Active Chapter Pledges Three

The Active chapter has diligently strived to grow and improve over the past few years. The board of the Alumni chapter has been working more closely with the Actives and is pleased with the results so far. There is plenty left to do and the Actives continue to build on their previous success.

Taking another step forward, the Actives pledged three new members this fall. The new members are Justin Piotrowski, Kevin Roble, and Jesse De St Hubert. Justin is a legacy, the son of Mike Piotrowski.

The board had a chance to meet the pledges at the fall meeting in Duluth. They took a break during H&H to attend the meeting and present their pledge project, interviews with the founders of Alpha Nu Omega. This is a history project the Active and Alumni chapters have been interested in for years. Greg Hinds and Al Michaud will be working with the actives to expand their work for the 50th reunion.

Tom Kreuser, active chapter president, explained their recruiting goals. “Our goal is another 3-5 pledges in the spring semester so next school year we will have no less than 8-10 active members at the start of the year. We want guys that are committed to our fraternity and are willing to put the work in needed. Quality young men are what we are looking for.”

Absolutely.
Providing meaningful scholarship support to Actives who demonstrate the best qualities held by Alpha Nu Omega is at the center of the work of the Alumni Association. As college costs rise, the capacity of the Alumni Association to provide substantial scholarships has not kept pace. We have started to provide larger scholarships and are also exploring an option that may help ensure the legacy of Alpha Nu Omega scholarships is preserved in perpetuity.

The Alumni Association board is considering participation in the University of Minnesota Presidential Scholarship Matching Program. In short, the Alumni Association would transfer some funds to the University of Minnesota as a gift to their endowment. These funds would still be used to provide Alpha Nu Omega scholarships and the Alumni Association would still retain the right to select recipients. In the short-term, these scholarships would also be matched by the University, essentially doubling the amount of scholarship money received by Alpha scholarship recipients.

To be clear, more needs to be learned about this program. This would be a substantial change from how scholarships are currently provided. There appears to be a lot of upside to this program, but there are also some very real questions to be resolved.

The board wants you involved in this discussion and decision. An information session is being scheduled for January or February with a representative from the University. All alumni and actives are encouraged to attend. (We’ll let you know the when and where as soon as we know.) This is an idea worthy of serious consideration and discussion, the board hopes you will join us in learning more.

**BIG CHANGES IN STORE FOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM?**

The Les McKeen golf outing is always a good time and last year’s event at Purple Hawk was no exception. Great (and not so great, Jeff) golf was followed by a nice lunch at the club house, another wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow Alphas.

Based on feedback received this year, a few changes are in the works for 2008. Doug Johnson will be looking at a new location and adding an additional social event.

New for 2008 will be a “Calcutta” in the evening on Saturday, May 31. Drinks and food will be available and to mix things up, a blind pairing of foursomes will be done. Watch future newsletters for more details!
The new Canal Park Lodge has been selected as the host hotel for the 50th. Hotel arrangements have been made and Alpha’s can start making reservations now by calling (218) 279-6000 or toll-free at 1-800-777-8560 and asking for the Alpha Nu Reunion for the dates above.

The committee for the reunion is still forming. Contact Al Michaud to get involved in planning side events (golf, train or boat rides, visits to China Wall, and events for spouses.)

Greg Hinds is working on cataloging historic photographs and expects to have more than 5,000 photographs on a new CD for everyone. See below for more on that project.

Al Michaud is coordinating with the Duluth IMAX theater to put together another video presentation on Alpha Nu Omega.

Watch this space for more updates as the committee firms up plans. If you have ideas for the reunion please contact Al Michaud at almichaud@comcast.net

**SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 24-26, 2009!**

**HISTORIC ALPHA PHOTOGRAPH PROJECT - YOUR HELP NEEDED!**

Once again I am looking for Alpha photos - this time to create a CD and presentation for the 50th reunion. Our photo collection as it stands has surpassed the 3,500 mark and I want to hit a milestone of 5,000 photos for the 50th!

I have already heard from several Alphas that they have old photos and I will be following up to collect those. If you have any Alpha Nu Omega pictures - or if you want to send a recent picture of your family so others can enjoy, please contact me. You can either mail photos/slides/cave drawings to me so I can scan them (I will return all submissions) or you can e-mail me your scanned / digital photos. If your electronic submissions total more than 10MB then send me a CD through the U.S. Mail (my e-mail limit is 10MB).

If you are going to scan photos to send, please use a relatively high resolution and make sure that the longest edge is at least 9 inches. I will touch up any flaws and I will size to match the rest of the collection.

I'm excited to reach our next milestone, but I cannot do this without wide participation, so please spend some time looking through your Alpha photos and get them to me!

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Discussion Items

- Joie Acheson-Lee updated attendees on the development of UMD’s Leadership program. Thirty students are currently enrolled and UMD expects up to 200 will participate when the program is fully developed. To receive a certificate from the two-year program, participants are required to complete at least 20 hours of workshop time and 250 hours in an unpaid internship. There was some discussion of the active chapter requiring all incoming Alpha’s to enroll and complete the program.

- Tom Kreuser (president) gave an active chapter report. (see pages 6 & 8)

- The pledges/new actives presented their pledge project. They surveyed the founders by phone and e-mail. Profiles of the founders will be a part of the newsletter in the future, as well as profiles of alumni and active members. The work done with the founders will form part of a larger history project for the 50th reunion being headed up by Greg Hinds and Al Michaud.

- Scholarships - The importance of promoting the scholarship program in The Statesman, The Bridge, and in other media was discussed as well as making the awarding of the scholarships a more substantial event. Chad Roberts (scholarship chairman) laid out the schedule for applying, interviews (February 16, 2008) and awards (by March 1, 2008). Michael Dean volunteered to serve on the scholarship committee. Ron Nelson also volunteered at a later meeting. Any alumni who wish to volunteer on the scholarship committee should contact Chad Roberts at 651.503.3044 or chad.roberts@co.dakota.mn.us.

- Financials - Checking account was established for 50th reunion, total working funds $4,511.87 and total permanent fund balance as of November 14, 2007 was $62,582.25. Permanent fund is doing well and overall financial position is solid. Greater participation from alumni in paying their dues is necessary to increase scholarship payouts.

- Social - Les McKeen had a lower turnout than normal. Normal cyclical nature of attendance one factor, change in venue away from casino played a role as well.

- Reunion - Host hotel is Canal Park Lodge. Date set as September 24-26, 2009. Financial goal is for reunion to break even, last reunion lost money. A variety of history projects are in the works (see photograph project, page 3) Need more committee members, sub-committees. Bob Devlin, Terry Nelson, and Mike Maceckelbergh volunteered to assist. (More volunteers are needed!!!) Contact chair Al Michaud at: almichaud@comcast.net to get involved.

- Communications - Newsletter needs to get out more frequently. There are challenges in getting submission from various parties. Chad Roberts volunteered to coordinate newsletters for 2008. Future newsletters will feature alumni and active spotlights.

- Other - Customized UMD hockey jerseys are available for alumni and active chapter members. The cost is only $80! Contact Jeff Reiser to order yours - Jeff_Reiser@hotmail.com
**DUES ARE DUE!**

**Contributions, Dues, & Contact Update Form**

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E-mail Jeff Reiser for more details about the Bulldog hockey Jerseys:
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**Contribution Details**

| Dues (Operating Funds, Scholarships) | $30 |
| Scholarship Donation – 2008 only |
| Scholarship Donation – Endowment |
| Technology Fund–Website, History CD |
| UMD Bulldog Hockey Jersey ($80/ea.) |
| Other: |
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**Election of Board Members – Slate of Nominees**

*There are four openings on the Board, please vote for four (4):*

| Ron Nelson, Scholarship Committee (3-year term) |
| Greg Hinds, History Chairman (3-year term) |
| Hans Tronnes, At Large (one-year term) |
| Chad Roberts, Scholarship Chairman (3-year term) |
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New board members are required to continue the good work that has been accomplished in the past few years, scholarships are increasing, the active chapter is growing, and the Alumni are working to build a more active social program, plan the 50th Reunion, support the active chapter, and make substantial increases to scholarships. **The next few years are very important, you can help set the direction of Alpha Nu Omega for the next decade!**

___ Yes, I am interested in serving on the board of directors of the Alpha Nu Omega Alumni Association, please contact me!

___ I want to volunteer for the 50th Reunion committee.

___ I want to volunteer for the photo history project.
Hi, I am Tom Kreuser, the current ANO active chapter president. We have 4 other actives; Chris Perner, Paul McGie, Bruce Regan and Patrick Cashman. We have 3 new guys, Justin Piotrowski, Kevin Roble, and Jesse De St Hubert. Chris and Paul will be graduating in the spring.

**Forming Greater Bonds Between Students:** In the process of working to grow the active chapter and live up to the high standards embodied by the five principles of Alpha Nu Omega, I have learned to rely on the many talents possessed by my brothers as well as fellow students outside the fraternity. This year we have met many new UMD students, as well as students from Lake Superior College and St. Scholastica. As we continue building relationships with students from UMD and beyond, our capacity to achieve things, both great and small, will grow.

**Diversified Social Program:** We hosted a Beach Bash with TKE in the fall (second week of school). It consisted of TKE hosting a volleyball tournament while we (ANO) had a BBQ and supplied the music for the day. We will also be hosting the all Greek Mixer this year. I don’t know the last time one of these occurred but we are glad to contribute to the ongoing success of the Greek community. Three of the five current actives along with one of the pledges are on a men’s bowling team. We have met many interesting men there. One of them being an alumni of Alpha Phi Omega. Does Jay Anderson ring a bell for anyone? Just more people in the community that we are meeting and representing ANO with pride and honor.

**Improve Academic Standards:** Bruce and I are enrolled in the new Leadership Program at UMD. People looking to join ANO will be expected to enroll in the leadership program and contribute to the UMD community. We watch each others backs so if one person in struggling we are there to not let them slip through the cracks. We hold study groups if someone is struggling or find someone who is familiar with the subject so they get extra help to get their grades up.

**Improved Cooperation Among Faculty/Administrative Students:** Through valet parking events last year, this summer and this school year we have become very close with the alumni association. We worked the valet parking for Patty Delano’s 40th wedding anniversary. We have also gotten to know Joie Acheson, who is setting up UMD’s leadership program, fairly well and she has helped us out.

**Community Service:** We understand that we did not get to where we are today or where we want to go tomorrow without help from other people. We went to New Orleans last winter break but our financial outlook makes it unlikely that we will be going back this year. We continue to do valet parking and this is our largest source of funding. I have been volunteering at the Minnesota State Fair haunted house and will continue my work there.
Mike Dean and Nick Schmidt of Alpha serve on the UMD Alumni Board of Directors with Mike recently completing his term as President of the UMD Alumni Association.

Attendance at UMD Alumni events have grown by 400% with Alpha leveraging events like the hockey *Break the Ice* events in Duluth and Minneapolis and the spring Minneapolis Mill City reception as part of our effort to enrich our social calendar.

Having two members of Alpha Nu Omega serve on the alumni board for UMD has been very helpful. There is room for more, and as the active chapter re-builds, increasing the number of Alpha’s engaged with the UMD alumni association will only help.

If you are interested in serving on the UMD alumni association board, please contact Michael Dean at deanm@co.st-louis.mn.us

**Upcoming UMD Alumni Events**

**Break the Ice Alumni Reception**
Saturday, January 19, 2008
5-7 p.m. at the DECC

Alumni reception prior to the UMD Bulldogs vs. Minnesota Gophers men’s hockey game. Cash bar and complimentary appetizers. (*Tickets for game may be sold out, call the Alumni office at 1-866-726-7164.*)

**UMD at Mill City Museum**
Friday, April 18, 2008
5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Mill City Museum

Annual UMD Alumni reception featuring UMD jazz, hors d’oeuvres, and beverages, and the latest UMD news from Chancellor Kathryn Martin.

**Back to the 60s Reunion**
July 31-August 3, 2008

*More information on the Back to the 60s Reunion will soon be posted on the UMD Alumni Association website.*
Recruitment: Our goal is another 3-5 pledges in the spring semester so next school year we will have no less than 8-10 Active members at the start of the school year. We are not looking for mass numbers to join our fraternity. We want guys that are committed to our fraternity and are willing to put the work in needed. Quality young men are what we are looking for.

Major Achievements: We are still on campus. Not that we are still on campus but we are growing again and things are starting to shape up. We still have a lot of work to get this organization back to what it once was but we are ready for the challenges that come along the way.

Still hanging around, but not just hanging around anymore but having people want to come to our parties, people having to be turned away because they want to “party” at the Nu house.

Major Issues: The “frat” boy image we still have to compete with. The typical college student (As well as most other people) has an image in their head of what a “frat” boy acts like. Either from movies or by the way men in other fraternities act. It does make it harder for people to initially get to know us if they know we are in a fraternity prior to talking to us because just like any other stereotype they pass judgment before getting to know the person.