



# Cyclone Phi Psi

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Iowa State University

316 Lynn Avenue, Ames, Iowa 50010

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## Chapter House Renovation in Full Swing



Putting in the fire service line for the sprinkler system and fixing the soffits

Alumni who have been wondering if this comeback attempt will really happen should ask the question no more. Now it's time to join the team for the final push because work still remains to be done.

In this first phase, our budget does not allow us to finish the third floor, to extend the first floor into the carport area, to extend the basement under the carport, or to open up the back of the basement for a walk-out patio. Moreover, we will not have the funds to landscape or put other finishing touches on the house. Those additional projects are being deferred to a future stage or stages. Finishing the third floor is our most immediate goal. Housing 20 students is acceptable in the short

Since about March 1, things have been a blur at the chapter house. The first order of business was to remove the asbestos. Considering the age of the building, it wasn't too surprising that we had some of that. That was an \$18,000 annoyance. Then the demolition started in earnest. That took most of March, even with five or six workers on the job each day. Lots of dumpsters in and out.

Renovation started immediately thereafter. Having 10-15 workers climbing all over the place has been common-place as contractors jockey for position. This first phase will include a complete renovation of the basement, first floor, and second floor. We will have a new roof, new windows on the whole house, and new plumbing, electrical, heating and cooling systems. The house will be fully sprinkled, though not required by code.

This first phase will allow us to accommodate approximately 20 students this fall. As we have discussed before, at a school like Iowa State, where all fraternities have living facilities, recruiting without a house to live in is difficult at best. We will now have a chapter house to be proud of, though it won't be fully finished. This will greatly help us attract quality men.

run, but additional rooms are needed to help cash flow and increase the vibrancy of the colony. It is our hope that the third floor can be completed next summer ('07). But that will depend completely on the response of our alumni; no money will be borrowed to do that additional work.

Our Phi Psi experience as undergraduates was much more than just the "bricks and mortar" of the place we lived. But the chapter house nonetheless plays a significant role as the symbol of the shared values of our Fraternity. That's why it's so exciting to see this transformation at last!



Shingling the roof

## HOME COMING 2006!

Plan to come back for Homecoming, October 21, 2006, to see the renovated chapter house and enjoy a meal with our undergraduates and alumni brothers. Because of television, we won't know the exact game time until probably a week or two before the game, so we will have to advise you of the exact schedule of events at the chapter house via our Web site. But in the meantime, call up a Phi Psi friend, make your motel reservations, and plan for a weekend of Phi Psi fun.

# Colony News

## Outgoing President's Message

The focus of this last academic year was recruitment and getting the word out to the rest of the Greek community and the university as a whole that Phi Kappa Psi was back and here to stay. During fall semester, we organized Excellence Bound scholarships to help with both of these areas. We received more than 70 applications, interviewed more than 30 applicants, and selected 20 men to attend a ceremony in which five were awarded scholarships.

Spring semester was a time of growth for our small colony. Membership nearly tripled, and as it did, so did everyone's enthusiasm. When renovation of the house began in March, excitement continued to grow as we could now see that we really were going to eventually have one of the nicest facilities on campus.

This spring, we participated in our first Greek Week and were paired with Delta Zeta, Farm House, and Delta Upsilon. Our team finished first in can drive, community service, lip sync, Greek Olympics (which included first-place finishes in tug-o'-war and bed race, and high finishes in many other events), and **first place overall**. Being involved with a winning team only increased our excitement in being a part of the Greek community. I think it is safe to say that Iowa Beta of Phi Kappa Psi surprised the rest of our team with our excitement and willingness to do whatever we could to help win. We have



**Our insurance company required that the windows be boarded up while the house was vacant. Bryan Hoag and Troy Bergfeld wanted the world to know that our Phi Psi house wouldn't be boarded up for long.**

since established many friendships with the men and women we were paired with.

I have enjoyed the opportunity to have a hand in something that has become very special to us. I look forward to helping continue the standard of excellence we have worked so hard to establish, and I cannot wait to see how far we can take this. — *Ryan Biller, Colony Outgoing President*



Colony members Joe Klein, Chris Rada, Umang Patel, and Troy Bergfeld ham it up during the Greek Week Olympics.

## A Note From the Incoming President

As summer begins, we are focused on recruiting more quality men for Phi Psi. We currently have 15 men, and our goal is to have the house full come fall semester. We have been working hard to attract excellent guys who will benefit our colony and help us get back to chapter status.

All of us want to express our gratitude to all of the Phi Psi alumni who have donated in some shape or form to the renovation project of the chapter house. Without the support of such fantastic alumni, this could never have gone from a dream to a working reality. From what we have observed on campus, we believe we have the greatest alumni support of all chapters at Iowa State University. We look forward to moving into the house and welcoming you back. So please come visit, take a tour of the house, and get acquainted with your future brothers in Phi Kappa Psi. — *Troy Bergfeld, Colony Incoming President*

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## Founders Day Celebrated in Des Moines



Ron Barnes '84, Lance Stahl '87, Paul Wallin '88, and Iowa Alphan Scott Stephens '82 enjoyed seeing old friends at the Founders Day celebration in Des Moines. Lance was one of the organizers of the event.

Renewed interest in Phi Kappa Psi isn't just happening at Iowa Beta. On March 2, a Founders Day event was held at the Royal Mile in downtown Des Moines. To everyone's recollection, this was the first Founders Day event in central Iowa in a long, long time. About 50 alumni attended, and they weren't all from Iowa Beta or Alpha. Creighton, Valparaiso, West Virginia, Texas Tech, and Buffalo were represented. The possibility of forming an official Alumni Association of the Fraternity was discussed, and the proposal was enthusiastically received. Creating a vibrant Alumni Association in central Iowa seems like a no-brainer. Approximately 400 alumni (from dozens of chapters) live within a 50-mile radius of Des Moines, so there are plenty of potential members. A well-organized Alumni Association could be a real benefit to our Iowa and Iowa State chapters (and perhaps Creighton and others) in helping identify quality prospective members. And an active Association could provide networking opportunities and just plain fun for alumni brothers.

Hats off to Iowa Alphans Mark Easler '86 and Brand Newland '00, and to Iowa Betan Lance Stahl '87 for organizing the Founders Day event and quarterbacking the push to form an Alumni Association.

## Introducing Housemom Lindy Good

Life certainly isn't predictable! When I dated my first (and only) Phi Psi, little did I know that I would eventually become not only a Phi Psi sweetheart, but also a Phi Psi housemother!

A little bit about me — I graduated from Iowa State, where I was a member of Delta Zeta. I held various offices as an undergraduate, and then served as Province Collegiate Director for a year as an alumna. I obtained my master's degree in Library Science from Denver University, and have held Reference Librarian positions at Iowa State, the University of Massachusetts (Amherst, MA), the University of Iowa, and Iowa Central Community College (Ft. Dodge). I have also done freelance research for Iowa State and University of Iowa professors, and for Living History Farms in Des Moines.

I finished my last full-time librarian position in 1995, and focused my energy for the next several years on raising our children and taking care of my elderly parents. I'm now looking forward to being the first housemother in the "new" chapter house for the "new" Iowa Beta. Actually, Bill and I are not new to being house parents. We've just completed our third year as houseparents for Phi Delta Theta, the fraternity our son, Steve, joined. (He didn't have the opportunity to become a Phi Psi, since the Phi Psi chapter had just lost its charter the year before he enrolled.) Steve now works for the national office of Phi Delta Theta as their Director of Expansion (which gives Bill and Steve a lot in common to talk about). We also have a daughter, Anne, an esthetician in Omaha, Nebraska.



Lindy and Bill Good '69 with friend Cy at Veishea 2006

Fraternity has become our hobby/civic duty of choice because we both believe that a **good** fraternity experience (as opposed to just an average or mediocre one) can be a real defining moment in a young man's life. It's our goal to help create the environment for a **great** fraternity experience at 316 Lynn Avenue. We want

Phi Kappa Psi to clearly be the fraternity of choice at Iowa State.

School starts August 21, and we'll be settled in by then. Come see us!

— Lindy Good  
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# We Need Stuff!

Stuff. We need Stuff!

The capital so generously provided by our alumni is being used for structural renovation, the "big things." But have you ever stopped to consider how many "little things" are needed to furnish a fraternity house from scratch?!

The following is a list of "little things" we need to operate. It's an evolving list, which we will keep current on our Web site.

## Maintenance — Inside

- vacuum cleaner
- brushes, mops, buckets, brooms, floor mats, waste baskets

## Maintenance — Outside

- shovels, rakes, ice scrapers, ladders

## Maintenance — In General

- hammers, wrenches, pliers, levels, screwdrivers, saws, etc.

## Kitchen

- appliances: four-slice toaster, microwave, pizza maker, convection oven, 6-quart slow cooker, large Foreman grill
- Utensils: you name it, we need it!

## Dining Room

- silverware, plates, bowls, glasses, serving platters and bowls

## Fun Stuff

- basketball backboard, grill, foosball table, piano, big-screen TV

Will you help furnish our fraternal home by "adopting" one or more of the foregoing items? If so, please send your check payable to Iowa Beta of Phi Kappa Psi to Corporation Board Treasurer David Moenk, c/o Conservation Design Forum, 375 West First St., Elmhurst, IL 60126, and indicate the particular item you have in mind, or just mark it for "furnishings." If you have any items that you would like to donate in kind, please contact Bill Good '69 at 515-570-3403 with details. Not everyone is in a position to make a large pledge to the capital campaign, but **everyone** can play a part in turning a big bare building into a comfortable college home. Please DO IT NOW!

## Iowa Beta Web Site

Our chapter Web site has changed significantly in recent weeks. Go to <http://www.stuorg.iastate.edu/phipsi/> and take a look. (If you lose this address, you can easily find it by going to [iastate.edu](http://iastate.edu), clicking on "F", clicking on "Fraternities," and then clicking on "Phi Kappa Psi.") Be sure to check out the "Photos" page for photos of the demolition/renovation. New photos will be added regularly, so check back often. There are also instructions on how you can post your own photos. Don't be afraid to show us what you look like these days!

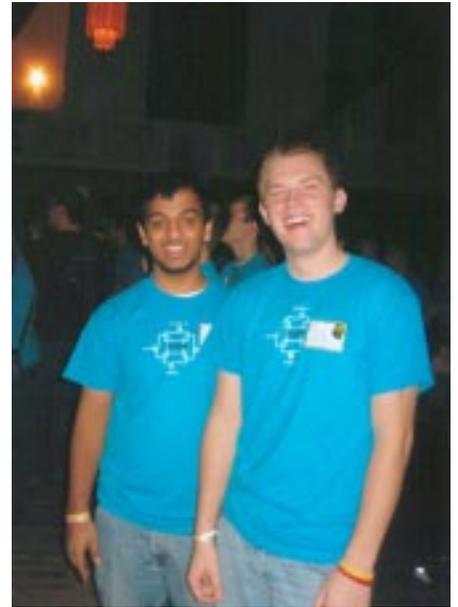
The "Alumni" page has past issues of the *Cyclone Phi Psi* and our e-mail updates. So if you missed one or more of them, you can catch up online.

Also check out the "Contact Us" page. Here you can (i) update your address if you're not getting *The Shield* or the *Cyclone Phi Psi*, (ii) sign up for e-mail updates, (iii) check out our contact information on a long lost brother, and (iv) find contact information for our various alumni advisors.

We think the "Links" page will be of interest to many of you. Here you can get connected to the Web site for the National Fraternity, the Iowa State Greek Affairs office, and others. Be sure to check out the Web site for the American Leadership Academy, also known as Cabo Alpha, the leadership retreat available to Phi Psis which is truly unique in the fraternity world.

The "Recruitment" page has a wealth of material geared primarily for prospective members and their parents, but it will also give you a good idea of the goals and aspirations of the "new" Iowa Beta.

**Jim Miller '71**, professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at Kansas University, deserves the credit for coordinating the technical aspects of our Web site. He has a great understanding of how these things work; fortunately, he also has great patience in putting up with those of us who have no such understanding. If you like what you see, send Jim a note telling him so. And if you have suggestions for making the Web site even better, send him those thoughts as well. The Web site will keep evolving and you can help us in that process.



Colony members Umang Patel and Dustin Collicot were still smiling after being on their feet for 15 hours at ISU's Dance Marathon 2006.

## Sign Up for Iowa Beta Electronic News

The *Cyclone Phi Psi* is published once each semester. And we usually have a separate letter announcing Homecoming plans.

But there is a lot more Iowa Beta news than we can fit in our written publications, so we have started sending out periodic "Phi Psi Update from Iowa Beta" e-mails to those for whom we have good e-mail addresses. If you have not been getting these but would like to, please e-mail your request to be added to the list to [William.Good@JohnsonLawIA.com](mailto:William.Good@JohnsonLawIA.com).

If you have not been getting these e-mails and would like to catch up on prior issues, you can find them on the Alumni Page of our Web site.

For those who live a distance from Ames, it may be a bit difficult to reconnect with what is happening with the rebirth of our chapter — the old "out-of-sight, out-of-mind" syndrome. So we wanted to provide a means for you to get a closer, on-the-scenes look at what's happening at 316 Lynn.

The e-mails will cover a variety of topics — the latest on the renovation, happenings with the colony, events on campus, or perhaps just random musings about fraternity and college life in general. If reading these e-mails over a period of time gives you the feeling of being back in college (without the tests, of course), then we will consider the endeavor a success.

# 50-Year Reunion for Holiday Tourney Champs



The 1955-56 champion basketball team was honored at half-time in Hilton Coliseum on January 21, 2006. Pictured (l-r): Chuck Vogt, John Crawford, Bill Meyer ['55-645], Lyle Frohm, Al Lowery ['55-647], Don Medsker, Bud Bergman ['58-706], Dick Farwell, Arnie Gaarde, and Gary Thompson. (Thanks to Bill Meyer for sending the photo.)

Fifty years ago, a three-game sweep of Kansas State, Colorado, and Kansas in late December gave the 1955-56 Cyclone men's basketball team the Big Seven Holiday Tournament title. That club — led by double-figure scorers Gary Thompson, John Crawford, Don Medsker, and Chuck Vogt — was honored at the January 21 Iowa State men's basketball game vs. Texas A&M. Coach Bill Strannigan's team set an Iowa State record for wins (18), finished second in the conference race, and earned the school's first-ever national ranking. **William A. Meyer '55-645**, a member of this storied team, took part in the ceremonies and sent the photo at left. **Bud Bergman, '58-706; Al Lowery, '55-647; and Larry Swanson, '55-651**, were also on the team.

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Digging out the old stairs leading to the kitchen

## Renovation Update

From Bill Good's E-mail Update, June 12, 2006:

Lindy and I were in Ames last Thursday and we should have some more pictures on the Web site in a day or two. Most of the new windows are in. Boy, does that help the appearance. The wood on the outside has been power-washed and painting has started. Footings have been poured on the east side of the house for the new fire escape, which we are required to install.

The new stairway, which goes from first floor to third floor, is in. Because of structural problems, it was necessary to remove portions of the second and third floors at the north end. For the last several weeks, access to those floors has been by extension ladder only. Sheet rocking on the second floor is almost done and the showers in the second floor head are in.

A lot has happened since we began in March. There's still a lot to be done, but there's no indication that we won't be ready to move in come fall.

## HOME COMING!

October 21, 2006

Come home to 316 Lynn Avenue, and spend a fun weekend with Phi Psi brothers!

## Obituaries

**John E. Bragdon, '42-332**, of Waterloo, Iowa, died June 21, 2002, according to the family.

**Robert A. Dittmer, '49-497**, of Eldridge, Iowa, passed away April 12, 2003, according to his family.

**L. Carter McKee, '49-501**, of Tacoma, Washington, died January 15, 2006. His wife, Barbara, informed the alumni office.

## Cyclo-grams

**Lloyd D. Beatty, '48-484**, writes, "We have enjoyed the 'secret' splendor of northwest Arkansas (it is just east of Oklahoma) for 33 years." A retired Navy Commander and teacher, Lloyd is busy with numerous activities: Rotary, church, tennis, golf, volunteering with a literacy program, flying, and traveling. "Of particular interest to us," he continues, "is that we have my wife's father's Phi Psi pin: **Robert F. Carter, Iowa Beta 1918.**" Lloyd and his wife, Shirley Carter Beatty (ΠΒΦ-ISU '51), can be reached at 915 S. 20th St., Rogers, AR 72758; 479-636-6427; shrave@cox.net. They have two daughters and a son, Barbara, Betsy, and Mark.

**Arnold A. Evans, '51-550**, has moved to 221 Oak Hill Dr., Kerrville, TX 78028.

**Myron L. "Mike" Lambert, '53-601**, reports that he is "fully retired after 31 years in management with AT&T, and 16 years teaching at San Francisco State University in the College of Business. We're splitting our time between our home in San Francisco and a retirement home in Penn Valley, California." Mike adds a question: "How about a directory of Iowa Beta members from the mailing list?" He and his wife, Norita, receive mail at 585 Junipero Serra Blvd., San Francisco, CA 94127, and phone calls at 415-584-1858. They raised three sons: Mark (49), Gregg (47), and John (39). Mike enjoys tennis, golf, and sailing in his 30-foot sloop in San Francisco Bay. He concludes, "I have one hobby too many!"

**William A. Meyer, '55-645**, joined his teammates of the 1955-56 Iowa State men's basketball team for a 50-year reunion January 20-21 in Ames. "Ten members of that memorable team, who finished 18-5 that season, were introduced at

half-time during the Iowa State-Texas A&M game at Hilton Coliseum. Bill sent the photo on page 5. He and his wife, Donna (ΑΔΠ-U of Iowa), receive mail at PO Box 3876, Carefree, AZ 85377, and phone calls at 480-595-0298. Their family includes Keith (45), Tracy (44), and Kristen (39).

**David L. Evans, '60-729**, is chairman of the Denver World Affairs Council, CEO of Evanwood Corporation, and a trustee with Pearl Mutual Funds. Contact him at 32500 El Diente Ct., Evergreen, CO 80439; Dave@DavidEvans.DE; or 303-679-9689.

**Charles E. Sherwood, '67-841**, lives at 15604 Woodway Dr., Tampa, FL 33613; howtheeastwasfun@yahoo.com.

**Thomas D. Blyth, '70-899**, and his wife, Kate, moved to Lake of the Ozarks three years ago. "We love it here," he says. They have two daughters, Sarah (26) and Annie (24). Contact Tom at PO Box 1784, Lake Ozark, MO 65049; 573-302-4528; tkblyth@socket.net.

**Daniel G. Mathisen, '83-1139**, and his wife, Susan Spence (ΚΚΓ-Tulane), have two children, Katie (5) and Michael (3). "Where are my pledge brothers from 1983? What can I do to encourage each of you to join the contributor's pool for the Iowa Beta Campaign Fund?" Dan is with EMC Corporation. Contact him at 5822 Sierra Casa Rd., Irvine, CA 92603; 949-856-4334; danmathisen@cox.net.

**William T. Waldie, '84-1152**, wrote that he wants to get back in touch with brothers and receive the *Cyclone Phi Psi*. Contact Bill at 1705 Nathan Lane, Libertyville, IL 60048; 847-362-9636; Bill.Waldie@freescale.com.

**Brandon E. Bowen, '91-1257**, writes, "Sounds like things are really coming together at the house! Did I read correctly that people will be able to move in for fall semester? If so, are there any plans for a homecoming activity? It's been a few years since I have been back to Ames, but I would make the trip if something was going on." Brandon receives mail at 2272 West Myrtle Dr., Chandler, AZ 85248, and e-mail at Brandon.Bowen@rockfordcorp.com. (*Brandon's question was answered by Bill Good, '69-864: "Yes, students will be able to move in next fall . . . We hope to have something fairly big at next fall's Homecoming. As plans firm up, we'll get more information out to everyone."*)

### Where Have They Gone?

The alumni office has received one piece of returned mail from the post office for each of the brothers listed at right. If you have information about any of them, please send a note in the enclosed reply envelope, or send an e-mail message to comcoa@comcoa.com. Many thanks!

Edward J. Browne	1943	371	George M. Dimitri	1967	834
William L. Easton	1946	417	Douglas R. Spriggs	1968	861
John S. Hall	1947	439	David Andrew Palty	1978	1051
Wendell Ronald McKibben	1955	638	Ronald Vincent Pelton	1980	1107
William J. Wentzel	1955	650	Jeffrey Allen Hanson	1983	1140
John L. McKim	1958	694	Kenneth Yoon Minn	1992	1268
John Stephen Spencer	1961	749	Cory Duane Walton	1996	1306
Richard J. McGuire	1962	759			

## 2006 Honor Roll of Contributors

Sincere thanks to the 20 Phi Psi brothers of Iowa Beta Chapter who have sent early 2006 contributions totaling \$730 in support of the chapter's alumni communications program. Remember, the *Cyclone Phi Psi* is totally supported by contributions from our chapter alumni, so please join the brothers on the list below by sending your gift today!

Name	Init. Yr. & No.				
Arthur J. W. Weir, Jr.	41 310	L. David Beatty	48 484	Lynn Johnson	57 681
John J. Moriarty, Jr.	41 316	Robert W. McDougall	50 522	J. Stephen Spencer	61 749
Charles O. Jenista, Jr.	42 323	Stanley M. Grupa	50 543	Scott C. Schaupp	63 782
Waldo C. Friedland	42 331	Myron L. Lambert	53 601	William J. Good	69 864
James L. Paisley	43 369	Clifford D. Vance	54 616	Thomas D. Blyth	70 899
William G. Castner	45 401	David L. Anthony	54 627	Timothy G. Houge	82 1127
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