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Fall '17 Newsletter

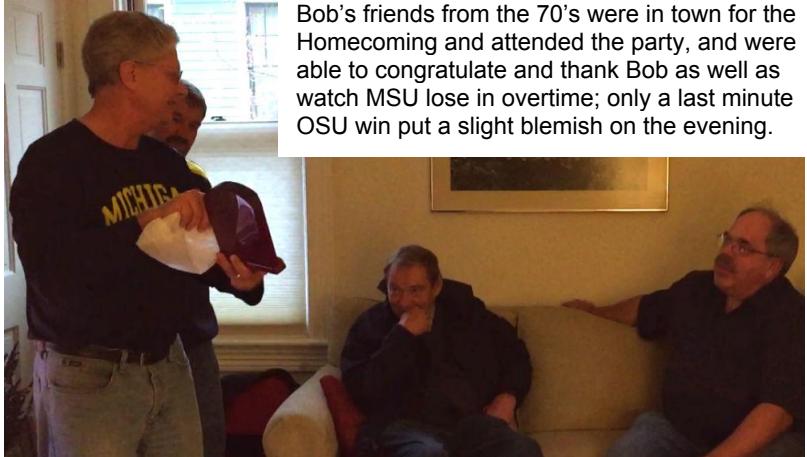
A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT - MATTHEW HERRING '10

Game is on for Growth! This past spring, we kicked-off a bold strategic plan to grow our alumni organization. The vision was to put a focus on the future and find various ways to build engagement, communication and support. Our Board has been hard at work setting the foundation for these growth initiatives and working toward meeting the goals we've set for the year. As a result of the hard work from this team, we've seen continued growth in dues, house visits, various tailgates and communications from alumni who what to know more and get involved. I'd like to ask you to join us! It's easy to get started either email president@alpha-tau.org or join us on our monthly call. The information is on page 2. Fraternally, Matt

THANKS BOB FOR ALL YOUR YEARS!

Bob Klaffke was recognized by his AT brothers on Homecoming for his four decades of service to the chapter. At a post-game party at the home of Chi Phi Orest Mykelenko and ZTA Nancy Niemela, Dan Clauw presented Bob with a plaque engraved "Robert Klaffke, With appreciation for your four decades of service to AT, From your Chi Phi brothers". He was also given a wooden box engraved with the Chi Phi logo. It was noted in jest that in the old days this might have served as a stash box, but at present is likely to be used for all of the pill bottles we need as we get older. Dan also referred to Bob as a "mensch". Fortunately Michael Silverstein was there and ensured Bob that this was a sincere compliment, as mensch is a Yiddish word meaning a person of the integrity and dependability.

The evening was nearly perfect as many of Bob's friends from the 70's were in town for the Homecoming and attended the party, and were able to congratulate and thank Bob as well as watch MSU lose in overtime; only a last minute OSU win put a slight blemish on the evening.



HOMECOMING 2017 - A MICHIGAN BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



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A MESSAGE FROM THE ALPHA - RYAN SMITH '19

To all alumni,

With us now two months into the new academic year, Alpha-Tau has continued to make great strides in the right direction. After instituting new house meeting attendance requirements and reconstructing our judicial board last semester, it is safe to say that these expectations are here to stay. Every active has embraced this more responsible culture, resulting in a chapter that is making major impacts in the Michigan community. So far, our semester has been focused on philanthropy, with dozens of members participating in K-Grams, a program where actives have the opportunity to be pen pals with inner-city children. Furthermore, our philanthropy chairs have begun to prepare for a mental health awareness event that we plan on hosting next semester.

Beyond philanthropy, the chapter has been adjusting to having a new housing association: CORE. I speak for everyone in saying that we are thankful for the switch, as the house has been cleaner, safer, and more organized than in past years. Jeff Velis has been integral in this transition as well.

In order to maintain this positive culture, it is necessary to have a strong new member class. We currently have a pledge class of 23 (it was 24, but one chose to drop for personal reasons). After almost a month of them being around the house, it is clear that we picked a great group of kids that will undoubtedly make valuable contributions to the chapter in the near future.



Hometown: Chicago

Class: Junior

Major: Double

- Major Economics,
- Sport Management

Also, as I am sure most of you are aware, homecoming was this past weekend (October 28th). Over this period, we were fortunate enough to have a great deal of alumni visit the house. I personally spoke with a handful of families, and it is evident that everyone enjoyed the event. Being able to come back, reminisce, and visit your fraternity house is a feeling unlike any other. You all are always welcome to visit, whether for homecoming or any other game day.

Lastly, I just want to thank all of you for your continued support. Without your help, Alpha-Tau would not be nearly as successful as it is today. We are continuing to make great progress, and your guidance has allowed us to make a difference. We are here to stay.

Sincerely,
Ryan Smith (Alpha)



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UMICH GREEK LIFE UPDATE

Dear Alumni and Advisors,

By now many of you have probably seen the news about the strong steps that IFC has taken in self-governance to be able to focus on the health and safety of our students.

IFC issued the following statement regarding their decision.

As an Interfraternity Council community, we believe in holding our members to a high standard at the University of Michigan. It has come to our attention that some members of the Interfraternity Council community have not been living up to these standards.

In the interim, we are suspending all social activities and new member education programs. We will be working with our national organization partners to ensure that our programs are in alignment with our policies and values.

We believe that social events are a privilege, and we, as a community, have not earned this privilege at this time. We will immediately begin the process of assessing our policies and practices and developing a formal plan going forward.

The IFC Executive Board proposed this plan of action to the IFC chapter presidents tonight, who voted to implement the plan so that we can take proactive steps through self-governance to improve our community.

We are taking time to focus on the health and safety of our members and our community, and we are committed to working with the university, our peers, alumni, and national partners to do so.

We are extremely proud of the bold steps that our students are taking as leaders in the community to be able to address these complex issues. We are collaborating with the local chapters, international headquarters, and the NIC to be able to support chapters throughout this process. IFC sent out steps that chapters need to take to properly complete their new member processes in coordination with national policies. If you have any additional questions about supporting your chapter, please let us know.

Sincerely,
Chris DeEulis, Interfraternity Council Advisor
Assistant Director, Office of Greek Life, University of Michigan

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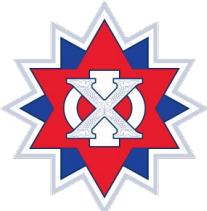
**More Homecoming Pics Available Online
Alpha-Tau.org/gallery**



WELCOME FALL 2017 NEW MEMBERS



Brian Kraska, Madison, NJ; Nick Bolino, Winnetka, IL; Oliver Wilson, London, England; Matt Sutton, Elmhurst, IL; Ryan Borchardt, Santa Barbara, California; Max Czyzcyki, Elmhurst, IL; Ben Piccard, Livonia, MI; Asher Smith, Royal Oak, MI; Darren Bogart, Rockville, MD; Gianluca Vassalli, Honolulu, HI; Ryan Hopkins, Friendswood, TX; Trevor Stratz, San Jose, CA; Michael Uglietta, East Grand Rapids, MI; Brady Diller, Grand Rapids, MI; Jason Meisel, Boca Raton, FL; Will Quarn, Potomac, MD; Zack Israelit, San Francisco, CA; Jay Gray, Detroit, MI; Michael Moynihan, Bronxville, NY; Ben Loos, Grand Rapids, MI; Jordan Roberts, Ann Arbor, MI; Ian Kennedy, Detroit, MI; Brendan Schuler (not all pictured above)



DO YOU HAVE A COMPOSITE HIDING IN STORAGE?

We're still missing many years in the Composite Gallery. Can you scan and upload an image? We really want this website to be an archive of our brotherhood. Your participation can ensure this dream is realized. Alpha-Tau.org/Gallery.



WE'RE ONLY A PHONE CALL AWAY

Join us via phone the second Tuesday of the month at 6pm Eastern for the ATCHA Monthly Board Meeting.
Details can be found at Alpha-Tau.org/Meetings

