



A Word From the President

Greetings brothers of Phi Chapter!

2003 has been quite the eventful year for Phi Chapter, as we have completed our move into alcohol free housing. We have always been a chapter of excellence and are determined not to let this change hinder that in the slightest. Phi chapter had been preparing for AFH for the past few years, and we're ready for the challenge. Things have been going very well for us, and rush numbers showed no decrease from last fall. I personally feel that with AFH, our new member retention will also increase. Other benefits of AFH include living in a house which is in much better shape, and having a much lower risk for insurance claims. As a result, our insurance will hopefully be dropping in the coming years, so our money can go to things more appealing than insurance. As for school, we have a much better environment for studying in the house, and it has shown. Our house GPA was above all-men's average, and is the highest I've ever seen it. Many Phi alums have been concerned with dropping numbers of actives; however, I feel that, despite AFH, the decrease has halted. We have a very solid base from which to build, and that is exactly what we plan to do.

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The greatest concern I had last year was in-house numbers. This year, our 5th year actives have met the challenge. We had three 5th years move back into the house, which has helped to stabilize our financial situation. During rush this year, living in the house was stressed once again, and there are many new prospects to keep our house full.

It's difficult to describe how excited I am for this coming year, and the years after. I can confidently say that our house is a tighter knit group of men than it has been since I was initiated. We are a goal focused group of individuals who have faced the toughest challenge that, I believe, we will ever face, and we have come out on top. I encourage you to come back and see for yourself this year at homecoming. We are excited to welcome everyone home as we go cheer on the Bison!!

Fraternally,
Josh Scrapper
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Alumni President's Report

Brothers,

I'm pleased to be able to send you the opening greeting in this Fall 2003 Edition of the Phi Arrow. The Arrow has long been a great tool for us as Alumni to keep up-to-date on the activities and status of the chapter as well as reflect back on our time as members of Theta Chi. I, like many of you probably do, look back at my decision to join Phi Chapter as one that I'm very grateful that I made because of the friendships, bonds, and memories that I've made.

October 11th will provide another great opportunity for us to re-unite and re-ignite some of those bonds and friendships as NDSU celebrates Homecoming 2003. I encourage everyone who has the time and ability to come share a day of fun with your family and friends. The chapter decided to participate in this year's activities with our neighbors

to the south which should make for a special occasion as we have always had a close relationship with Alpha Gamma Rho members (Alpha Mu Lives Again!). Please check out the scheduled activities and make an effort to attend if possible.

Currently NDSU is in the midst of some exciting times as the football team has started out the year with a renewed energy as they close out their history in Division II and move onto the future of Division I and the challenges that it brings. Like NDSU, Phi Chapter is facing its own challenges with declining rush, chapter house vacancy, and alcohol free housing to name a few. These challenges are something that I'm confident we will overcome, but it will take some time, patience, and pro-active thinking as we overhaul how our chapter operates at an undergrad and alumni level.



With this in mind, I encourage you all to visit the chapter if you make it to Fargo. I think you'll find the house is still as beautiful as ever and the men who fill it have many of the same values that all men of Phi Chapter have upheld.

So I pose the question, what can alumni do to help the chapter in these changing times? Well there are several ways that we can exemplify that we are the "Brotherhood of the Helping Hand". First and foremost we can help with advice and encouragement. We can help guide the chapter as many of us have gone through some trying times when we were undergrads and have been through similar times ourselves. So as I said before I encourage you to stop in and say hello if you make it to Fargo in the future. We can help with Rush. How? If you know of a gentleman who is attending NDSU that you feel would make a great addition to the Chapter, give the house a call and let them know. We can help financially. Many people have helped make the Theta Chi for Life project a success. I encourage you all to think about joining the effort as 100% of the money will go towards paying off the mortgage and helps make living at the chapter house an attractive and cheap alternative to living on or off campus. For those of you who are already donating to the Theta Chi for Life or are interested in another worthy cause we are in the process of developing a Scholarship Fund which will help place a priority on academics within the fraternity and provide a great incentive for membership. So keep an eye out for future information on this endeavor.

In closing, I'd like to thank you for taking the time to open and read this edition of the Phi Arrow. I hope you find the information and content within useful. It has been a pleasure serving as your President over the last 6 months. If you live in the Fargo area and are interested in attending future council meetings, give me a call at 701-306-2536 or email me at jdickson@cableone.net and I'll keep you informed when we will be meeting. I feel that the most productive

meetings can happen with more attendants sharing ideas. I hope that many of you can make the trip to Homecoming and I look forward to seeing and meeting with you over the October 11th weekend.

Fraternally,

Jon K. Dickson

NDSU '00

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Get Excited for Homecoming '03

Homecoming is scheduled for October 11th. Our House and the neighbors to the south (???) are teaming up for Homecoming this year. Bringing back the alliance of Alpha Mu. It will be a great time. We are playing University of Nebraska-Omaha at 1:00 PM. My prediction..... BISON 56 UNO 3 (Hopefully so.) The Homecoming Parade starts at 10:00 AM. There will be tailgating to follow at the West parking lot of the FargoDome. Details will be posted at the chapter house during the parade.

If there are any questions about homecoming or the activities of the weekend, please email phialumnirelations@hotmail.com. Hope to see all of you there!

Casey Severance

Alumni Relations Chairman

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pro-PHI-le: Reflections on Chapter Leadership Conference X

I had the opportunity to serve as a faculty member at the Theta Chi Chapter Leadership Conference X at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. CLC X was held July 17-19. Also representing Phi Chapter were undergraduates **Josh Scraper (Phi '04)**, president, **Casey Severance (Phi '04)**, alumni relations chair, and **Peter Gates (Phi '06)**. **Dennis Vonasek (Phi '87)** served his 12th year on the leadership and education committee, the group responsible for coordinating Theta Chi's leadership activities.

I had not been on the faculty since the 1996 convention in Orlando. As I explained to several people, I proposed to my wife 3 days after returning from that convention, although she had nothing to do with my reduction in involvement.

It was great to see several brothers I had been fortunate enough to meet as an undergraduate (1990-93), a member of the IHQ staff (1994-95) and as a regional counselor (1995-98). Brother **Al Calarco (Eta Pi/East Stroudsburg '78)** reminded me of the time he visited Phi for a regional conference as a member of the Grand Chapter. He has fond memories of spending the night in the Pit! Thanks to then chapter president **Jeff Wrede (Phi '91)** for his generous hospitality.

We all had the chance to visit with Brother **Howard Alter (Omega/Penn State '41)**. In one session, Past National President **Pat O'Connor (Chi/Auburn '78)**, Al Calarco, and current National President **Paul "Yogi" Norstrom (Alpha Pi/Minnesota '86)** sat on couches and asked Howard questions about his life as a Theta Chi. One highlight was when Howard talked about meeting James Michael Holland, the only active member of Theta Chi in 1881. We were connected to that critical moment in our fraternity's history over 120 years ago by one man. I have been fortunate to get to know Howard over the past 10 years, and I am very honored when I think about the 6 Alter Awards Phi Chapter has won.

The chapter did not win the Alter Award this year, but they did win 8 of the 13 chapter excellence awards. These awards are given for outstanding achievement in such areas as chapter finances, alumni programming, new member education, and recruitment. We definitely have one of the most respected chapters in the country and have maintained a long history of recognized success. While our undergraduates were disappointed to not win the Alter Award, they recognized the opportunities for improvement.

Another award given every year is The Reginald E.F. Colley award to the outstanding undergraduate member. In case you weren't aware, **Reginald Colley** is an alumnus of Phi Chapter, graduating in 1915. He served on the Grand Chapter in 1925-26. This year's winner was **Zachary D. Edwards (Theta Kappa/Texas Tech '03)**. He was also the 2001 Ralph "Shug" Jordan Award winner recognizing the outstanding undergraduate athlete in Theta Chi. Zach was on the Texas Tech football team.

One of the key issues discussed this year was the implementation of alcohol-free housing at all our chapter houses across the country. This was legislated by undergraduates attending the 2000 convention in Indianapolis and effective July 1, 2003. What this means is that absolutely no alcohol is allowed in the chapter house at any time. Any social functions involving alcohol will need to take place away from the chapter house. All existing risk management policies will continue to apply at off-site events.

As someone who has worked or volunteered for several years on a national level, I see both sides of this issue. Our liability insurance continues to skyrocket due to repeated claims, most of them involving alcohol. Many hazing incidents have an alcohol component. Academic success and housing conditions are also affected by alcohol.

An example of a minor claim I recall was a few members of a chapter got drunk and decided to build a homemade hot tub on their lot. They used plywood and sandbags to hold the sides together and filled it full of water. The walls did not hold long and they ended up flooding the building next door. The claim was only for \$5000, but those add up and alcohol was a factor.

I am not going to justify all the reasons behind alcohol free housing since it is a reality we are faced with. Is this permanent? Not necessarily. Will this result in a loss of new members? Only if we focus on recruits who are looking for a place to drink. It will not succeed if we assume it won't succeed. As an alumnus member, please support the Chapter with this initiative. Hopefully this will encourage those of you who have not attended alumni events with your families because of the alcohol present.

The other issue discussed at CLC was the increase in registration fees for the conference. The price of the first 9 conferences was at or around \$200. Registration this year was \$400. The primary reason for the increase was the costs of the previous conferences were subsidized by funds in Theta Chi's endowed accounts. As everyone knows, the market has not performed well the past couple years, and it finally caught up with us. The organizing committee made several cuts in the program to get it down to the basics this year including reducing the conference by a day.

The expected cost of registration for the 2004 Convention to be held in Phoenix is expected to be similar. There will likely be additional travel costs, and the price does not include hotel and meal charges. Because of this, I have committed to the chapter to help raise some money to make sure Phi Chapter is well represented at the convention. If you are interested in helping with this endeavor, please contact me. My contact information is included at the bottom of this article. More information about sponsorship opportunities will be distributed at a later date.

Brothers, we were well represented at CLC. Josh, Casey, and Peter all earned Key Man with an "E" awards and were on time for all general sessions. They handled themselves as men and interacted with brothers from around the country. They not only gained a lot of new ideas, but they also shared several project ideas with other chapters.

Watch *The Rattle* this fall for the exact dates and location of next year's convention in Phoenix. All alumni are welcome to attend, and you will likely enjoy a weekend meeting brothers from around the country. For now, I encourage you to get involved in your local alumni chapters or with a local undergraduate chapter if there is one in your area.

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Loder honored as State Legionnaire of the Year

Donald Loder, 2003 North Dakota Legionnaire of the Year, was honored at the recent State Convention. He was presented with a plaque from the American Legion department of North Dakota in recognition of his outstanding dedication to the ideals, principles and programs of the American Legion. It stated, "He is a shining example of a true Legionnaire and his actions reflect credit upon himself, his post, the Department of North Dakota and The American Legion."

He was nominated by Gordon Lindgren Post #143, Cooperstown.

Some of the points made in the nomination included his support in everything the Post does in surrounding communities, teaching students about Americanism, meeting with the Junior Class about Boys State, his introduction of new ideas for recruitment for the Post, collecting dues for memberships, and teaching other Legionnaires to play "Taps".

He assisted coordinating the recognition of the emergency personnel in the community in the 9-11 remembrance ceremony held in Cooperstown September 11, 2002. He also played "Taps" at that event, as well as other Legion ceremonies, and for funeral honors for fellow veterans from Cooperstown and the surrounding communities.

As a member of the North Dakota American Legion Band, he has attended every state convention since 1953. He has attended 25 national conventions and the dedication of the Vietnam Memorial and Korean Memorial at Washington, D.C. He played with the band at the 2002 National Convention in Charlotte, NC.

Donald Loder entered the U.S. Army in 1943, serving in the Pacific Theater. He was honorably discharged in 1946. He was recalled to active duty in 1950 and served in Korea until 1952. He graduated from NDSU in 1948 and was a member of Theta Chi Fraternity.

Johnny Holm, Another Success

The Phi chapter is looking forward to a great year of events for the families of the 142nd. giving back to the community of Fargo. Once again, Phi chapter sponsored the "Johnny Holm Fall Kick-off Dance" to benefit the YWCA, which is an organization that assists women and children in crisis. The event was held the first day of school and was a huge success. Thousands of local college students packed the Bison Sports Arena to have a night of great entertainment. The night was able to raise over \$3,000 for the YWCA. Other organizations that Phi chapter will be involved with this year are the YWCA of Fargo, Meals on Wheels, Children's Miracle Network, Rape and Abuse Crisis Center, 142nd Family Support Group, Younker's Children Museum of Fargo, and the Minnesota Department of Transportation. The 142nd Family support group was a new organization that Phi chapter got involved with last spring. We sponsored an even called "Tent for Troops," where we invited all the Greek houses on the NDSU campus to join us for three straight days of staying in tents to raise money for the 142nd Family Support Group, which provides support and

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The change will begin in the 2003-04 academic year and conclude with a full Division I schedule to be played in all sports during the 2004-05 academic year.

"In the last three years, we have made tremendous progress toward our goal of being more like our national land-grant peers," said Chapman. "Enrollment will exceed 11,000 students this fall and we have filled 23 new full-time faculty positions. Our research portfolio has risen to more than \$80 million. Seven major construction projects totaling \$70 million have recently been completed or are underway which have added 10 classrooms and significant residence hall space. University philanthropic efforts raised more than \$11 million last year. And we've added 17 new doctoral programs. In many ways, we are not the same university that we were just a short time ago.

"I know full well that this effort will be a challenge," said Chapman. "It will cause us to reach far. It will cause us to take a calculated risk. But the North Dakota Higher Education Roundtable report encourages campuses to take reasoned risk to bring about positive change. I believe reclassification will prove to be a positive change for NDSU and North Dakota."

Taylor conducted months of research before making his recommendation to President Chapman, which included analysis from consultants Carr Sports Inc. on the program's current facilities and preparedness, and a market survey conducted by Convention Sports and Leisure that identified new sources of funding. Both reports supported reclassification, a move President Chapman directed be financed with new funding and no increase in university general fund disbursements. NDSU's athletic department will be responsible for raising external funding to increase its budget from its current \$5.6 million to \$7.8 million, a figure that would make NDSU's budget competitive with Division I peers.

During the news conference, Taylor thanked the NDSU Development Foundation, NDSU Alumni Association and the leadership team, which was made up of students, student athletes, faculty, staff, community members and program supporters, for their efforts during the process.

"We have had input from many, many people who care about this university a great deal. Hats off to everyone involved," Taylor said. "This is a big decision, there is no question about it. It's going to change the direction of this program for many years to come."

The NDSU reclassification plan is to begin a one-year exploratory period in 2003-04, during which time the Bison will schedule some Division I athletic programs but continue as a member of the Division II North Central Conference. In the 2004-05 academic year, NDSU will play a full Division I schedule.

"The two-year transition period will allow our student athletes, who will be most affected by this reclassification, to consider the options available to them," said Taylor. "While more North Dakota students will now have the opportunity to participate at the highest national intercollegiate level, our student athletes will not have the opportunity

to participate in conference or national championships during the reclassification period. If a student athlete should decide they would like to transfer to another institution, this would give them more time to secure possible scholarship opportunities at other institutions and allow our coaches to assist them with this process."

Taylor added that the two-year transition period also gives other NCC schools a chance to consider their futures. "As a charter member of the conference and being involved since 1921, it's important for us to give every opportunity for our conference to be able to make decisions about scheduling and options about the conference itself," Taylor said.

He said the two-year time frame also allows NDSU coaches to put together a strategic plan for scheduling, recruiting and funding. "The process gives us a better window to make that happen in a smoother transition," Taylor said.

In scheduling matters, Taylor said the Bison plan to continue to play the University of North Dakota. He also said the football team will travel to the University of Montana on Sept. 6, 2003, to play the 2001 Division IAA national champions. In addition, negotiations are ongoing with Montana State University and Western Illinois for football games in 2004 and 2005.

"We have some of our coaches already pursuing opportunities for Division I schedules in other sports," Taylor said. "Ultimately, once we get through the transitional period, there is no reason the Bison athletic program cannot compete for conference championships and go on to compete for NCAA championships."

Chapman explained the decision fits well with NDSU's peer group, as identified by the State Board of Higher Education. He said that except for the University of Alaska-Fairbanks, which does not have a football team, NDSU is the only school in the group that does not have a Division I athletic program.

"We've matured. This is an institution that has been understated in many ways. We are emerging on the national scene as a major research university. Bison Athletics needs to be a part of that, just like every part of the institution has to do that," Chapman said. "It fits with where we want to be as a university."

Source: NDSU Archive.



GO BISON!

Weddings

Collin & Anne (Christians) Miller on April 26, 2003

Jeff & Kristin (Hogenson) Henkenius on May 17, 2003

Kevin & Maria (Puppe) Biberdorf on May 31, 2003
(Maria was Dreamgirl, Kevin is a Phi Chapter Alum)

Shawn & Bridget (Paul) Fredrickson on June 21, 2003

Shane & Tammy (Frey) Wagner on June 28, 2003

Ryan & Nikki (Mogen) Taylor on July 5, 2003
(Nikki was 1993 Dreamgirl, Ryan is an NDSU Farmhouse Alum)

Guy & Tricia Rolfsrud on July 14, 2003

Scott & Katie (Fischer) Nasset on August 23, 2003

Newborns

Mallory Lynn (G)	Chris & Cassie Tremel	2/15/2003
Kaden Riley (B)	Chris & Ronda Schauer	3/22/2003
Alex (B)	Kelly & Kim Linster	4/10/2003
Jacob Andrew (B)	Jaison & Jenn Freed	5/19/2003
Mark William (B)	Jon & Karla Weng	6/23/2003
Tyler Thomas (B)	Jerry & Ann Specht	6/25/2003
Evan Christopher (B)	Eric & Bryndon Lembke	7/23/2003
Grace Kathryn (G)	Jason & Sara Link	7/23/2003
Eleanor Lyn (G)	Mike & Wendy Berg	8/14/2003
McKenna Rae (G)	Travis & Erica Gullickson	9/02/2003
Zander John (B)	Adam & Sara Homelvig	9/04/2003



God Bless America

"...Thereby serving my God, my country, and my fellow-man." When we were undergrads, we said this part of our Creed countless times, sometimes rambling through it without really thinking about what "serving" means. What this "serving" consists of can be different for every brother of Phi. For one person, it may be charitable work. For another, it may be getting that phone call from a buddy around closing time and then, without complaint, picking him up from Chub's after he's had a few too many. And for others, it is answering the call to arms for our great country.

Phi chapter has always had a strong representation in the local National Guard units around Fargo. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank not only these men but also those brothers from Phi who have chosen active duty military service as their career.* Many of these brothers have spent a great deal of time away from family, friends, careers and school in support of our current operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

United States Air Force: Chad Balken, Shane Balken, Olen Freeman, and Eric Westby

North Dakota Army National Guard: Chad Homelvig, Joel O'Neil**, Joey Specht**, Trevor Quigley**, Pat Rodgers, Matt Candrian**, Jason Fleishacker**

North Dakota Air National Guard: Brad Lorentz, James Appletoft, Brent Nasset, Kyle Kemmet

Iowa Air National Guard: Andy Rodgers

Minnesota Army National Guard: Rick Tahtinen

* I apologize for anyone I may have left off or any inaccuracies

** Currently overseas in Iraq support of Operation Iraqi Freedom

-Kyle Kemmet



NDSU Men's Basketball on the UP & UP

This past year NDSU saw an explosive basketball team on the court. We finished 20-11 and lost our last game to St. Cloud State in the Conference tournament. Where one more win may have earned us a bid in the National NCAA Division II tournament. We will definitely be aiming for a national tournament birth this year, returning three starters and a strong bench, as well as some great additions that Coach Miles and Company have added to the program.

As for myself, I spent most of last season sidelined with problems in my left knee. However, the chapter attended nearly all of our games and broke out the "Millertime" cheer when needed. We did a number of different things throughout the season to see if I could minimize the pain, but with no luck. After the season I had an MRI which visibly showed the problem. Dr. Piatt, our team doctor at SU, diagnosed my left knee with chondromalacia, a condition where over time the cartilage wore off the back of my kneecap. So, I underwent surgery two days later to take care of the problem. With this condition, recovery time varies, but I just got the green light to do some jogging about two weeks ago. The chapter has been behind me the whole way, helping me stay motivated through the painstaking rehab process. It will be an interesting winter as I try to bring myself back into playing shape physically and mentally as soon as possible.

This could be an exciting year, and with Coach Miles running the show, we've got an opportunity to finish out our tenure in NCAA Division II basketball with a great season. We hope to see many of you at the games and don't forget to check out NDSU Athletics at

www.gobison.com

Patrick Miller - 1600



Left: Pat Miller
NDSU Basketball

Right: Ross Kramer
NDSU Track & Field



The NDSU Track and Field program is off and running on another season of domination. Last year was a pretty successful year for the men and the women, the men brought home indoor and outdoor conference titles. The outdoor title was accompanied with an NDSU scoring record which tallied 306 points. The women went on to win the national championship in the outdoor season and the men placed a respectable 7th in the nation.

I competed in the 35 pound weight throw in the indoor and placed 8th at the conference meet and competed in the discus and hammer throw in the outdoor meet, which yielded a 3rd place and 6th place finish. We are hoping for another successful year in track and field with the brothers of Theta Chi supporting me and the team the whole way.

Ross Kramer - 1647



Announcements

Alumni Golf Tournament

4th Annual Phi Chapter Shootout

Hawktree Golf Club, Bismarck ND

(Golf Digest Rated Hawktree #19 best Public Golf Course in the US)

Saturday July 31, 2004

**Registration forms for the tournament will be available
in your spring Phi Arrow**

Phi Chapter Shootout Past Winners

- Brad Moberg/Jamie Livingston
- Eric Bartsch/Jon Dickson
- Eric Bartsch/Mike Barseness

BISON V. SIOUX

The Bison/Sioux game is scheduled for the 18th of October in Grand Forks, ND. Bringing back the "Nickel Trophy" is the only thing on NDSU's mind.

Other tidbits.....

Chris Schauer has completed his PhD in animal science, has a research position affiliated with NDSU's Extension Service, returned from OR & is now living in Hettinger, ND.

Jason Link has recently acquired the title of "Senior Manager" for Best Buy and will be working at its corporate headquarters in the Twin Cities. Jason's excited about the opportunity and is grateful for the increased time he'll be able to spend with his family. He had been traveling extensively for Accenture.

Sean Sands has successfully completed his boards and become a full-fledged physician assistant. He & his wife live in Lakewood, CO and are pursuing professional opportunities.

Guy Rolfsrud has relocated from Williston to Bismarck where he has chartered Guy's Flying Service.

Congratulations to Clint Severance and on his start of his new business, "Ultimate Graphics."



Pictures From the Past

Left: Hanging out before the 1971 UND vs. NDSU football game.

Right: Some guys pose with the ladies in 1983

Left: Team effort leads this construction process.



Pictures of the Active Chapter

Above: Guys get together for picture during spring retreat

Right: Kappa Delta is taught the hard way not to raid Theta Chi

Bottom: Annual showdown at the '03 pig banquet

Above: Jon Settingsgard, Mike Larson, Josh Scrapper, and Jayden Kovarik work together for Jon's lip sync skit at Mr. NDSU

Below: Randy Severance and Joey Specht get together before Joey was deployed.



Theta Chi for Life Fund

The Alumni Council would like to extend Fraternity Honors to the following who have made the commitment to the Theta Chi for life fund. As of January 21, 2003, 45 Brothers have come forth and committed themselves to helping the Theta Chi for Life Fund and 19 have made a one-time contribution to the fund. As you can see from the list, CHUB'S PUB has even made the commitment to the fund. I guess that is their way of saying thanks for all the money that we have spent with them in the past..

If you haven't already, we challenge each and every one of you to commit \$200 per year for the next five years. All funds are sent to the Alumni Treasurer and then put directly towards paying off the mortgage early. If mailing checks, please make payable to and mail to: Theta Chi Alumni, P.O. Box 163, West Fargo, ND 58078-0163 or register at phionline.org (donations can also be made via credit card). If you have any questions concerning Theta Chi for Life Fund, please contact Bryan Schulz at 701-281-2772 or via email at

Theta Chi for Life Contributors

The following brothers have pledged a total of \$1,000 over the next five years:

Dennis Agnew	Craig J. Kubik
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A Note From the Editor

I hope this edition of the **Phi Arrow** is an enjoyable read. This publication was a team effort, the Active Chapter came through again, as well as the Alumni. I would especially like to thank **John Knudson**, for visual rendering. I would like to thank **Casey Severance, Josh Scraper, Ross Kramer, Pat Miller** and **Mike Anderson** for articles written. Of the Alumni Chapter, I would like to give props to **Brian Fedje, Kyle Kemmet, Jon Dickson**, and **Eric Bartsch** for articles that make this especially interesting to you, the Alumni of Phi Chapter of Theta Chi. **Mark Puppe**, I really appreciate your unconditional devotion to Phi Chapter, I wanted to recognize that. Without participating Alumni, this publication would not exist, THANK YOU!

I hope you enjoy reading this edition,

Love and Respect

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