As you all know, Alpha has made it's presence known on the Internet with a web site that rivals that of UMD. With the guidance of Mr. Mike Dean, a continued updating process is going on to better the site and the information it allows us as Alumni to access. Additional ideas and creative additions were talked about at the last meeting...and would like to be implemented...but...

In order to expand the web site, keep up with the newest technology and offer the best communications of any fraternity in the country...we need dollars, ching, coin, green stuff. We have a very small and limited budget within our general fund that can be used for what we need to do. Since our budgets are set, we'd have to take dollars away from somewhere else to supplement the most important part of the Alumni Association...communications. After much discussion the Board and the members at the last meeting came up with a viable solution to our problem.

On the new Dues Request Form you will see a new designation for dues along with the Regular Dues and Scholarship Donations. It is specifically for communications and is titled Communications Donations. With this new category, we will be allowed to use 100% of these donations for the upgrading and development of the web site, e-mail publications, a possible e-mail hosting site for Alphas only and more. A small donation from each of us will really help. Our scholarships are sound from the interest of the working fund...we need this floating donation to be used specifically on communications...Thank You.

Get on the bandwagon...get online!

The Alumni Association Annual Spring Meeting has been set for Saturday March 3, 2001. Please mark your calendars NOW so that you don’t forget. It will again be held on the West Bank campus of the University of Minnesota, in the Carlson School of Business. Rolls and Coffee will be served.

If you haven't attended an Annual Meeting in a long time...or ever...give it a try. It's just one Saturday out of your year and for a good cause. Not only will you be part of the decision making process of the Alumni Association but you get to see your old...I repeat OLD brothers as well. Remember...it’s not for college days alone!
Hello, first of all I must apologize for not being in contact during the end of the fall semester. I know that with the technology there is today that we want to improve our communication between each other. For me, I've been having a really tough time lately juggling everything.

The success of the Fraternity has been a huge goal of mine this year. While at the same time there's been some hardships in my classes and in my family. At the end of the semester I went with my family to the Mayo clinic in Rochester for a little over a week for a major operation my brother had. I'm trying not to let this be an excuse because I know we all have hardships to deal with, but I just felt that you guys deserved to hear that I have not forgotten what has to be done, I'm just a little delayed in letting you know what's been going on.

Now, on with the Fraternity! Well, last semester all three pledges made it through with one of our smoothest pledge periods in the past few years.

We are currently in the middle of Greek Week and are holding a close Race for first as of now. Next week will be our rush week, with our smoker Thursday Feb. 1st and Spaghetti dinner the 4th. We are also finalizing the spring banquet plans and I will send the details to you to maybe send a mass e-mail to those alumni interested in coming. It's looking to be in either Grand Rapids or the Brained area on the weekend of March 24th. That's about it for now, here some final quick notes. Jason Golde just graduated this fall semester and Martin Hedenbergh moved back to Sweden hoping to return in the fall. There will be approximately 4 guys graduating this spring also. If you would still like some recent photos from the active chapter I can see about getting some to you this Spring, alumni meeting maybe. I've been holding on to them to show at rush and other times for the prospectives to see.

If there any questions that I didn't address, please let me know and I will get back to you. If you like, you can forward this to anyone else.

Thanks for your time, and I appreciate any input.

Chris Koncar
Active Chapter
President 2000-01
GOSSIP FROM GREG

As my term winds down I want to say thank you to all the Alumni members who did so much work for the fraternity. With everyone focusing on just a few items we were able to further along our overall goals and accomplish most of what we started out to do.

I have over 2400 photos now scanned and stored in the Alpha Photo History project. I should have it completed by the time the annual meeting gets here. Al has finished the Video Production as well. We will get the orders and produce the final product for shipping shortly after this Spring’s meeting. Have no fear...it will be done and will be worth the wait.

See you all at the meeting!!

New board members...

We are inclosing a ballot with nominees for 4 openings on the Alumni Association Board of Directors. Being on the board is the best way to get involved with the Alumni Association. We are always looking for new “blood” to be on the board, with new ideas and energy. We can’t always contact everyone beforehand to see if there is interest in being involved, but we try. We have left a space for write-in’s too. Please enter your name here if you’d like to participate and let a current board member know if you’d like lobbying to be done on your behalf. We truly want people on the board who WANT to be on the board for obvious reasons.

Please consider a term in your near future!!

ALUMNI JOIN IN LAKE VENTURE

Alpha Alumni Doug Johnson and Jon Van’t Hull have joined together and own a charter boat business on Lake Minnetonka. A Day In The Sun Charters is run out of Excelsior and features private charters 7 days a week. Several Alphas and their wives enjoyed an evening on the boat last fall and all had a great time. Another Alpha function will be planned this fall...watch for it.

Their charter boat is a great way for Alpha Alumni to both support their fellow brothers and capitalize on this unique business to benefit their own businesses. With food and full bar, this is a great way to reward your employees for jobs well done or goals achieved, or to entertain your best customers all at once in a way they will never forget. If you have “family” plans such as reunions, grooms dinners or bachelor parties, birthdays etc., their boat is ideal for up to 47 people.

Call Jon Van’t Hull at 952-906-9077 if you’d like more details or to reserve a date.
As professional business people, we’re being asked to join “business networking groups” all over these days. I’ve participated in a few myself and, despite several small flaws, they seem to work quite well. The purpose of these groups is for members to exchange business leads...actually refer their business associates to other group members with different businesses. The problem with these big, organized groups is that they’re just interested in numbers of leads, not quality leads.

One of our goals for 2001 within the Alumni Association is to begin to set up our own, small Networking Group so that additional business can be passed to our Alumni members. We have a very diverse group of individuals and such a broad expertise base that it could only benefit us all. Be assured of one thing...if you DO NOT fill in the enclosed Career Network Questionnaire your guaranteed that no Alumni will refer business to you.

On that note...here’s what we need you to do. Fill in all the information you possibly can on the questionnaire, and in as descriptive a way as you can explain what your business does. Then, spend a moment or two reflecting on the kind of referrals you’d like to get. Some business’s have a broader base than others so try to be as specific as you can for your particular business. Give examples if you can of business you’ve done work for in the past.

We will then compile the information into a workable format and post this network on our web site for easy access.

We would appreciate it if you’d be prompt in returning this and the dues form so as not to hold up the whole process.
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DUES & DONATIONS REQUEST

Name

Annual Dues:…….($25.00-for General Fund Administration)   $___________

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