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### The Sword & Shield

Believed to have been founded in 1930, the *Sword & Shield* newsletter is published bi-annually by the Michigan Alpha Chapter of Phi Delta Theta at the University of Michigan for its alumni members and friends. This newsletter affords a means of informing each alumnus of the chapter about the affairs of the Michigan Alpha active chapter membership and the Michigan Alpha Alumni Association while keeping alumni connected with one another. Printing and mailing of the *Sword & Shield* is paid for by the Alumni Association with money from the Annual Fund. This is your newsletter, so you are encouraged to contribute articles and information that can be shared with your fellow brothers.

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### **A Fraternity for Life**

We have an opportunity, as we grow as brothers, to learn much from the Phi Delta Theta experience. Truly for me, Phi Delt has been an important part of my life. When I joined Michigan Alpha more than 30 years ago, I gained the opportunity to follow in the steps of a great man, my father, **John Buck '54**. I also learned that there were many other distinguished Phis, both in this chapter and across the nation, that provided paths worthy of following.

I had my chance to become one of the caretakers of the fraternity while attending U of M as a student. As an alum, I decided to embrace Phi Delta Theta's principle that this is a fraternity for life. It is a pleasure to serve as President of the Alumni Association and have the opportunity to advance a worthwhile legacy for those who will follow.

It has been especially rewarding for me to transmit the fraternity to another great man, my son, **Jon Buck '08**, and all the other great men who are here in this room as active members of Michigan Alpha.

### **A New Generation of Michigan Alpha Men Saved the Fraternity**

About a decade ago, there was a serious risk that we would not be here tonight. That risk was caused by Michigan Alpha active members in the late-1990's who took the fraternity down a slippery slope that diverged from our core values.

Unfortunately, it became necessary to end Michigan Alpha's 111 years of continuous operations in the fall of 1998, following a number of major violations of the Phi Delta Theta General Headquarter's (GHQ) policies prohibiting alcohol in the chapter house.

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Thankfully, during the fall of 2003, a new generation of Michigan Alpha men stepped up to the daunting task of restoring the chapter despite the naysayers and risks. Most of the seniors here today were among the Third Founding Fathers who recolonized the chapter.

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The Alumni Association understands the enormous challenges you've faced and the sacrifices you made. We are very proud of your accomplishments.

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### **Strive to be the Leaders and the Best**

Michigan Alpha offers opportunities to socialize in a responsible manner, participate in competitive intramural team sports, learn leadership skills through management of the chapter and develop friendships that can last a lifetime. We own one of the most historic, and best maintained, chapter houses on campus.

Based on my conversations with alumni leaders of other fraternities and the U of M Office of Greek Life officials, I think it is accurate to say that Michigan Alpha provides the most well-rounded fraternity experience on campus.

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Michigan Alpha is a source of immense pride for me and more than 1,000 fellow living alums. Tonight, let us recommit to a pledge similar to the one we gave that day our association with Phi Delta Theta began.

Whether an alum or an active member, let us work together to strive to transmit the fraternity to those who follow after, not less, but greater than, it was transmitted to us.

Thank you all for the chance to share my heartfelt feelings about our great fraternity.

**\* (In order to read the JT's full speech, please view our web site at [www.pdtma.com](http://www.pdtma.com))**

## The Michigan Alpha Heritage Project

### Help Us to Preserve the Chapter's Rich History



Michigan Alpha has one of the most distinguished and longest histories of any fraternity on campus. Learning about the history of our notable house and the famous members is a key part of the active chapter's commitment to maintaining a sense of continuity in the fraternity and respect for tradition.

The Alumni Association has initiated the "**Michigan Alpha Heritage Project**" to better document, preserve and understand the history of the chapter.

During the pledge education program each semester, the next generation of Phi is taught about our historic house, chapter milestones and famous alums. The active members take great pride in knowing that they are following in the footsteps of men like brothers **Tom Harmon '41** and **Bob Ufer '43**, who are part of U of M lore.

While we have information about many of our most illustrious alums, the Alumni Association would like to collect photos, recollections and old Sword & Shields that tell the broader story about the history of the chapter.

Earlier this year, the Alumni Association contacted a number of alums with the longest membership in Michigan Alpha to see if they would be willing to share their memories.

We are pleased to report that **Martin Newcomer '38**, **Robert Cooper '38** and **Ted Spangler '40** favorably answered our appeal. They have provided us with fascinating pictures and recollections that give us new insight on fraternity life and the condition of the house in the late 1930's.

Now we are asking for your help with the project.

If you have stories, photos, Sword & Shields or memorabilia that would help to tell the story of Michigan Alpha's history, we ask that you send this information to the Secretary of the Alumni Association, **Greg Karmazin '87**, at 26110 Harbour Pointe Drive S., Harrison Township, MI 48045.

He can also be reached by e-mail at [gkarm@aol.com](mailto:gkarm@aol.com). Greg will copy and return all materials that he is provided (if you want items returned).

## Martin Newcomer '38

### Remembers Campus and Fraternity Life in the 1930s

*The following is an excerpt of brother Newcomer's recollections submitted for the Michigan Alpha Heritage Project. His entire submission can be viewed on our web site at [www.pdtma.com](http://www.pdtma.com).*



I entered the University of Michigan in 1931...There were no men's dorms to provide room and board in those days, so joining a fraternity was a comfortable alternative to a rooming house and eatery.

Phi Delt provided excellent dining, with steak served every Wednesday night. Room and board then was \$75 a month, and tuition was \$125 a semester in the Engine School.

A very strict auto ban was in effect with absolutely no use of a car except to carry out the duties of one's employment...One lucky Phi Delt was Phil Garvey, a graduate student from Michigan State, who was allowed to drive. Many times his two-door car would disgorge 6 or 7 passengers.

Following my sophomore year, I took two years off due to the Great Depression. I returned in 1935...The house had a housemother, Mrs. Loranger, and then Mrs. Mott, plus the houseman, Oliver, and the cook, Red.

Activities were tuned to sports. Sports figures achieving success were football stars: Tom Harmon, Whitey Wistert, Cece Cantrell and John Smithers. Ed Wilson starred as a wrestler, Al Saunders was captain of the golf team, Paul Keeler was a swimmer and E. Reed Low played hockey.

Reed Low was the instigator of the annual Mud Bowl game with the SAE house. This was a natural for Low, since he had always been a self-starter.

I have many happy memories of the fraternity.

Yours in the Bond,  
**Martin Newcomer '38**



## Michigan Alpha Pledge Class for Spring 2008



**Jack Allweil** - Linwood, MI

**Josh "Dieter" Crites** - Okemos, MI

**Louis Gonzales** - West Orange, NJ

**Jason Krane** - Davie, FL

**David Nanry** - Beverly Hills, MI

**John Robinson** - Bloomfield Hills, MI

He earned silver (2005) and bronze (2004) medals in the giant slalom at the National Championships. After overcoming a serious injury, he placed 3rd in the slalom at the 2007 Championship Weekend and placed among the top skiers in two other events.

Brant said, "Earning the opportunity to represent the U of M on the slopes was a great honor. I dreamed about competing for the Wolverines since I was in grade school. It was a thrill to compete and win for the Maize and Blue."

During his three years as an active member of Michigan Alpha, Brant held numerous leadership positions in the fraternity including Secretary, Rush Chairman, Awards Chairman, National Convention Representative and ALS Walk Chairman.

Brant said, "I've had some of my best collegiate experiences and memories as a member of Phi Delta Theta. Phi Delt has been an integral part of my development into the person I am today."

"The leadership opportunities and friendships I've developed through Michigan Alpha will stay with me throughout my life. I'm truly proud to be a Phi."

We wish Brant best of luck on his future, and thank him for his many fine contributions to the chapter.

### Actives Raise \$10,000+ to Fight Lou Gehrig's Disease *Special Thanks for Alumni Support*

Michigan Alpha active members held their annual "Walk & Roll" philanthropy fundraiser for ALS (commonly known as "Lou Gehrig's Disease") on March 15, 2008. Including alumni support, the actives raised more than \$10,000. We thank the twenty-two alums who individually contributed a total of \$1,580 to ALS in conjunction with this event.

We also extend a special thanks to **Derek Stevens '89** for his company foundation's \$5,000 donation to ALS. Our appreciation is also expressed to **Drew Dondero '89** for his role in facilitating this outstanding contribution.

In addition to the Michigan Alpha actives, members of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, U of M students and residents of Ann Arbor participated in the "Walk and Roll" which was held at the Sports Coliseum on campus.

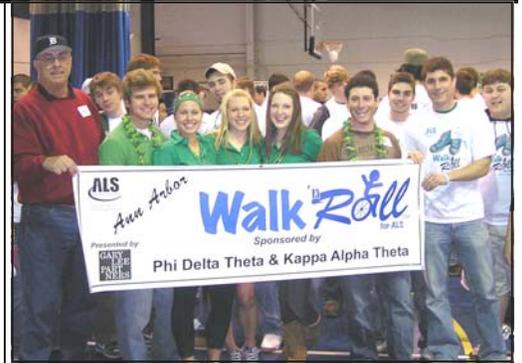
## Graduating Senior Spotlight: Ronnie Brant '08 *Athlete, Leader and Scholar*



Michigan Alpha has a long heritage of attracting student-athletes, and graduating senior **Ronnie Brant '08** fit right in.

As a four-year member of the U of M Alpine Ski Team, Brant achieved outstanding accomplishments in the classroom and fraternity, as well as on the ski slopes.

A Kinesiology major from West Bloomfield, Michigan, Brant graduated in spring of 2008 and is pursuing a career in sports management.



### Former Detroit Tiger Tom Timmerman joins Phi and Thetas at the event

ALS is a major national philanthropic focus of Phi Delta Theta. The disease claimed the life of Brother **Lou Gehrig** (Columbia University '25) and currently afflicts as many as 30,000 Americans. In Michigan, it is estimated that there are more than 1,000 people with ALS, and about 200 who are newly diagnosed on an annual basis.

ALS of Michigan Director Susan Burstein-Kahn said, "We greatly appreciate the hard work of the Michigan Phi Deltas to raise much needed money to fight this disease. All the funds will be used to support the mission of ALS of Michigan."

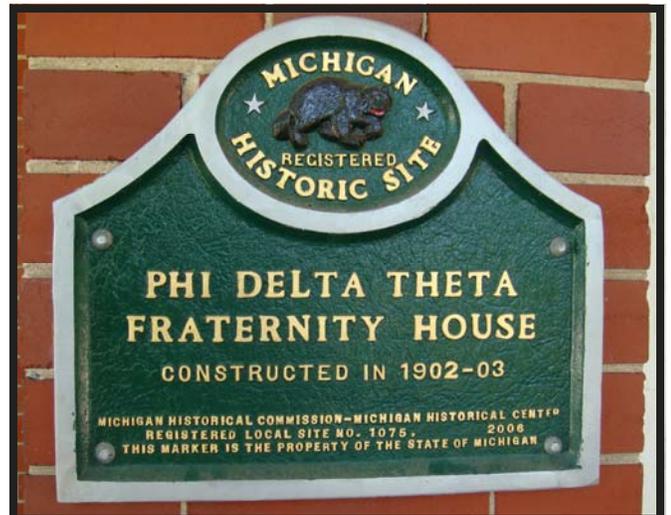
This event marked the third year that Michigan Alpha has raised funds to benefit ALS. All combined, the three "Walk & Roll" events have raised a total of more than \$35,000.

### ALS Walk & Roll 2008 Michigan Alpha Alumni Donors

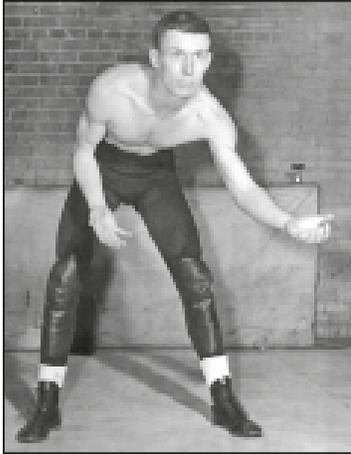
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Bliss Bowman '46  
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Dr. Jon B. McLain, '77  
John L. Kraus '79  
Joe Kraus '81  
Michael S. M. Buck '83  
Greg Karmazin '87

# The Old "Red Brick Barn" and Yard are Looking Great!

*Alumni Support of the Annual Fund Maintains 105 Year Old Historic House, but Expensive Maintenance and Improvements Needed in Coming Years*



## Chip Warrick Named M Club Bob Ufer Award Winner for 2007



The Letterwinners M Club has named **Woodward A. "Chip" Warrick, Jr. '47** as the 2007 winner of the Ufer Award.

Established during 1981 in memory of legendary U of M athlete and long-time football announcer **Bob Ufer '43**, the M Club's Ufer Award is annually presented to an individual for his or her outstanding service to the U of M Athletic Department.

Over the last seven decades, Warrick has built up a long list of accomplishments at, and in support of, the University. He was a member of the U of M wrestling teams of 1943 and 1944. Warrick earned an Engineering degree in 1946 and then obtained a degree from the Michigan Business School in 1947.

After college, Warrick maintained a close affiliation with the University by serving as President of the U of M Club of Cincinnati in 1961 and 1962, as well as President of the M Club in 1967.

According to the M Club, Warrick was instrumental in the move to admit women into the organization and on its executive board. He also played a key role in the creation of the Ufer Award. It is worth noting that Ufer was Warrick's college roommate.

The M Club also credits Warrick with helping to develop in the early 1960s a pipeline of strong Michigan football recruits from the Cincinnati area including Bob Timberlake, Mel Anthony and Carl Ward among other standouts. More recently, the M Club has recognized Warrick's significant support for U of M's new and much improved wrestling facilities.

Warrick is the third Michigan Alpha alumnus to receive this prestigious award -- other winners were **Douglas F. Roby '23** and **Don Lund '45**.

## Grashoff Leads Fundraising for U of M Urology Department



One of Phi Delta Theta's core values is encouraging members to serve the community as well as the fraternity.

**Phillip A. Grashoff, Jr. '66** is a Michigan Alpha alum who has demonstrated a true commitment to service as a past member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors and a leader in numerous civic organizations.

Grashoff is currently serving as chair of the "Friends Committee of the U of M Department of Urology" that is dedicated to raising money to support research on eradicating urologic cancer and disease.

Philanthropic golf outings and other events of the "Friends Committee" during the past year have raised more than \$350,000.

For more information on this initiative, view U of M Department of Urology's annual report on the web (<http://www.med.umich.edu/urology/graphics/>)

## Charlie Green's Streak Ends, but Long Service to U of M Continues Worked 250+ Consecutive Wolverine Football Games from 1967 to 2007



Although he was born in Ohio, **Charlie Green '58** long ago became a Michigan Man. During 2002, the Letterwinners M Club awarded Green an honorary U of M Athletic Letter in recognition of his long tenure of distinguished service to the Athletic Department.

Michigan Alpha has also been the beneficiary of Green's dedication to the University. He served as President of the Alumni Association during the late 1980s and has supported the fraternity in countless other ways over the years.

Green is in his 48th year working within the U of M Department of Intercollegiate Athletics program. Since 1960, Green has been associated with the U of M Golf Course in both part-time and full-time roles. He is the current Club House Manager.

In 1967, Green began working in the Michigan Stadium Press Box as a statistician and most recently as the game clock operator. He worked more than 250 consecutive football games without a miss, until the illness of his wife forced him to end his streak during the 2007 season. He is back for the 2008 season.

Green also started working at the scorers table (middle of above picture) for U of M Men's Basketball in 1967 as a statistician, scoreboard operator and official timer. For the past 14 years, he has been the official timer for U of M Women's Basketball.

A native of Dayton, Ohio, Green received his B.S. Degree from U of M in 1958, Teaching Certificate in 1959 and M.A. Degree in 1965 from Eastern Michigan. He taught algebra and geometry for 33 years in the Willow Run and Taylor Public Schools before retiring in 1993. Green resides in Ann Arbor with his wife Jean. They have two children, Sean and Eileen.

## Alumni Updates

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### Charles Walton III '46

(13500 N Rancho Vistoso Blvd Apt 224, Tucson, AZ 85755-5958; [waltonaz@comcast.net](mailto:waltonaz@comcast.net)) I've been retired since 1992 and am now living in a continuing care retirement community in a Tucson suburb.

### Edward Aldworth '47

(303 E Berger St, Santa Fe, NM 87505-2613; [eald@comcast.net](mailto:eald@comcast.net)) I just recently got married and have moved in to a new home in Santa Fe.

### Loyal W. Jodar '49

(1887 Townline Rd., Petoskey, MI 49770-9734) Congrats on victory over Florida. I'm still cheering for the "Blue" and have been active at Bay Street Orthopedics for 49 years. Some of my avocations are restoring a Victorian house in Hancock, MI, skiing at Copper Mountain, auto restoration, vintage rallying and walking my Bernese Mountain dog.

### David Krupp '53

(927 N. Cranbrook Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301-2301; [krupdav@aol.com](mailto:krupdav@aol.com))

Obviously, fraternity life means different things to different people. Many of my best friends then are still best friends now. My years at PDT are among my best ever. The work done by the hard-working alumni committee has been and is outstanding. The chapter house never looked better, in a time when many PDTs are "going under" (including Michigan State). I urge every brother who has fond memories of PDT to make a donation. You'll never regret it.

### William Libby Jr. '54

(28 Valencia Rd., Orinda, CA 94563-4136; [wlibby2@aol.com](mailto:wlibby2@aol.com)) Four Phis of the 50's, **Bob Fritts '57**; **Pete Wolgast '57**; **Bill Libby '54**; and **Tom Mericle '54**, plus our wives and a few other friends shared old and new things as we traveled together in New Zealand in February 2007. The tour was organized and led by Bill and Iris Libby, who lived in New Zealand half-time during 1991-1999. One of the benefits of a good Michigan education, and lasting bonds of friendship.

### Frederick E. Ludwig II '61

(8726 E. Sawmill Point Rd., Barbeau, MI 49710-9706; [docluds@starband.net](mailto:docluds@starband.net)) I continue to work as a general surgeon in Sault St. Marie. I retired in 2004 after over 40 years in the Navy Reserve with service in the last three conflicts. I would

love to hear from anyone in class of 1961 or thereabouts. My wife Barb of 43+ years and I come down for 3-4 games each fall. We have two boys and three grandchildren.

### David I. Brazier '63

(164 Summit Rd, New London, NH 03257-7002) My wife and I have been living for seven years in New London, NH enjoying retirement. I have just had a book published "Have the Time of Your Life in Retirement" by Tote Publishing and Enterprises. It was written to help people transition from working to retirement and to help current retirees maximize their fulfillment from their retirement years.

### Robert Whims '84

(8760 Dell Rd, Kingsley, MI 49649-9379; [rwhims@smith-johnson.com](mailto:rwhims@smith-johnson.com)) I made it to 3 games this year. The present Phi's seem like good guys.

### James Kelligrew '87

(2743 Beretania Circle, Charlotte, NC 28211-3637; [jim.kelligrew@wachovia.com](mailto:jim.kelligrew@wachovia.com)) Over the past few years we've had great Phi Delt Alumni meetings in Las Vegas which have included **Pete Dunne '87**, **Pete Tarpey '87**, **Darryl Fredricks '86**, **Dave Rosso '87**, **Andrew Weinstein '87**, **Tom Truske '88** and **Jeff Kremin '88**. I see **Rich Kennedy '88** on occasion as we both live in Charlotte. Congratulations on getting the fraternity back on campus!

### Bill Rathsburg '87

([bill.jr@mercatusinternational.com](mailto:bill.jr@mercatusinternational.com)) I've been the VP of Mercatus International Marketing in Phoenix, AZ since graduating from the Thunderbird School of International Management in 1991. Met my wife, Jenny, in Chicago, married in 2001, and now have three energetic children ages 2-5. My brother, **Brian '88** keeps me posted on all the news in dear old Ann Arbor town. Miss those crisp fall football afternoons.

## Phis from the 1950s Visiting the House

View our web site — [www.pdtma.com](http://www.pdtma.com) — to find their names!



## The Chapter Grand

Since publication of our last issue, we have learned of the death of:

**George S. Bacon, Jr. '45**

**Roger B. Smith '47**

Phi Delta Theta mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.

# Thank You to Our Donors - Annual Fund Sets a New Record of \$27,985!

*The following alumni have contributed to our 2007-2008 Annual Fund which ends on August 31, 2008*

*Founders Day 2008, Alumni Updates and Annual Fund Record Set!*

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