance into the house parking lot, which was in drastic need of repair for years. Max did a fabulous job and lowered the curb such that the drop is significantly smaller. We recently passed our required bi-annual house inspection for insurance. Due to limited number of Active Members, we are renting rooms to non-brothers this fall to help make ends meet and keep the cost of rent reasonable for the active chapter. Bill Allen and the active chapter have been keeping up on repairs, including busting up the end of the driveway, painting several rooms and cleaning the carpets. We are almost at full capacity with 10 men living in the house. Bill Allen asks if there are any brothers willing to do legal pro bono work, please contact him @ (330) 524-3083.

Written by **Spanky Raymond ('94), Homeholding Treasurer**

### Akron Fraternal Home Holding

President: Bill Allen

Treasurer: Spanky Raymond

Vice President: open



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## ACTIVE CHAPTER CONTINUES TO EXCEL

We are very pleased to be back in school this fall semester. A lot has happened since the end of spring. We ended last spring with a chapter GPA of 3.18 and a total of almost \$3,000 dollars raised for philanthropy. We sent 2 brothers to Leadership Academy this summer, where our chapter received the Paul Newman award for raising the most philanthropy money out of any Phi Tau chapter this past year. So far this semester we have 11 new associate members and we are expecting to increase that number soon. We are planning our annual bowl-a-thon and Thanksgiving dinner later this year. We have made sure to remember our commitment to brotherhood, learning, ethical leadership, and exemplary character. We hope that we can continue to grow as a chapter and make all alumni Proud to say I am Phi Tau.

Written by **Brett Hancock ('06), Active Chapter President**



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## ALUMNI COUNCIL PRESSES ON

I hope this newsletter finds all of you in good spirits. This is a difficult period for a lot of men and women in this country, and finding a way to contribute time and donations to growing the success of our Alumni Council and chapter is often way down on the list of priorities. I need a kick in the butt every now and then myself. But I cannot thank the alumni we have volunteering their time and efforts enough, no matter what the commitment level, to keeping this chapter as successful as it is!

This has been another exciting year, chocked full of great alumni events like Founders Day and The Hole in the Wall Classic, and this fall looks to be just as exciting with the Zips new stadium and the Reverse Raffle later in October.

As I keep stating, we are committed to reconnecting with ALL of our alumni and STAYING connected. It is still a work in progress, and we are always looking for motivated individuals to help us with our mission. We aspire to greatness and expanding the role of the Alumni Council. If interested in contributing in any manner, please contact us. We have many, many great ideas and not enough resources to get them accomplished.

I promise you, you will not want to miss out on any of the exciting things that are happening with our Alumni Council and our outstanding fraternity, PHI KAPPA TAU, now and in the future! Our endeavors are not only rewarding but loads of fun. I am truly excited for what lies ahead, so please join us in our pursuit of becoming one of the best alumni organizations around!

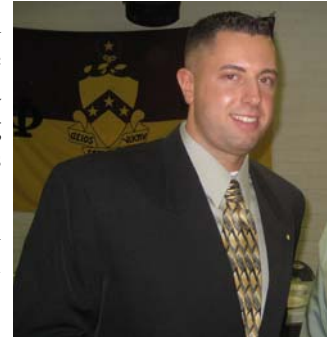
*Written by Mike Wyne ('01), Alumni Council President*

### Alumni Council

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## UPDATE ON THE WEBSITE

In case you haven't had a chance to check out our website, <http://www.akronphitau.org>, take some time to look around at all of the great info we have up there. Bob Pairan put a lot of hours into the development and maintenance of the site. A big thanks goes out to him! All of our newsletters, events, photos, and history are up and ready for you to spend hours enjoying!

The new site development initiated in the spring of 2008 has somewhat stalled. The new site will include everything that Bob has done with the current site but also have several enhancements like discussion boards, secure log ins, calendar of upcoming, user interface, account information, and easier navigation. We desperately need help to get the site launched by early next year. If anyone can give us a hand, please let us know! - *Alumni Council Website Development Committee*

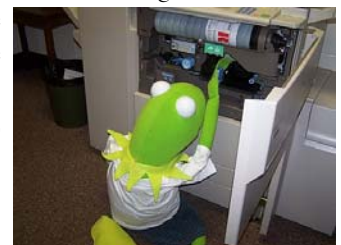
## EXTRA, EXTRA... PRINT PRESS LIMPING ALONG

We apologize for getting this newsletter out later than we wanted too again. Previous publications of our newsletter were divided amongst Alumni Council members, one in particular, and copies were donated. Due to the growth of our newsletters and recent alumni employment changes, we were unable to obtain free copies, hence the delay.

The Alumni Council purchased a used Minolta CF3102 color copier late last year for \$950. We were very pleased with the purchase since the cheapest price we obtained for reproduction of the past newsletter was in excess of \$1100. After replacing an imaging unit to produce the Winter newsletter, we were able to put that publication out. We are once again in a similar situation, as at the onset of printing this publication, two more imaging units went out, hence taking the air out of our balloon once again. Hopefully the copier will remain operational for the foreseeable future and future publications will be more timely.

If there are any alumni out there that know anything about copiers, we still need help installing the drivers and networking it to our computer. Currently we are only able to make copies. Please contact us if you can help us out.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWS

- Saturday September 12, 2009**      ΦKT Reunion Tailgate Party & Zips Inaugural Game @ Infocision Stadium.  
Tailgate Party at ΦKT House starting @ 11 am or earlier.
- Saturday October 17, 2009**      Phi Tau Alumni Reverse Raffle. Barberton Sokol Center hosted by Alumni Council (John Underation)
- Wednesday November 25, 2009**      Thanksgiving Dinner @ ΦKT House hosted by the Active Chapter.
- Friday February 26, 2010**      90's & 00's ΦKT Pre-Founder's Day Reunion Party @ TBA.
- Saturday February 27, 2010**      Founder's Day @ Quaker Square & Post-Event Party @ ΦKT House.

**Jim Pekarek ('00)** is running for the office of Norton City Council Ward 4. The top 2 candidates continue to the general election in November 3, 2009. There are 3 people running for the position. He will be setting up several fundraisers....dates to be determined.

**Jason Robinson ('97)** has started his own company Robinson Thinks, providing a broad range of graphic design communication solutions including Brand Design and Strategies, collateral design, art direction, signage & wayfinding design, and vehicle graphic design among other things. See a vast variety of his work at [www.robinsonthinks.com](http://www.robinsonthinks.com).

**John & Kelly Underation ('92)** proudly announce the birth of their second son, Benjamin James Underation, on September 4, 2009. Congratulations!

## CHAPTER ETERNAL

We apologize for the timeliness of some of these announcements. They were recently brought to our attention. Please notify the Alumni Council immediately regarding any brother's passing so we may send flowers on behalf of the chapter and notify fellow brothers via email. Our prayers are with the following brother's friends and family.

<b>Randolph Richards ('38)</b>	<b>Alfred Atchison ('46)</b>	<b>Douglas Hardesty ('64)</b>
<b>Donald Dilley ('41)</b>	<b>Robert Kolp ('46)</b>	<b>Jon Miller ('69)</b>
<b>Robert Lacey ('43)</b>	<b>William Weirath ('60)</b>	<b>Kathie Schleede ('64 ΑΔΠ) -</b>
<b>Gabrielle Gandee McKeever - daughter of Bob Gandee ('56)</b>		<b>wife of Ron</b>

## LOST BROTHERS, MAJOR PROGRESS MADE

The recent reunion tailgate party has helped us make major headway in tracking down a great number of our lost 50's, 60's, and 70's brothers. Currently we have located and verified contact info for 292 of our 713 alumni, roughly 41%, and have recent leads for another 77 alumni. Not good, as we would obviously like to be at 100%. We need your help! The Alumni Council will be sending out a list of brothers that we have not been able to locate. We would appreciate any contact information or leads on how to locate these brothers that you can provide. We have representatives from a few eras that have stepped up and are willing to provide you with their email address so you can send them any leads. We do need help with the eras before 1970. We hope to start emailing list of lost brothers so you can help us track them down. Here's who to contact:

2000-2009: Mike Rizzo (330) 352-2196 or [mr.michael.rizzo@gmail.com](mailto:mr.michael.rizzo@gmail.com)

1991-1999: Spanky Raymond (330) 351-3120 or [sraymond@neo.rr.com](mailto:sraymond@neo.rr.com)

1981-1990: John Maurer (330) 807-9339 or [john.maurer@ge.com](mailto:john.maurer@ge.com)

1971-1980: Andy Roth (330) 494-5538 or [aroth1@uakron.edu](mailto:aroth1@uakron.edu)  
Bob Pairan (330) 929-4597 or [rpairan@neo.rr.com](mailto:rpairan@neo.rr.com)

1938-1970: Mike Wyne (330) 801-0435 or [pktmike1906@yahoo.com](mailto:pktmike1906@yahoo.com) or  
Spanky Raymond (330) 351-3120 or [sraymond@neo.rr.com](mailto:sraymond@neo.rr.com)

# ALPHA PHI ALUMNI DUES

As was decided at Founder’s Day 2007, alumni dues will be due annually on January 1st. These dues are essential for the Alumni Council to continue to function in keeping alumni informed, performing house improvements, organizing & hosting events, and other endeavors such as the current website development. One of the Councils’ largest ongoing expenses is the publication and mailing of the Phi Tauker. Each quarterly publication of the Phi Tauker newsletter costs over \$250 to distribute in postage alone. Print costs have been minimal to none until recent, but are now quite substantial, see Extra, Extra... article on page 9. We are making concerted efforts to grow our email database to help reduce this cost, but we currently lack valid email addresses for about 60% of our alumni. Alumni dues also assist with house improvements like the retaining walls to the rear steps and the brick patio which went vastly over budget. Beyond the newsletter and house improvement, dues are used to send cards and flowers to family and brothers who enter Chapter Eternal. We hope to reach a point where we can host a couple first class alumni events each year. We want to give you the best experience possible and keep strong our ties. Hopefully you have a better idea of what these dues go towards, and we hope you will be more willing to participate in this plan and the activities to come. Thank you brothers, because it is our esteemed alumni that makes being a Phi Tau such a special honor!

**HELP SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS!**

THE ALPHA PHI CHAPTER ALUMNI COUNCIL



## 2009 ALPHA PHI ALUMNI DUES

**YOUR SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED. PLEASE CUT OFF & RETURN**

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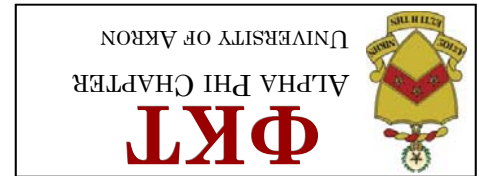
Chris Vovak  
 Alumni Council Treasurer  
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		Total Enclosed		\$

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Questions? Feel Free To Contact Chris Vovak, (330) 701-8020, [chrisvovak@yahoo.com](mailto:chrisvovak@yahoo.com)

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## ATTENTION!!!! THIS IS YOUR LAST NOTICE!!!!

If you would like to continue to receive a hard copy, please let us know, otherwise we will only be sending the Phi Tauker electronically from now on. We will no longer be sending newsletters to those alumni who's contact information has not been verified. The more money we can save on printing and shipping, the more we can put towards events and helping the Alumni Council continue to grow. Thank you for your support!

\*You can contact anyone on the Alumni Council to ensure you will continue to receive a hard copy, page 10.



## THANKSGIVING DINNER

Wednesday, November 25th

6:00pm @ The ΦΚΤ House

R.S.V.P. Cameron Klempay at

[cmk63@uakron.edu](mailto:cmk63@uakron.edu) or (614) 570-2929

Yes, this fabulous yearly tradition is almost here again. If you have never attended this event, it is a truly wonderful experience. Includes a delicious Thanksgiving dinner (as good as grandmas), a post-dinner tradition for all to say what they are grateful for, and a superb after party of camaraderie where young and old bond. Guest and family members are more than welcome for this free Thanksgiving Dinner hosted by the Active Chapter.

If you could please bring something - a pie, dessert, appetizer or bottle of wine has been tradition.