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Chapter Report

Brothers,

One of the innumerable duties of the rex is to keep our entire brotherhood informed about the current "state of the fraternity." A good rex, being fully conscious of the need to delegate authority, will assign this task to the Alumni Activities Chairman. Thus, I present the Rex's (AAC's) Report.

The chapter presently retains a campus-high 40 brothers. In a period of waning interest in fraternal organizations, this is a small victory in itself. This past year we initiated twenty-four new brothers, who dutifully filled the vacancies left by those brothers who failed out, were incarcerated, or (believe it or not) graduated.

Pi Lam continues to be the "House That Leads" on Temple's campus. For the third consecutive year we have captured the All University Conference intramural sports trophy. The Pi Lam football, softball, soccer, and volleyball teams continue to rack up victories, while our pledges and stalwart sideline supporters continue to reach new lows by heckling and insulting our opponents' ethnic backgrounds.

In other areas of the Wide World of Sports, Alpha Delta travelled to Pittsburgh's Carnegie Mellon University for their annual "Steel City Shootout" flag football tournament. And, for a third year, we took the cup home for a hat trick (with the help of a team consisting almost entirely of alumni). Now, with these things in mind one might assume that we have evolved into single-faceted, sports-minded pinheads, but this is far from true. Our drinking ability was also tested and subsequently proven with a victory in the chug contest. Some things never change.

In extra curricular events (and possibly in other ways too), Pi Lam brothers have practically infected the campus. We have brothers on the golf and volleyball teams, as well as the newly created, underappreciated full contact chess team. Undergrads have become active in both cheerleading and the marching band. While I still can't defend the "band fags," there is something to be said for an activity that requires you

to suspend a girl in the air by her buttocks. Rah, rah! And lastly, there is our pride and joy, Rich Maston, who is the starting kicker for the Big East Temple Football team. Perhaps you saw Rich's efforts in the Temple's upset loss to Miami (the upset being the failure to cover the 42 point spread).

On a different field of battle Temple fraternities have come under serious fire from the university administration. While tradition remains important to us, it seems that the order of the day has to be adapting to certain contemporary expectations of behavior as best we can. In the past, a slight

indiscretion such as a drunken brother falling off the fourth story roof, was overlooked or even covered up by the university. Now the university, overly concerned with protecting itself and its image, opts to clamp down on fraternities with their lackey-boy greek advisor. But fear not. We are weathering the pressures well, and remain generally defiant towards authority.



Alpha Delta's Cup Winners at CMU: From left to right, Mike Mollen '91, Ronnie Savarese '91, Marc Bendo, Mike Braun, Mike Laccianca, Stephano Cooper, Tim Jonassen (?), Darren Rabinowitz, Steve Conti, Andrew Lackman, Chris Cassese, Dave Ghegan, Shawn Mahoney '92

Our strength in the greek community is displayed through the positions of leadership that we hold in the Interfraternity Council. Our brothers were elected to both the position of president and treasurer in the organization. And we are proud to pronounce that not since the Wilson Goode Administration has so much power and wealth been so poorly managed.

Philanthropically, we have been quite active in the past year. We completed a Walk-A-Thon for the Temple Owl Club (coordinated by the athletic department's graduate assistant, Steve Smith '90) raising over \$350 for the house general fund. Our fund-raising efforts will carry through to the Spring when we will be hosting a softball tournament for Children's Hospital. We are hopeful that the alumni will be able to scrape together some semblance of a team to participate in this worthy charity event.

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Kovner Banquet

Pi Lam on the Move

The International office of Pi Lambda Phi Fraternity has changed locations — though still maintaining a safe distance from North Philadelphia, and thereby, guilt by association with the Alpha Delta chapter. The new mailing address and toll-free number (which could mean many late night, in a drunken stupor, calls to Alan Wunsch) are listed below:

Pi Lambda Phi Internat'l
98 Mill Plain Road
Suite 3-C
Danbury, CT 06811
(800) 394-7573

Once again the Alpha Delta chapter gathered together to honor the memory of Alfred “Koko” Kovner at the Vesper Club on December 4th, 1992. But, while the order of the evening should have been the past and present comradery of the Temple Jolly Laddies, those in attendance could not help but to express their great concern at the less than impressive turnout. Arnold Dranoff '67 and Alan Josel '67, both celebrating their 25th year as Pi Lams, suggested to a rousing array of snaps, that the banquet be moved to another location to make it more affordable and accessible to a larger number of brothers. At this point, Shawn Battle '91 offered up the “White Castle Kovner” (a sack of 10 burgers and a six-pack of Milwaukee's Best for \$8.95). The elder alumni, still unaffected by their two complimentary beverages, tactfully declined this proposition while presenting one of their own: catering the event at the 2000 North Broad chapter house (granted, they have not seen the condition of the house in quite some time). Marvin Welsch '49, who has somehow philandered this event into the Vesper Club for five consecutive years, did not go unappreciated — the brothers from '67 offered many thanks to him for his efforts.

Honors were heaped upon members of the fraternity during the award presentation. Shawn Mahoney '92 was

awarded the Jerome R. Balka Award for outstanding conduct in all phases of the brotherhood code of responsibilities. The Athletic Achievement Award was given by the 1987 winner of the Rafer Johnson - Upsilon Achievement Award . Joe Trautwein '83, one of only two Temple Pi Lams to win this national award, delivered the honors of our chapter to Marc Bendo who insisted (and rightfully so) that he was completely unworthy. Pat McGurk '85, the only man to ever nominate and unanimously vote himself into the office of rex, presented the Alumni Achievement Award to Paul Lucas. Paul was additionally recognized for his exemplary dedication to the chapter by receiving the Alfred “Koko” Kovner Memorial Award, presented by the chapter advisor, Mike Naegele '90.

Distinguished senior members in attendance included Stephen Furst '81, Spencer Glass '83 Irv Koffler, and Murray Goldberg '84. The international office was represented by Fred Dobbins (Vice President, National Executive Council).

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The strength of our brotherhood has allowed us to endeavor through some seriously needed house improvement. Renovations have included safety glass in the fire escape windows, glass blocks for the bathroom windows, the painting of the crest in the foyer, plumbing, and of course, the semesterly ritual roof patching. Unfortunately, it seems that funding for permanent roof repair will be unavailable in the immediate future.

All joking aside, as a new brother I will always be amazed and moved by the impact, to brothers old and new, of a single reknown quote made by Brother Alfred “Koko” Kovner. Through the years it has retained its pertinence for a multitude of different reasons to all of us who have joined Pi Lambda Phi, and have dedicated our efforts to it. I would hope that in the spirit of Kovner, and our motto, we can still give of ourselves in time and effort after we have graduated.

Please accept our ever present invitation to visit the house. I look forward to meeting with you in the future and helping to build a stronger base of alumni/undergrad relations.

Jamie Coates
Alumni Activities Chairman

Mayor Ed Rendell Keynotes at 1992 Convention in Philadelphia

The 97th Annual Leadership Convention was held, much to the chagrin of our own representatives, in Philadelphia from July 29th to August 2nd. And, as expected, Pi Lams across the United States (and Canada) have been forever banned from returning to the Adams Mark Hotel.

This year's keynote speaker was Philadelphia Mayor Ed Rendell (PA Epsilon Zeta/Pennsylvania University '65). While the mayor's speech centered around the tried and true pleasantries — pledging and brotherhood — afterward he was overheard telling some brothers that, if not for the media coverage, he would have woven a few good tales involving Penn's history with barnyard animals. Just kidding, Ed. You're still the only democrat worth voting for.

Alpha Delta was recognized at convention for exemplary achievement among fraternities on Temple's campus.

UPDATE

Temple Owls Basketball 1993 Schedule



Yet another season of Temple Basketball (Hoops in da Hood) is upon us. Although continued ignorance (Frazier Johnson) and freak injury (Vic Carstarphen) continue to plague the team, the strong returning back court of Aaron "Yo Momma" McKie, Eddie "Money" Jones, and the misguided freshman behemoth William "Honest, I was just borrowing the car" Cunningham could bring us some desperately needed You won't want to miss the big games at McGonigal season which include Tulane and Memphis State. For tickets call 787-5040 (ask for Elf).

Feb 13	1:00	WEST VIRGINIA*
Feb 15	7:30	Rhode Island*
Feb 19	7:30	St. Joseph's*
Feb 22	7:00	TULANE
Feb 24	7:00	MEMPHIS STATE
Feb 27	1:00	ST. BONAVENTURE*
Mar 1	7:30	West Virginia*
Mar 4	7:00	RUTGERS*
Mar 7	TBA	A-10 Tourn Quarterfinals Δ
Mar 8	TBA	A-10 Tourn. Semifinals Δ
Mar 11	9:30	A-10 Tourn Final

Home Games (in CAPS)
* Atlantic 10 Conference games
Δ To be played at The Palestra

Special Thanks

The undergrads of Alpha Delta would like to thank Ed Plasky '67 for sponsoring the active brotherhood into the Junior Owl Club. Brother Plasky's generous gift is already paying off high dividends. Our brothers now have seats in McGonigal Hall so close to the floor that they could pluck the hairs from Peter Liacourus' neck, and voice creative obscenities at opposing players with little to no effort.

Temple U Builds into the 90s

Temple, in its continuing effort to become a mainstream university, is moving onward and outward by purchasing more of the surrounding neighborhood. Since the Peter Liacouras era began, the university has been trying to make the campus more attractive to students seeking temporary residence (as opposed to commuters). In this effort, the former armory, which mysteriously burned to the ground two years ago, will be the site of a new dormitory.

Perhaps more important to the sports-conscious alumni is the proposed sports complex. For those of you who remember, McGonigal Hall is a shoe box as stadiums go. And with the consistant success that our basketball team has had (qualifying for the NCAA tournament 8 out of the last 9 years), a higher-profile, greater capacity stadium is vital. The Recreation and Convocation Center will be built on the site of the former Wilke Buick Building at Broad and Montgomery. It will seat 10,201 for basketball games and is due to be completed by 1996-97.

There is a problem, however. All of the great teams have an equally great nick-name for their stadium. Indiana has the Hoosier Dome, U Mass has The Cage... We need a new moniker. The only quality suggestion brought up so far has to be "The Ghetto" ('cause nobody wins in the ghetto). Any other suggestions?

Contributions

Now that postage has risen to \$.29 per letter, the cost of our alumni mailing has reached somewhere in the neighborhood of the national debt. Your contributions to the Kovner Association would help us defray costs and would be greatly appreciated. Much thanks.

Yes, I am interested in contributing to the Kovner Association (or at least I'd like to see my name in the next alumni newsletter).

Name: Graduation Year:

Present Employment:

Phone: (Business) (Home)

News, Happenings, Good Dirty Jokes:

Message to Classmates, Favorite Tradition or Story:

Suggestions for Alumni Events:

Please send replies in the enclosed return envelope to the Kovner Association c/o Shawn Mahoney

Folklore

While digging through the house archives (which have been carefully preserved in a damp, aromatic container filled with crushed Schlitz cans and some rat droppings) you can come upon some interesting, and even enlightening documents. One particular file, a Scribe's Minutes, was so overly verbose that it happened to draw the attention of this former scribe. Can anyone name the wordsmith who penned the work below?

Photo Feature Who is this caged man?



This photo was pulled out of the archives with the caption "Lee in his cage." There must be a story behind it.

The second meeting of the Fall semester of the Alpha Delta Chapter of Pi Lambda Phi was a murderously long affair.

It started at 9:30 p.m.. It didn't end until nearly midnight.

After it was all over, many of the brothers could be observed whispering ominous messages in dark corners — to themselves.

Pretty strange.

I'm not sure what happened that night can be effectively put down on paper

But it's my job to try.

Let me begin...

The bells of the ancient clock chimed nine and one-half times. Soon the richly carved oaken doors parted and the brothers, dressed only in dark hooded robes, filed into the room and took their appointed places around the great table.

Sean, Son of Thorin, Son of Trojan, Keeper of the Mead, and Lord of Pong rose and commanded Brother Bruce to light the ceremonial fires.

We began the ceremonial chanting, but my heart wasn't in it. You see, the great window was open, and a steady zephyr was wafting a demoniacal stench from the velvet boots of Brother John McKeon, who was seated directly across from me, right up my very nostrils. I, however, feigned ignorance of this effrontery, not wishing to cause injury to Brother John, whom I call friend.

As suddenly as the chanting started, it stopped, and all eyes fell on our beloved Rex.

And thus began our meeting, at 9:00 in the hour of darkness, on the ninth day of September, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen-hundred, four and eighty:

Blah bla blah, blah, bla Marshal. Bla bla blah. Blah bla blah, bla bla blah Party bla. Blah, bla bla blah. Blah blablalablah and bla Burp. Bla blah blah Money. Bla blah bla bla bla bla bla.

Blah bla bla blah bla bla bla Pledges bla bla blabla blah bla. Bla bla bla blah Beer bla blah blah blablalbla blah and blah.

Bla bla blabla bla blah blah blah blah bla bla bla. Bla Dues bla bla bla bla. Bla bla bla bla Down blah bla blablalbla. Bla bla Minutes. Bla blah bla blah bla bla Good and Welfare bla blaah with the sweat from a bleeding pig. Amen.

--Scribe

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Some Pi Lams Are Doing Great Things, While Others...

David "Cambi" Campbell '88 is a news producer for WNEP-TV in Scranton, PA. Perhaps you saw his timely, in-depth expose — "Black Lung: Scourge of Scranton."

Steve Marino '91, between sponging off his parents and finally finding his "special purpose," is advising on financial investments in the real world. He commented that he was still in touch with some of the "little sleazsters" and that they were interested in getting together for some good natured abuse (i.e. a party like the old days). Steve also requested a schedule of parties at the house. Hello Steve... they're on Thursdays.

Al "It's not alcoholism until you graduate" Ciampitti '92 in between hangovers, is a mortgage consultant at Meridian Mortgage. Since joining the workforce, Al insists that he has realized the err of his overindulgent college ways. Said Al (in slurred speech), "Now I get it. It's not alcoholism until you need a liver transplant."

Walter Kahn '70 presides over Sunshine Entertainment Corporation in Hollywood, California. His biggest regret of 1992 was that he passed up a chance to produce "Smell This: The Ed Asner Story." He still insists that he moved to "The Coast" before it was stylish.

Mark Levin '86 received a promotion to management from the NFL Player's Association after a mere six years with the organization. His only qualm about the job was the fact that Reggie White won't stop calling him "Froggie."

Nate Ross '84 opened Jack's Racks Family Billiards in Long Beach Island to add to his monopoly of barely respectable establishments in our own city, Sportz and New Wave. He has offered the services of his bars for a pending "Pi Lam Night" on two conditions: that a \$1,000,000 deposit be left for projected damages, and that no alcohol is served.

Marvin Welsch '49 appreciated the off-beat humor of the last issue of the newsletter. He continues in his field of Investment Securities for Gruntal & Company here in Philadelphia.

Alvin L. Krasne, DDS '45 regretfully noted that he could not attend the Kovner Banquet on what, he reminded us, was the 50th year commemoration of Kovner's passing. In his letter he described his classmate, Kovner, as a true leader, admired by, and looked up to by all.

Note From the Editor

First of all, I hope that you've enjoyed reading this issue of the Alpha Delta almost as much as I enjoyed writing it. The immediate goal of these letters is to try to keep the alumni informed on their chapter, but our long term goals include the revitalization of a perennial alumni organization (the Kovner Association). To these ends we are in need of your support. Funding for this publication

was previously obtained directly from the chapter budget, but this is no longer economically feasible. We are in need of your contributions both monetary and otherwise (I welcome any articles or creative input for the letter itself). Even if you are unable to send a donation, please fill out the attached information form on the previous page as a statement of support for a more active alumni body. Nostros.