

News From Athens



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Newsletter for alumni of Phi Kappa Psi

Greetings, distinguished gentlemen and alumni of Phi Kappa Psi Ohio Nu

- To start out this newsletter, we have a letter from our current chaplain and president-elect, Hiram Foster on the state of our chapter.

Letter from the Hi
Hiram Foster
30 October 2011

Dear Alumni and Friends,

As the end of the quarter draws near, Phi Kappa Psi at Ohio University has much to celebrate. It's been an interesting ten weeks and I think it would be fair to say we've learned much. The in-house brothers moved in a week early to prepare for the coming quarter, only to find that we would no longer have a cook. They took it in stride though, demonstrating their flexibility and maturity. Two other factors made this a crucial time for us. First, our advisor Ron Ransom had moved on to work for Phi Psi at the national level. We weren't able to rely on his experience and resourcefulness. The training wheels were gone, so to speak. Second, our oldest and most experienced members had graduated. A new generation of brothers realized they had to step up in order to keep this chapter moving forward.

There have been some bumps in the road, but I'm proud to say that we have grown and developed into a better chapter. We are getting ready to initiate our biggest pledge class ever. Nineteen men have been prepared by a revamped new member program and are eager to begin taking leadership roles, investing into our brotherhood. The sophomores are stepping up, organizing events like Trick Or Treating for children in the Athens community and taking on the Bare on the Bricks philanthropy.

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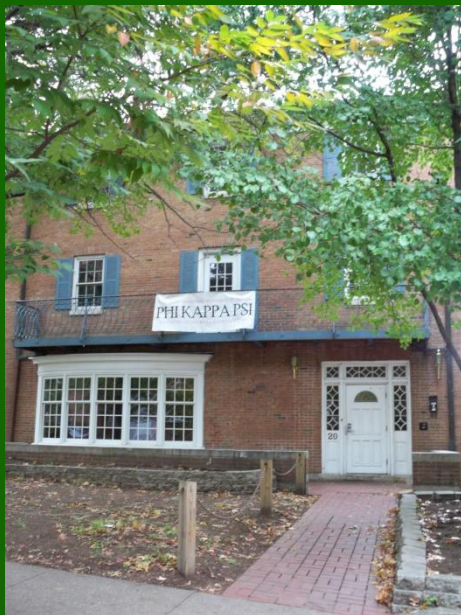
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FUN FACTS: This fall quarter we have three legacies in our pledge class, Ben Nassu, Jason Fuller, and Pete Nordholt



As always, we are still holding our three guiding laws tightly in our hands: no hazing, no drugs, and no discrimination. Our song committee has even guided us into singing songs of more gentlemanly and honorable character. We're becoming more organized as well, with the help of President Hunter Smith and Greg Bline, our advisor, who together organized a planning and vision retreat for position holders.

There is much more to tell, and more than a few entertaining stories of our time together at Ohio University. We hope you will visit soon to hear them and learn more about what we're doing as a chapter. Our prayers and good wishes go out to you in the "real" world, we hope you are all experiencing success and happiness.

Amici usque ad aras.

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Chapter/ Event Updates

Grades

After quarters of coming in second in grades in the greek life community we have finally come in first in GPA on spring of 2011. Brother Zack Anderson is now the head of the scholarship community and has reported a great turn out in study tables attendance so far. He promises to continue the functions that brother AJ Gianopoulos installed in the fraternity, such as the mentoring program and awards for getting best GPA in the fraternity.

Bare on the Bricks

This year we have taken over philanthropy event "Bare on the Bricks," which will be the fraternity's big project this year. We are currently working with the Student Alumni Board, SAB, to make the event even bigger than it has been in its already successful years past. For those who don't know, Bare on the Bricks is an event where you run across court street for a "nearly naked mile" striped of the clothes you started with - all of which are donated to charity. The event also involves an entrance fee that will be used for event items and charity. We are thrilled to have this event now under a Phi Psi banner and plan to use it to spread our philanthropic ideals.



New Member Recruitment (New Pledge Term - Naawng Mai; น้องใหม่)

Continuing the spirit of recruitment being our lifeblood this quarter brother Hiram Foster has successfully recruited our largest pledge class ever- 19 new members. Even better yet, we didn't recruit just numbers, but people that we saw would make excellent members. With such a large pledge class brother Ali Aman was able to construct a mini-chapter in the pledge class allowing the pledges to experience some of the functions of the fraternity while as a pledge, with each pledge getting at least a pledge committee head status. Currently, they have but one quiz left to complete, and with 5 hours and a 2.75 GPA our roster will soon grow by 19.

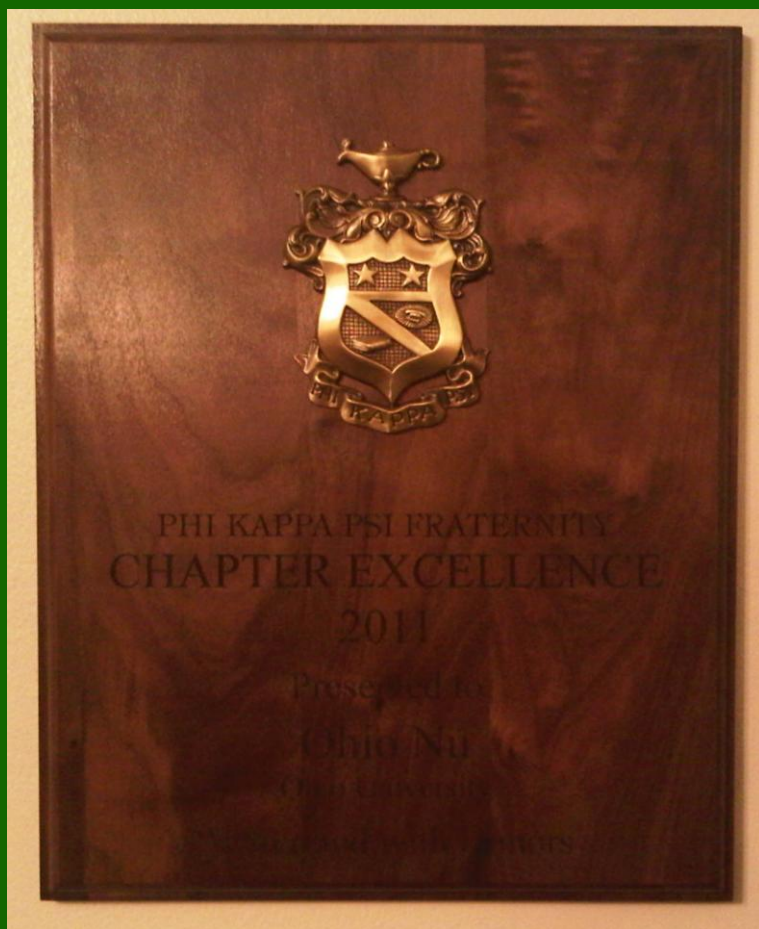
Accreditation Update

Ohio Nu has been making great strides in building a chapter worthy of being in consideration for recognition as Grand Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi nationally. After spending many hours putting together the accreditation packet last year, the efforts bore fruit in the form of being accredited with honors by nationals for the first time in our young chapter's history.

For anyone unfamiliar with the accreditation process, chapters are judged based on eleven different areas of the chapter's functioning: ritual, scholarship, membership recruitment, campus and community involvement, chapter operations, fraternity education, financial management, alumni relations, alumni corporation and housing, risk management, and code of conduct.

We met nationals' standards in ten out of these eleven categories- only failing to meet expectations for financial management, as we owed nationals money that has since been paid off. Receiving the accreditation with honors is extremely exciting for us, and it would've never been possible without your hard work to give us a foundation to build on after your graduation.

With continual improvement to the chapters many elements, we hope to meet all eleven criteria and be in legitimate contention for Grand Chapter next time we put together our accreditation packet.



Captions

Above- The plaque awarded to our chapter upon our accreditation with honors.

Page 2 bottom right- Even in last year's Bare on the Bricks, Phi Psi's were working/ running hard for the event.

Interested in giving back to your Ohio Nu chapter? We are currently working on formalizing a structure for donations, but we are still open for any sort of donation from Alumni. To do so please contact our treasurer, PJ Pepa, or your always friendly alumni relations chairs, Ben Carter or Anon Chalavanich.

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