As Alpha Nu Omega Alumni Association's Treasurer, I would like to reflect and share some thoughts about the new year.

Back in 1965 I pledged Alpha as a sophomore under the urging of one Alpha's greatest brothers, Mike Dean. Mike and I share something that we have said over and over again, Alpha was very special when we were actives at UMD and still is today. In my time I have had the great pleasure of knowing older brothers, younger brothers, and whole families of brothers - the Pikes, Steels, Baumgartens, Notos, etc.

We are fortunate to have so many accomplished brothers in our organization, blessed with successful careers, great families, and great friends. Many of us are active in our communities as volunteers and have a wide variety of other interests. At a recent lunch I just discovered that Bob Pike races in competitive giant slalom three times a week during the winter. It is no wonder that Bob still fits in the Alpha Blazer he wore back in 1959 and proudly displays at our five year reunions!

Speaking of reunions, mark your calendar now because in late September this year Alpha celebrates its golden anniversary at UMD. We need you to sign up early for this wonderful event so the Reunion Committee can plan properly and avoid possible financial shortages. I would also suggest reserving early a room at Canal Park Lodge. The Lodge is within walking distance of the DECC and several eating/drinking establishments just off Lake Superior.

What makes a reunion a great time is the people attending. I am so excited about the 50th and sincerely hope that we have a record turn out! Be a part of the 50th - promptly send your check and registration form back to me.

As many of you know, paying for college has gotten even more difficult since we were students. When paying your 2009 dues add something extra for scholarships and help ensure deserving actives receive a meaningful scholarship.

Have a great 2009! If I don't see you before, see you at the 50th!!

John "Squirrel" Erickson
SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE - ENDOWED FUND ESTABLISHED AT UMD

In August 2008 the Alpha Nu Omega Alumni Association established an endowed scholarship fund at UMD. ANOAA’s scholarships will now be matched by UMD, nearly doubling the amount awarded annually. This program replaces the existing scholarship program but uses the same criteria for making awards. From this point forward we will be raising money for this new endowed fund rather than the ANOAA Permanent Fund.

You can still make contributions for Alpha scholarships! ANOAA hopes to raise significant funds throughout 2009 in conjunction with our 50th reunion.

What you need to know:

- Alpha Nu Omega Alumni Association is still in the scholarship business!
- Participating in the Reaching Higher program nearly doubles the amount of funding available for ANOAA scholarships.
- The criteria for making awards haven’t been changed.
- To establish the Alpha Nu Omega Alumni Association Scholarship Fund at UMD the Permanent fund was closed and most of its value was transferred to UMD via a $50,000 contribution by the Alumni Association.
- The first awards from the new scholarship fund will be made at the 50th Reunion.

If you have any questions about the scholarship program please contact Chad Roberts at (651) 503-3044 or at chad.roberts@co.dakota.mn.us.

SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIPS BY SPONSORING A REUNION EVENT!

The Alpha Nu Omega Alumni Association hopes to raise thousands of dollars for the scholarship fund during the reunion year and at the reunion itself. You can of course make a contribution at any time - but the reunion committee also wants to offer brothers the opportunity to promote their businesses and be recognized throughout the reunion. All proceeds from sponsorships will be added to the endowed scholarship fund at UMD.

Sponsorships available include:

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Sponsors will be recognized on the website, newsletters, and in all reunion materials printed once sponsorship is received. Additional opportunities possible, please call Chad Roberts at (651) 503-3044 for more information.
Fifty years of Alpha Nu Omega - it has been quite a ride and this reunion should be the biggest so far. A lot of people are working on making this a truly memorable event but that won’t matter if YOU don’t attend, so read this update and complete your registration TODAY!

I’ll sprinkle in the kudos as we go along, there are plenty to go around. For starters, thank you Al Michaud for getting the ball rolling as the original reunion chair. I also want to thank our co-chairs for the reunion, Mike Dean and Nick Schmidt, they have done a great job getting us this far. Mike and Nick will continue to work out details as needed, John Erickson is heading up a phone calling committee to help get the word out, and Chris Perner is updating the website.

The host hotel for the reunion is the Canal Park Lodge, one of the newest and nicest hotels in Canal Park. They have reserved us a block of rooms at a good price, I encourage you to make your reservations early - Duluth is always busy and good hotels go fast. Make your reservations by calling 218-279-6000 or 800-777-8560 and ask for the Alpha Nu Omega rate. As of this writing reservations can only be made over the phone, we’ll let you know if an online option emerges but we aren’t expecting that will happen.

Festivities start for the locals and early arrivals on Thursday with an informal get-together at the Sports Garden starting at 5:30 in the Armchair Quarterback Lounge. There will be a private cash bar and food is available off the menu. On Friday the Les McKeen Memorial Golf Tournament will be held at one of the many fine local courses. We are planning on a shotgun start around 10 a.m. to allow for Alpha’s driving up from the Twin Cities in the morning. We will announce the location in the spring once the a course has been selected. As always, thank you Doug Johnson for making the arrangements.

We have secured the Ballroom at UMD for an on-campus gathering on Friday night. Campus tours will start at 4:30 and the bar opens at 5:30. Appetizers and drinks are included in your registration. Artifacts and a history slideshow will be presented as we all get re-acquainted, at least until they kick us out at 8:30. Be sure to thank Greg Hinds, he has outdone himself once again and is expanding the historic photo CD to include 5,000 images! (page 6) He is also coordinating with the active chapter to create an artifact display to go with his slideshow. Thanks to Jim Main as well, he is collecting and printing personal histories in book form (page 6). Make plans now or catch on with Alphas from your era at the event as the evening is open for informal Era Parties - go back to your old haunts, do an old-fashioned pub crawl, or visit at a brothers house.

At the leisurely hour of 10 a.m. on Saturday we will convene for the annual meeting in the Rafters of Kirby Student Center. Coffee and rolls will be provided. We will be discussing the recent changes to the scholarship program, plans for the future of the alumni association and active chapter, and more. Following the meeting you have some free time to get lunch, re-connect with other Alphas, and explore Duluth before the main event.

A reunion wouldn’t be a reunion without a cocktail hour - and ours starts at 5 p.m. The buffet sounds fantastic and will be served following a short welcome, invocation, and recognition of the founders at 6 p.m. Following dinner and a short program we will lure everyone outside for the group photo before dancing the rest of the night away to the tunes of Rockabilly Review. Thanks Tim McEvoy for finding the band. Dinner and dancing are included in your registration and I suspect the beer will be covered by someone as well, alas the hard stuff shall require cash.

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50th Reunion At A Glace - September 24-27, 2009

Dates: Thursday, September 24 - Sunday, September 27, 2009

Host Hotel: Canal Park Lodge (218) 279-6000 or 1-800-777-8560
250 Canal Park Drive www.canalparklodge.com
Duluth, MN 55802

Schedule:

Thursday, September 24

**Warm Up Gathering/Check In**, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Casual kick-off to the reunion, cash bar, food available but not included
*Armchair Quarterback Lounge, Grandma's Sports Garden, Canal Park*

Friday, September 25

**Les McKeen Golf Tournament**, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
*Location To be Announced*

**Back to Campus Gathering**, 4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Campus Tours, Alpha History, and Reception (Apps & drinks provided at 5:30 p.m.)
*Ballroom, Kirby Student Center, UMD*

**Era Parties**, 8:30 p.m. - ?
Reconnect with your brothers at these ad hoc gatherings
*Various locations*

Saturday, September 26

**Alpha Nu Omega Alumni Association Meeting**, 10 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.
*Rafters, Kirby Student Center*

**Era Lunches**
*Various locations*

**50th Reunion Alpha Nu Omega Alumni Association Reception**, 5 p.m. - ?
*Horizon Room, Duluth Entertainment & Convention Center*

- 5 p.m. Cocktail Hour
- 6 p.m. Welcome, Invocation & Recognition of Founders
- 6:15 p.m. Dinner
- 6:45 p.m. Program
- 7:15 p.m. Reunion Photograph
- 7:30 p.m. Dance, music by Rockabilly Review

Sunday, September 27

**Brunch**, 10 a.m.
Casual, food on your own or just enjoy the company!
*Midi Restaurant, Fitgers Complex (www.midirestaurant.net)*

Registration: Early Bird - $120/single, $200/couple if post-marked by April 24, 2009
Standard - $120/single, $220/couple if after April 24, 2009
To simplify bookkeeping for the reunion, please send a separate check for your annual dues. You can mail both to checks and both forms to John Erickson in the same envelope. Thank you in advance!

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Contribution/Registration Details

Reunion Reg. - Early Bird (by April 24), Single $120, Couple $200

Reunion Reg. - Standard (After April 24), Single $120, Couple $220

Sponsor Contribution

Alpha’s have the option to sponsor an event during the reunion. Proceeds from sponsorships will be added to the Alpha Nu Omega Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship Fund. Help us build the scholarship fund this year! See page 2 for details or call Chad Roberts at (651) 503-3044 to learn more.

Please make checks payable to: ANOAA—Reunion

Mail Payment and this form to: John Erickson, Treasurer
920 Felti Court, #212
Hopkins, MN 55343
## DUES REQUEST

If you are also registering for the reunion **please also include your name here** but you don’t need to complete the rest of the contact information. (But please complete all the fields on the reunion form!)

We ask that you send a separate check for the reunion and for dues/contributions to simplify bookkeeping for the reunion. Thank you!

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Mail Payment and this form to: John Erickson, Treasurer  
920 Felti Court, #212  
Hopkins, MN 55343

_E-mail Jeff Reiser for more details about the Bulldog hockey Jerseys: Jeff_Reiser@hotmail.com_
LAST CALL 4 PHOTOGRAPHS!

HISTORIC ALPHA PHOTOGRAPH PROJECT - YOUR HELP NEEDED!

5,000 photographs of Alphas in action from 50 great years - it is all coming together right now! While I have heard from some of you, I know there are more out there that have photographs that should be included. **We are running short on time, I will need your submissions soon to be able to include them!**

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'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!

Greg Hinds - ANOOA History Committee Chair ghindsdog@hotmail.com
6232 Yucca LN
Maple Grove, MN 55311

SEND YOUR PERSONAL HISTORY INFO TODAY!

As part of our 50th Anniversary Reunion activities, your Alumni Association is in the process of planning many events and activities. One of those will be a Personal History booklet containing information on our nearly 400 alumni. We are ready to start collecting your information, please help us keep the process manageable by submitting yours electronically either in the body of an e-mail or in a word processed document attachment.

We are seeking information about you since you left UMD. Jobs, careers, family, military, personal news, memories, interests, and anything else you might like to share. Please contact me with any questions.

Jim Main, History Book Chairman jimmain@comcast.net
14983 Elaina Lane (503) 793-8499
Portland, OR 97229

50TH REUNION (CONTINUED)

Sunday Brunch will start around 10 a.m. at Midi restaurant in the Fitgers complex. We will have a fantastic view of the lake, excellent food, and a little hair of the dog for those who need it. Expect to spend about $25.

**This might be our last reunion and 50 years is quite a milestone regardless, I hope to see you all in Duluth this fall!**

Chad Roberts, President-Elect chad.roberts@co.dakota.mn.us
Lawshe Memorial Museum (651) 503-3044
130 Third Avenue North
South St. Paul, MN 55075
Jeffrey O. Knutson  BB 73, Class of 1973

Jeffrey "Coach" Owen Knutson, age 57 Of Duluth Was called home to his Savior and Lord at St. Luke's Hospital Saturday, September 6, 2008. Jeff was born on January 4, 1951 in Duluth, graduated from Duluth East High School in 1969, UMD in 1973, and went on to receive a Masters at the University of Washington-Seattle and a JD from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul.

He was a member of First Lutheran Church of Duluth, and enjoyed reading, football, and baseball. Jeff is survived by his wife; his children, Kristian (Angharad) of Madison, Wis., and Erik, Anders (Carley), and Carsten of Duluth; his sister, Joan Sandy of Duluth; brother, Warren (Barbara) of Burnet, Tex.; brother, Greg of Duluth; and several nieces, nephews, and friends.

Alan R. Holmes  BB 186, Class of 1978

Allen Robert Holmes, age 52 of Virginia died suddenly Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2008. He was born April 10, 1956 in Virginia, graduated in 1974 from Virginia High School and attended UMD.

Al was a member of Gethsemane Evangelical Lutheran Church in Virginia. He loved sports, was an avid golfer, and volunteered at the Virginia Regional Medical Center.

Al is survived by his mother, Marian Holmes of Virginia; his children, Katie Grace (Ned) Halling of Kalispell, Mont., Ian Holmes & Odin Holmes of Minneapolis; siblings, Candy Furo and Cassy Holmes of Duluth, Connie Christenson & Tom Holmes of Virginia; nieces and nephews, Erin & Todd Furo, Cassy (Doug) Schauwitzer, Brian (Christa) Christenson, Brent, Kim, & Scott Christenson, Andrea & Alyssa Landstrom, Jamie & Heather Holmes, and a host of friends.

Steven L. Lepley  BB 188, Class of 1980

Steve Lepley, 50, formerly of Prescott, Wis., died Nov. 30, in Minneapolis, where he had been a resident since 1987. Steve was born in Fon Du Lac, Wis., on June 29, 1958.

He graduated from Prescott High School as Valedictorian in 1976 and then graduated from the University of Minnesota Duluth in 1980.

Throughout his life, Steve enjoyed music, spending time with family and friends and traveling to California, especially the wine country, and Florida, specifically Key West and Sarasota, where his parents retired.

Surviving Steve are his partner, Timothy Jon Berg, who currently resides in Minneapolis; and his sister, Lisa Lepley, who currently resides in Naperville, Ill.
The Back to the Sixties Rocking Reunion was a blast. Quite a few Alphas from the 60’s attended. All Alphas from the sixties challenge our more youthful brothers to keep up with us September 24-27 2009 at the biggest reunion in the history of Alpha Nu Omega.

The back to the 60' reunion featured a cocktail reception on the terrace of the Glensheen mansion, a music showcase at the UMD Weber music Hall, a rock dance under the stars, open houses and tours and mini events. Pictures are available at www.d.umn.edu/alumni/

Come see the Bulldogs and Gophers at Break the Ice in the Twin Cities, Saturday, February 28. Alumni reception will be held prior to the Bulldogs vs. Gophers men’s hockey game on the U of M campus. Alumni and friends are welcome to join us from 5:00 – 6:30pm in the A.L. Johnson Great Room in the McNamara Alumni Center at 200 Oak Street in Minneapolis for complementary appetizers and a cash bar. Sorry, no game tickets are available through the alumni office but we invite you to stay after the party and cheer on the Dogs while watching the game on the big screen TV. Please call 866-726-7164 or email alumni@d.umn.edu