

ALPHA PI LAMBDA

Alumni Newsletter

President's Report

Hello and happy end of summer greetings everyone! I hope that this latest issue of the Pi Newsletter finds you and your families well and that the past few months have been enjoyable. Lots of good things have been happening with the Pi since the last Newsletter in February and we have yet another full schedule of fall and winter events lined up.

As you read through the articles in this issue you will notice a theme. The basic message is that we have come far, but we cannot allow the momentum to stop. It is time to re-engage and re-invigorate the Alumni population. It is absolutely crucial that we get more people involved and get the word out that the Pi needs their support now more than ever. We have spent several man hours updating our contact database and mailing list to try and reach as many of you as possible. Please take the time to reach out to a couple of the guys from your respective era's to make sure their information is correct, to get involved and to help continue to strengthen our Alumni Corporation.

But first, let's start with an update on some of the fun things we've recently experienced. On Saturday, 05 March 2011 we held the Alumni Luncheon where we inducted the inaugural class of the Crimson and Grey Society (see the website for some great pictures of the day). This was followed by the 76th A-Ball that evening where a good time was had by all. Saturday, 02 April 2011 found the Alumni and Undergrads working together side-by-side on repair



"Our Castle on the Corner"

and upgrade of the House during the spring Work Weekend. We were so successful on day one that we didn't require the second day on Sunday! The Alumni Volleyball Game and Senior Send-off BBQ were held on Saturday, 07 May 2011 in conjunction with the Drexel Alumni Weekend. Saturday, 25 June 2011 was the scene for the 2nd annual "Pig-Nic" at Mermaid Lake. We had a great turnout and all agreed it was a fun event that we will continue to hold for the foreseeable future.

Over the next few months we have the Alumni vs. Undergrad Softball game planned for Saturday, 13 August 2011 and the Alumni Golf Outing to be held on Saturday, 17 September 2011 at Indian Spring Country Club in Marlton, NJ. Other planned events are the fall Work Weekend on Saturday/Sunday, 01/02 October 2011, the Alumni vs. Undergrad Football game on Saturday, 12 November 2011 and the Pi Holiday Formal on Friday, 02 December 2011. Winter term will bring the Alumni vs. Undergrad Basketball game on Saturday, 28 January 2012 and the 77th A-Ball on Saturday, 03 March 2012.

We also have a couple of big House improvements under way including new front and basement doors, refurbishment of the front porch AND our biggest and most exciting project: the complete redo of the entire back yard including a new basketball surface area, backboard and hoop, team benches, new estate fencing with shrubs and a kick-butt new picnic pavilion! You can read more about this in the Vice President's report.

All of these successful events and projects would not be possible without one critical element YOU!

As stated, we have come a very long way from the darkest days when we lost our charter and beloved House, but we cannot afford the luxury of complacency at this point. I and the Alumni Executive are beginning to notice a bit of a dip in event attendance. This is concerning on multiple levels. If we allow ourselves to slip, the University will notice but, worst of all, so will the Undergrads. It is a proven cause and effect relationship that when Alumni participation drops, and our visibility at the House or at events is minimal, the Brotherhood tend to lose focus and allow behaviors to change in a negative way. We must remain diligent and help these young men be the best that they can be. Continued financial support and BEING THERE are the best ways for us to help them achieve success.

President's Report (cont'd)

Please also remember that Alumni Meetings are held on the first Friday of every month at 7:00 PM EDT/EST in the West Parlor of the House (unless otherwise notified via e-mail). If possible, all local Alumni should physically attend at least one meeting per year. I ask everyone to please log onto the Pi website www.applepi.org and update your contact details or use the enclosed form to mail in your update. Also, please reach out to guys from your era that have been out of touch and organize a group visit to the House. I realize it is not possible for many of you to attend the meetings in person, so here is our teleconference dial in number and access code:

DEDICATED DIAL-IN NUMBER
1 (605) 715-4920
ACCESS CODE
695-5944

In closing, I want to thank everyone for their continued financial support. Dues are our lifeblood and make things like this newsletter and social events possible. If you have not already done so, please log-on and pay using Pay-Pal or send in your dues with the enclosed envelope.

Please enjoy the remainder of this newsletter and feel free to contact me by phone on 215.896.3829 or by e-mail at edschicklingjr@comcast.net with any questions, concerns, ideas or suggestions on making the Pi even greater than we are currently!

Adolphus,
Ed "Schick" Schickling ('85)
Alumni President

Vice President's Report

Greetings Brothers,

So what is going to change at the Pi in the next month? We will be removing the large tree from the backyard! Now some of you may have some remorse about this, after all many a pledge class has used this tree to extract their revenge on an over zealous Pledge Master, or fellow Brother, but with the correct amount of respect it is time to say goodbye to that overgrown weed. So after talking about this for over two years we are targeting having the backyard redone for the Fall Rush season!

Many Pi's do not know the history of the backyard, Drexel and Meyers. In 1977, The Pi had a full basketball court and two times as much grass area. When Drexel built Meyers they used half our backyard. They provided us with the high chain link fence that now surrounds the basketball court. Nothing has been updated or changed since then.

Well it is time to give it a face lift. The plans call for a new court surface, replacing the fencing, new landscaping, an addition of a new pavilion as an outdoor eating area and a new basketball backboard and hoop. So we lose a tree and end up with what will be the envy of the other Fraternities!

Over the last seven years we have made a lot of changes to the Pi. Some minor, and some major. It has been a personal pleasure to be involved in so many of them. As we continue to move forward and guide our beloved Fraternity into the future, I sometimes wonder what direction other people would take with our decisions. I may think at times that I am always right, but I do know better. Often times the correct direction comes from the consensus.

This is why the Pi needs all of us. I hope that all of you who are reading this newsletter, give some serious thought to coming to the House for an event every once in a while. Whether it is an Alumni meeting or the Holiday party, we need you to be a part of this. Some people think that they don't have the time to get involved. I disagree. Attending an Alumni meeting is getting involved and helps us more than you will ever imagine. So help us build our direction for the future.

Adolphus,
Chuck Gunheim ('82)
Alumni Vice President

Treasurer's Report

Greetings Fellow Alumni,

Why do I stay involved with Apple Pi? After many years of service to our Fraternity sometimes I am tired. Sometimes I do not feel like attending meetings and sometimes I do not want to volunteer. But then I think about all the things that I got out of my association with the Pi. It helps me truly reinvigorate my time and attention.

Our Alumni get engaged at many levels and for many different reasons. Some people can only find a few hours a year and use them during the golf outing. They connect with old friends and relive great memories while building new ones. Other guys love to show up during the football games and other sports. They love to stay in touch with the Undergrads and enjoy the games as much as the BBQ's after.

So I ask you. Why are you not coming to events or otherwise engaging? I challenge each of you to come to one event each year. Connect with old friends. Visit the House and build new memories at Drexel.

We went through a difficult time. We survived and thrived as a Fraternity. Now we must grow. This can only happen with continued Alumni engagement and with your help. I am not asking for you to attend each meeting but I am asking you to show how important Drexel and Apple Pi are to you and to your college years.

Adolphus and see you at the next Apple Pi Alumni event!
David Kaganovsky ('95)
Treasurer

Pictures from the pi



The Inaugural Inductees of the
Crimson and Grey
Society:
(From Left to Right, Front Row)
David Kaganovsky ('95),
Al Link ('53),
Amand Hahn ('60),
Bob Smorodin ('64),
John Heckler ('84).
(From Left to Right, Back Row)
Chuck Vincent ('57),
Frank Rubinate ('73),
Chuck Gunheim ('82),
John McGraw ('71)

(Not Pictured: Joe Triosi ('48),
*Awarded Posthumously)



The Pi once again claiming Athletic
greatness, winning the 2011
Intramural Basketball League

Corresponding Secretary Report

My Fellow Alumni,

I write to you today with an underlying theme in mind, that theme being...Participation. Newsletter after newsletter the members of the Alumni Corporation who write these articles take time away from their families, work, and other commitments to put together this newsletter, why...because we choose to. We must realize that participation is a choice, not a duty. And it is this choice to volunteer our time, which makes us pour our hearts, our souls, our very life's blood into the House and all the things we do for it.

Now one may read this article and say that there are many other factors in their life that take precedent over attending Fraternity events. But isn't that true for all of us? We all have commitments that we feel obligated to, but it is this mentality that is counterproductive to what we're doing. What most of us forget, or some that don't even know, there was a time, not too long ago where the House was dark, gutted, and boarded up...a shell of its former greatness. But thanks to the dedication of an excellent handful of Brothers like David Kaganovsky, Chuck Gunheim, Al Link, Bob Smorodin, and Ed Schickling just to name a few, we were able in a two year span, take what was literally a condemnable place, and turn it into a thriving House, which today boasts a swelling membership not seen since the 1990's.

How was this all possible? You guessed it...Participation. Just like in any organization there is always a core group who keeps it together, for the Pi it is the Alumni Corporation. What we must realize is that there are limits to what only a handful of people can do. The sacrifices that these gentleman have made, and the understanding with which their families and loved ones have shown has been commendable. There comes a time in the lives of these gentleman, that they become so taxed, so overburdened, they are forced to choose between obligations of home, of family, of friends, even other organizations. Yet we committed few will continue to soldier on and carry on the flame of the Pi. What we ask of you, is simply to join and be part of it.

Three years ago it was easy to dismiss events at the House because there was no House to speak of. But today the Pi has a place to gather, a place to remember, and a place to once again call home. I myself must admit, that though a young Alumnus, with seemingly all the time in the world to dedicate, even I find that I must choose between various commitments. With my own commitments at work, my home, and my budding family, I too am spread thin with my time. As I examine my own life, I now see that I have easily gotten caught up in so many other aspects of my life. As I write this article, I realize I have forgotten what the House means to me. But as I reflect and remember my time between those four walls, I remember the vows I took, of Honor, Friendship and Loyalty, Fraternity, and above all, I remember the great times I had. With these memories I am left renewed in my commitment and my choice to do my part for the Pi.

Now, I ask you to also remember the great times that you had at our "Castle on the Corner." I ask you to think to yourself, is it really that out of my way to make at least one or even two events at the House every year? Between the A-ball, Brotherhood initiations, seasonal sports (events such as softball, volleyball, basketball, and football), and various events in and out of the House (such as the Pig-nic, Mother's day, Holiday party), surely one could find time to free themselves for one day and see what's new at the Pi. It's a chance to relive old memories, perhaps catch up with a Brother you haven't seen in years, and above all, make new memories.

All events are family friendly (well, most anyway) and you are even encouraged to bring them along. The Alumni Corporation has put great time and effort into re-building the House, making it what it is today, and we wish for Brothers both young and old to take pride in it. So we ask you to please come and participate in our future events. Take pride in showing off where you spent your college life, because today, the House is a testament to what the ingenuity, hard work, and dedication of a handful can do. Now, just imagine how much more we can accomplish with your participation.

Adolphus,
Stephen Spadaro ('05)
Corresponding Secretary

Alumni Athletics Report

Brothers,

Alumni sports not only need to fight the weather conditions, but recently we have hit a roadblock on alumni attendance. After a great showing for softball and football, the attendance for basketball and volleyball was very lackluster. My goal over the next 12 months (4/5 games) is to have record breaking alumni attendance, including all Pi generations, but I cannot meet this goal without your support! So if you are reading this newsletter please notice the dates below and put them on your calendar to attend. Even if your skill level has diminished, your **attendance** is crucial to a successful event. Remember the goal of Alumni sports (besides winning!!) is to demonstrate to the Undergrads the commitment and love of the Pi by Alumni of all generations. Now let's get into the athletics:

By Tony Chirico ('78 UG/'80 MBA)

The Alumni endeavored to extend their winning streak vs. the Undergrads at the Annual volleyball match. This year, it was held on May 7 which turned out to be a beautiful sunlit spring day (after all, they say "The sun always shines on the Pi!!"). The match, which was held on the sand courts at 33rd and Race streets, took place in the midst of the official Drexel Alumni Weekend festivities featuring a whole separate slate of Greek get-togethers. The Undergrad team took the court looking as if it had partaken in perhaps too many of these festivities the night before. Meanwhile, the Alumni team found itself shorthanded with only 4 volleyballers present, led by veteran Tony Chirico. To fill out the squad, the Undergrads "loaned" the Alumni some of their "better" players.

The first game started out at a fairly choppy pace, with both sides trading serves and neither able to build much momentum, until the Undergrad's rode the strength of some solid serving to close out the match up solidly by 21-2. Almost as would be expected, the Alumni turned the tables in game 2 with some solid serving of their own, aided by some wilting of the Undergrad's as their Friday night ways began to take a toll. The well-rested Alumni shot out to an early 11-3 advantage and never looked back, cruising to victory by a score of 21-11. The Alumni were game for the rubber match, confident that skill, experience and hydration were on their side. Alas, the Undergrad's had seen enough by then, and conceded the match rather than go through the agony of yet another defeat. Frustrated but satisfied, the Alumni claimed yet another consecutive victory in this series, 2 games to 1. Afterward, all retired to the House for an afternoon of cold beverages, barbecue and stale stories. A good time was had by all!!

Upcoming Events:

Softball – Saturday August 13, 2011 @ 1:00pm (Fairmont Fields – 33rd and Diamond Sts), **Golf Outing** - Saturday September 17, 2011 – Details below, **Football** – Saturday November 12, 2011, **Basketball** – Saturday January 28, 2012

Golf Outing:

The Alpha Pi Lambda 2011 Golf Outing is around the corner! Please see the details below and I need you to register online as soon as you are done reading this newsletter.

Course – Indian Spring Country Club, 115 South Elmwood Rd, Marlton, NJ 08053 – www.indianspringgolf.com

Date – Saturday, September 17, 2011

Time – 8:00am for shotgun start (Everyone starts at a different hole so everyone ends at same time). Be at the course no later than 7:30am

Price - \$120 per person (includes golf, lunch buffet, drinks, gift, and prizes)

Format – Scramble (basically, the best ball will be played after each shot)

Foursome/Group – You need to submit your team players and name. If you are not in a group by 09/10/11, you will be assigned to a group

Cookout Lunch Buffet & Drinks – Hamburgers & cheeseburgers, BBQ chicken, hot dogs, domestic draft beef, wine & soda for 3 hours after round

Gift/Prizes – Complimentary golf towel plus prizes for putting contest, longest drive, and closest to pin

Payment Options – Online at <http://www.applepi.org/register-for-golf-outing.html> or checks written to Alpha Pi Lambda Alumni Corporation and sent to 8 Alton Way, Burlington Twp, NJ 08016

Please register yourself and your foursomes online at <http://www.applepi.org/register-for-golf-outing.html>. Please email Myron.e.williams@gmail.com with any questions.

Adolphus,
John McFadden ('03)
Alumni Athletics Chairman

" The Phoenix "

The Phoenix is a mythical bird with a colorful plumage and a tail of gold and scarlet. It has a 500 to 1,000 year life-cycle, near the end of which it builds itself a nest of twigs that then ignites; both nest and bird burn fiercely and are reduced to ashes, from which a new, young Phoenix or Phoenix egg arises, reborn anew to live again. The Phoenix's ability to be reborn from its own ashes implies that it is immortal. *-From an account by the ancient Greek Historian Herodotus in the fifth century BC while describing the animals of Egypt-*

Like the mythical Phoenix described by Herodotus, the **Alpha Pi Lambda Fraternity** arose from the ashes of destruction. Although we have achieved a great deal, our beloved Fraternity needs new vitality to achieve even higher goals. This is the theme of our current newsletter – rebirth, reinvention, reengineering, and strategic organizational renewal. The health and vitality of any organization and that organization's ability to renew itself is defined by the capability, quality, experience, and commitment of its members and, most importantly, its key leaders.

So, to address this central idea, we intend to create a formal program to foster the development of key leadership and management skills to build a stronger Alpha Pi Lambda Undergraduate constituency while strengthening Undergraduate and Alumni bonds. Our essential evolving strategy is to:

- Build on the success of our 2011 Leadership Off-site.
- Leverage Drexel University's CEO Program and links with the Alumni Office to ensure sustainability and achievement of key learning outcomes while gaining formalized leadership credit and organizational certification.

As we move forward and solidify our plans, we welcome the participation and involvement of our Alumnus to pass on what you have learned in business and life to our Undergraduate Brothers to grow their abilities, foster their insight, and thereby shape the future of our Fraternity.

Then, the **Alpha Pi Lambda Fraternity**, like Herodotus' mythical Phoenix, may similarly also achieve immortality.

Adolphus,
Peter A. Altavilla, Jr. ('83)
Judicial Chairman

U n d e r g r a d u a t e R e l a t i o n s C h a i r m a n

Greetings Fellow Brothers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well as the summer is winding down. My name is Ed Dolphin, a recent graduate and current Undergraduate Relations Chairman. Since the publication of our last newsletter, we have conducted several events involving the Undergraduates and Alumni. The main event occurred during the 76th Anniversary Ball, where we inducted our first class of Alumni into the Crimson and Grey Society in front of a large gathering of Alumni and Undergraduates. In addition, we also had a successful work weekend in April, our Second Annual Family "Pig-nic" in June and a couple other events sprinkled in between.

All of these gatherings were relaxing and social in nature, but they have a greater purpose. After I was first initiated, I thought that my membership in Alpha Pi Lambda was short term and only for a couple years while I was still a student. My shortsightedness left me after meeting some of the Alumni and hearing how much Alpha Pi Lambda still meant to them; even after 10, 20 or 30 years after they had left! Their involvement and dedication inspired me to become involved after graduation, and I am now actively involved in the Alumni Corporation. In order to ensure the long term viability of Alpha Pi Lambda, we need to continually interact with the Undergraduates and demonstrate to them how important this organization is to us. A strong Alumni base will help maintain a strong Undergraduate Brotherhood, and a strong group of Undergrads is a great feeder program to the Alumni.

Fraternally,
Ed Dolphin ('09)
Undergraduate Relations Chairman

Alumni Scholarship Fund

The Alpha Pi Lambda Endowed Scholarship Fund has now been officially established and we are well on our way to reaching our first milestone of \$25,000! Since March, we have received donations totaling \$10,500. Once the \$25,000 milestone is reached, we will be able to set criteria and to begin to issue scholarships to worthy Undergraduates which we hope to begin doing in early 2012.

For those of you who may have reservations about donating to the building fund, the Alpha Pi Lambda Endowed Scholarship Fund offers another way for you to contribute to the enduring legacy of the Alpha Pi Lambda Fraternity. Think of the possibilities when potential freshmen come to the House during rush and learn that they can compete for an Alpha Pi Lambda scholarship! As our Alumni prove time and time again, we always have and will continue to attract the best of Drexel and the establishment of a permanent scholarship dedicated to Alpha Pi Lambda will help us continue to raise the bar for new members.

If you would like to find out more about the Alpha Pi Lambda Endowed Scholarship Fund or are interested in making a donation, please contact Joe “Appy” Apostolico either through e:mail at joeileen@comcast.net or by phone at 267-230-4032. In addition, donations can be made directly to Drexel’s Office of Institutional Advancement by directing your donation to the Alpha Pi Lambda Endowed Scholarship Fund

We look forward to providing further updates on our progress and in seeking your contributions.

Adolphus,
Joe “Appy” Apostolico (‘84)
Alumni Endowment Scholarship Chairman

Recording Secretary

Fellow Alumni,

Over the past year, one of the priorities of the Alumni Corporation has been to utilize existing technologies to improve our ability to communicate and stay connected with Alumni. At the core of this effort was a redesign of our website (www.applepi.org) which allows for online dues payments or donations, current information on upcoming events, updates, newsletters and more, while also providing an avenue for Alumni to reconnect to others via LinkedIn, Facebook etc. I hope the following will assist you in navigating the site and becoming more engaged in the Pi.

ABOUT– this page gives a high-level history of the Fraternity by “era”, dating back to our founding days and giving an update on recent happenings. Are we missing significant information? Let us know and we’ll update the history books.

DUES – this page allows for Alumni to quickly pay Alumni dues via Paypal or credit card, while also providing information on how to pay via check.

SUPPORT – this page highlights how you can give back to the Fraternity. Protect the past by supporting the House renovations fund, or help us secure the future by supporting the Alpha Pi Lambda Scholarship fund. Information on naming opportunities and online pledge forms are also a click away!

PHOTOS – want to see photos from a recent event? This page has an archive of photos dating back to the 1950’s, as well as slideshows of more recent events.

NEWSLETTER – want to catch up on the happenings? Stop by here to read recent newsletters and extended versions of articles and testimonials from University officials.

UNDERGRADS – while we may be doing quite a bit, the undergrads are no different. Check this page out to support their activities and visit their website.

RECONNECT – quite possibly the most important page of all. Update your contact information, help us find MIA brothers, and reconnect online through LinkedIn, Drexel’s Alumni Association and Facebook.

Like (or hate) the new website? Let us know by filling out the Feedback form located at <http://www.applepi.org/feedback.html>. While you’re at it, let us know how the Alumni Corporation is doing as well!

Adolphus,
Shams Naim (‘10)
Recording Secretary & Tech Chair

Undergraduate President's Report

Dear Alumni,

The Brotherhood of Alpha Pi Lambda is continuing to grow and is as strong as we've seen it since our reinstatement. This past spring, we initiated eight new members into our Fraternity, bringing our total to 25 new members for the 2010-2011 school year. As of right now, the Brotherhood stands at 62 members with 19 currently living in the House and 5 more planning to move in at the end of the summer. The House continues to remain in great shape with the help of both the Undergrads and the Alumni, but could still use some more work to restore it to its former glory. The Undergraduate Brothers would like to thank the Alumni for all of their continued support without whom the Pi would not be able to continue and thrive since the re-opening of the House.

I am pleased to announce that the Brotherhood has improved its grades once again and is currently ranked 4th in the IFC with a cumulative GPA of over a 3.1. We have worked hard to continuously improve our GPA year after year since returning to campus in 2007 and we hope to see this trend continue. Additionally, the Fraternity has also seen an improvement in its athletics after winning the championship in both basketball and hockey and finishing 2nd in bowling. This momentum carried over to the spring term where our soccer and softball teams both made the playoffs. Our softball team made it to the semi finals before eventually losing in extra innings.

On the weekend of April 2nd and 3rd, Apple Pi held its second work weekend of the year. A core group of Alumni attended this event, making it a very successful weekend, but in the future there is always room for more helping hands. We accomplished a lot of things around the House and made significant improvements to specific areas. The past two work weekends were a great success. We will definitely be holding them again in the fall and spring of the upcoming school year and encourage all of the Alumni to come out and help.

The Undergrads would like to extend a huge thanks to the Alumni, especially Brian Bainum and Ed Schickling, who helped put together this year's Pig-Nic at Mermaid Lake Swim Club. The Brothers appreciated the amount of work that went into planning the event and had such a good time that we even decided to let the Alumni win the Alumni/Undergrad volleyball game.

In other happenings, we are proud to report that at the end of the spring term, we had to say Congratulations and Farewell to four of our seniors, Mike Donaghy, Kyle DeFelice, Alex Schickling, and Jeff Wang. The Undergrads would like to wish these Brothers good luck in the future and we hope that they will remain active within the Pi for years to come.

Finally, on August 2nd at the Buckley Sand Courts, the Undergrads hosted the 4th Annual Smackfest Volleyball Tournament. All proceeds were donated to the Live Strong foundation. It is our sincerest hope to see you at the Alumni/Undergrad softball game in Fairmount on August 13th.

Adolphus,
Ryan McNeil ('12)
Undergraduate President



From the Induction of the Spring 2011 Class

" F a b r i c o f t h e P i "

To the Beloved Brothers of the Pi,

I still remember the first time I walked up the front steps into Alpha Pi Lambda. It was 1987, and I was just beginning my collegiate career at Drexel. The House was breathtakingly beautiful, well-maintained with unbelievable architecture. I was friends with Kevin Blake who introduced me to his Brothers that lived there. I did not really know what a Fraternity was all about, but I instantly felt at home – nowhere else throughout those four years did I ever feel more welcomed or at ease.

Soon, I was often there in my free time, even just stopping in to say, "Hi!". The Wednesday Nighters became such a part of my life – that is where my friends were, and that was where I wanted to be! Apple Pi became so important to me, that I arranged my schedule around the events there. Over time, it literally became like home to me. While my apartment was never more than three blocks away, I was often invited to share meals. We always shared much laughter, but also shed some tears. Essentially, we were all growing up together.

There are so many wonderful memories, too countless to detail here, but a few that are prominent in my mind: the Formals, walking to classes and studying together, going to concerts (road-tripping to the Grateful Dead in DC, Eric Clapton and REM at the old Spectrum), soaking up the sun at the Dad Vail, watching the lacrosse and rugby games, going to Cav's, playing "Horse" on the basketball court, singing the Pi songs, trips to Ocean City MD, and walking to graduation en masse.

One night in my Junior year when I was studying at home, I got a phone call from Jim Bean, who was the President at that time. He informed me that I had just been nominated and elected Sweetheart. I still recall it as one of the happiest days of my life; I was now truly a part of the fabric of Alpha Pi Lambda! A small group of us went to Cavanaugh's, and Denise gave me her "Apple Pi Sweetheart" jacket to wear. We toasted until well into the night, and thus began my year tenure as Sweetheart.

I asked an old classmate of mine what stands out in her mind when remembering her times visiting the Pi. She immediately said: "The Haunted House...that was always so spectacular!"

The Haunted House ran for 17 years, starting, to my recollection, the year I began at Drexel. That first year, I merely walked through, and stayed around for the after-party. In subsequent years, I got involved in the process, and it was great fun! In one skit, we were performing an "operation"; to this day, I can still clearly conjure the scent of spaghetti and dry ice. Through the years, all of the proceeds from that event went to the HMS School for Children. Based in Philadelphia, the school educates and cares for children with cerebral palsy. Undoubtedly, the donations given to them by Apple Pi went to the care of children with great needs, and hopefully it made the lives of many children better.

Alpha Pi Lambda has been a solid foundation for countless numbers of its Brothers for decades. I hope that the traditions will continue, not only because of how the organization helped me to make great friends and grow into adulthood, but how the Pi positively impacted so many others as well.

I remember thinking, when I walked into the House what a beautiful place it was. I came to realize that it was everyone inside the House that made it beautiful.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Wisner ('91)
Sweetheart 1990-1991

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