

# THE NEW ALPHA NU'S

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## TIME WITH TOM...

**TIME WITH TOM** As I near the end of my tenure as President of the Alumni Association, I want to thank all of the members of the Board for their assistance. I would like to thank all the brothers who have attended the meetings and the activities and encourage them to continue to do so.

In this newsletter you will find all the details for the 45th Reunion. I hope that you will take the time to review them all, set your schedules so that you can be in Duluth that second weekend in October to renew acquaintances with all the brothers. Please take a look at the enclosed address list. Find one or two of the brothers from your pledge class and give them a call to make an effort to encourage them to attend the reunion.

Mike Dean, Jason Golde and Doug Johnson have been working very hard with the active chapter over the last 6 months trying to instill a new life into our presence at UMD. While the administration has not been all supporting, it is still up to us as alumni to encourage the actives. If your sons or anyone you know are attending UMD please make sure that they are aware of the benefits of joining Alpha. Give Mike Dean or Jason Golde an email with names of perspective new members. It will be especially important to get new pledges this winter semester and next fall.

Also included is a ballot to elect new members to the Board of Directors and also the ever present dues reminder which you will fill out and mail back ASAP.

If your address has changed, drop me a note so that we can have the most current address for everyone when we begin the reunion mailers.

Fraternally yours, Tom Kraus



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## Spring Meeting-Mark Your Calendars...

The Annual Spring Meeting will be held **Saturday, May 8th**. We will again meet at the Carlson School of Business on the West Bank, U of M. Signs will be posted on the entry doors as to which room they give us to use. Beginning with juice, coffee and rolls at **9:00am**, the meeting will start at **9:30am**. We hope to conclude business at **12 noon**. We can plan to have lunch at the Grandma's as we did last year.

Please plan on joining us...we have a lot to discuss!!!



# ***45th Reunion***

## ***The Weekend of October 7-10, 2004***

***Reunion Headquarters: Comfort Suites, Canal Park, Duluth, MN***

***Thursday Evening***

***The Gathering...***

***"Private Room at the Sports Garden"***

***Friday Noon***

***The Outing...***

***"Optional Golf at the Cloquet Country Club"***

***Friday Evening***

***The Great Train Ride...***

***"Alpha Review and Cocktails in the Depot"***

***"Board the Train for Two Harbors and Sammy's Pizza"***

***Saturday Morning***

***The Meeting...***

***"Alpha Nu Omega Annual Fall Meeting at UMD"***

***Saturday Afternoon***

***The Wall...***

***"Beer and Brat Picnic at China Wall"***

***Saturday Evening***

***The Dance...***

***"Cocktails, Dinner and Dance at the DECC"***

***"Music by Shhh-Boom"***

***Sunday Morning***

***The Brunch...***

***"Fireside Room at Bennetts on the Lake"***

***Plan to attend and watch the Alpha Website for Updates!  
Contact Mike Dean or Doug Johnson with any questions...***



# 45th Reunion

## REGISTRATION FORM

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Guest** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Gathering**

Cash Bar and Private Room at the Sports Garden, Canal Park  
 No Charge

Yes	No	# Attending
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**The Outing**

Golf at Cloquet Country Club, tee time TBD  
 Optional Activity

Yes	No	# Attending
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**The Great Train Ride**

Alpha Review in the Depot, Cash Bar and Appetizers  
 Train Ride with Sammy's Pizza and Cash Bar  
 Cost: \$25.00 per person

Yes	No	# Attending
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Total Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Meeting**

Annual Meeting, UMD Campus  
 2004 Annual Dues: \$30.00 plus additions (see back of this form)

Yes	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Dues Included:** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Wall**

Beer and Brat Picnic at China Wall  
 No Charge

Yes	No	# Attending
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**The Dance**

Cash Bar, Appetizers, Dinner, Dessert and Dance, Reunion Photo  
 Cost: \$35.00 per person

Yes	No	# Attending
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Total Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Brunch**

Bennetts on the Lake, Fireside Room  
 Cost: \$21.00 per person

Yes	No	# Attending
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Total Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make your check out to Alpha Nu Omega,  
 Enclose check with registration form.  
 Mail to: Doug Johnson  
 21795 Minnetonka Blvd.  
 Excelsior, MN 55331*

**Summary Total  
 Amount Due:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DUES & DONATIONS REQUEST**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Dues:.....(\$30.00-for General Fund Administration) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Donation: (Directly for scholarship payouts) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Technology Fund Donation: (Directly for technology project development) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total (Carry to Registration Form) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please be sure to enclose your check with your dues and generous donations.**  
FYI: We are trying to fund all aspects of the Marketing plan with the social events as fund raisers. And as we progress on the Web Site, it becomes more costly to maintain. If you donate additional moneys to scholarships, they go directly into the permanent fund and we can't use them for our everyday operation expenses. If you can't participate in the social events, PLEASE be generous now so we can continue to develop in the directions we are going to benefit the Active Chapter of Alpha Nu Omega.

**Reunion History Book Information**

**PLEASE...fill out even if you can't come to the reunion!!!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grad. Year \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Yr Married \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse DOB \_\_\_\_\_  
 Children & Spouses (Ages) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grandchildren (Ages) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tell us what's nu with you: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Job: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Family: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Travel \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

# Coming Events...Mark Your Calendar

## Summit Brewery Evening Event

Friday May 7, 2004-St. Paul

## Annual Spring Meeting

Saturday, May 8, 2004-Carlson School of Business, UofM

## Les McKeen Memorial Golf Outing

Sunday June 6, 2004 in Hinckley, Minnesota

Shotgun start 8:30 am \$55 Alumni, \$45 Guests

Contact Doug [dougjohn@us.ibm.com](mailto:dougjohn@us.ibm.com) 952-474-0677 or

Jon [jvanthull@yahoo.com](mailto:jvanthull@yahoo.com) 952-472-9948 to sign up!

## Reunion Weekend

Thursday, October 7, 2004 thru Sunday October 10, 2004 in Duluth, Minnesota

### Election Ballot For New Board Members...

Four Board positions are needed to be filled for 2004. The following Alumni members have been contacted by the nominations committee and have expressed interest in being involved with the Alumni Association as a Board member. Please vote for 4 persons or write ins as you see fit.

Terry Nelson                       Chad Roberts

Doug Johnson                       Jason Golde

\_\_\_\_\_                       \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_                       \_\_\_\_\_

Cast your votes...Pay your dues...and mail today along with reunion registration form.

## **Financial Management Committee Report**

The Financial Management Committee and Alpha's broker, Bill Zelen, continue to manage the permanent fund of the fraternity. The investment objective for our account continues to be **balanced/conservative growth**. During the course of the year two new funds were added to our portfolio and two subtracted for strategic and ethical purposes. The return for the calendar year is approximately 20% with the permanent fund growing from \$39,820 to \$42,025. Asset allocation continues to be a mix of large and small cap funds, value and growth funds, and international and domestic funds. Bonds represented a very small portion of the portfolio of our funds in the present interest rate environment. Going forward we have placed a higher percentage of assets in international funds in expectation of near term performance in this category. The current mix is 66% U.S. equities, 31% international equities, 3% cash and money market.

The Financial Management Committee is comprised of the following members: Jason Golde, Treasurer, ex-officio Mike Dean, John Erickson, Terry Nelson, and Ron Nelson.

## **Alumni Association Liaison Committee Report**

Mike Dean has commenced a two-year term as president of the UMD Alumni Association. We are in the process of nominating and making Nick Schmidt an additional member of the UMD Alumni Board of Directors. Jim Main continues to serve on the Board of Directors; however, his availability is limited because of his relocation to Oregon. The main direction that has been taken by the UMD Alumni Association Board is the establishment of a social program which enables Alpha to leverage its activities in conjunction with these events. The next major social event for the UMD Alumni will be at the DECC on February 14 prior to the Saturday UMD B Minnesota Gopher hockey game. The event will take place at the French River Room at the DECC.

**The annual summer brewery party will take place on Friday, May 7, allowing us to plan our Alpha calendar accordingly.**

Another major objective of the Board of Directors is the establishment of a high quality new web page that provides for a UMD address book, lifetime email forwarding, and UMD e-news for people that choose to subscribe, in addition to other resources such as the UMD stores. The UMD alumni page is accessible from our Alpha web page.

The Board is seeking to establish a wine label program, so far without success.

**See you at the Summit!!!**

## **Reunion Headquarters**

The reunion headquarters has been established again at the Comfort Suites Canal Park, 408 Canal Park Drive. We have had an excellent experience with them at the previous reunion with very positive feedback. The Comfort Suites Canal Park is located on Lake Superior, immediately adjacent to the Lakewalk and Canal Park dining, shops and attractions. It is especially convenient for three of our upcoming reunion events at Grandma's Sports Garden, the DECC, and Bennetts on the Lake. Rooms include refrigerators and coffee makers. The Comfort Suites provides an excellent deluxe complimentary continental breakfast. The Comfort Suites is providing us its conference room free of charge for the duration of the reunion and a substantial discount from its room rates. Reservations can be made at 218-727-1378; 800-517-4000; 218-727-1947 (fax); or <http://www.choicehotels.com/hotels/mn031>.

# Fall Meeting Minutes-October 11, 2003

Meeting called to order at 10:07 by President Tom Krause. 10 Alumni were present along with two members of the Active Chapter, Pres. Kevin Dahl and Pledge Master Doug Yaeger.

The minutes from the spring meeting were read and approved.

Treasurers report: Chris Koncar delivered the report for Jason Golde who was unable to attend. The budget was discussed. It was noted that as of June 30 of this year, we had a Permanent Fund balance of \$37,622.98. Further, the Alumni Association received \$820 in dues, short of the goal of \$1500.00. Consensus was there needed to be a bigger push to achieve this goal. It was also noted that we received \$660.00 in scholarship donations and \$370.00 to Technology. There was further discussion about modifying the investment strategy of the Permanent Fund and consensus was reached and changes were approved.

Active Chapter Report: Kevin Dahl delivered the report. Dustin Privette and Matt Long graduated. None of the other AC members will be graduating this year. The AC had a strong rush this fall with 13 potential candidates. But only 4 committed to pledging. Most decided not to pledge due to time constraints. At the time of this meeting, the pledge program is in its third week of five, and two pledges remain. The AC doesn't have a house this year so they have been holding mixers with the sororities at local resorts. Other social events include weekly get-togethers to watch the Vikings among others. The AC appreciated the pre-pledging BBQ at Mike Deans house, and it was decided that this will continue to be a regular event. Mike Dean then discussed a self assessment program that many Greek Organizations across the country are using to determine their strengths and weak-

nesses. This led to further discussion about the current pledge class and pledging atmosphere at UMD and the lack of support UMD is giving to Greek Organizations. The AC is contemplating a second pledge program this fall and over winter break. They intend to hold an additional pledge program next spring. They wanted to continue to work with the Alumni Association toward setting up alumni Mentors to work with pledges, involving at least two occasions of one on one interaction with the Alumni member and the pledge. Further discussion followed about continued diversity in membership and extending outside involvement around campus by AC members.

Social report: Doug Johnson relayed that the golf outing held in June was successful and raised \$378.00 for the marketing plan. This years turnout was 24. He also reported that the boat outing raised \$435.00 for the marketing plan and fun was had by all. Next years boat outing will not be held due to conflicts with the reunion.

There was discussion about turning the Fall meeting back into the annual meeting instead of holding it in the spring.

Communications: The Alumni Associations communications efforts continue with regular newsletter by Jon Van't Hull and sending out registration forms and follow-up mailings for the reunion next year.

Alumni Liaison: Most of the Liaison issues had already been discussed by this time so no report was given.

Scholarship report: Scholarship forms will be issued earlier from now on so that the arrival of scholarship money is given to AC members earlier in the school year, perhaps by the end of fall semester.

UMD Alumni report: Mike Dean delivered report. Dean is now President of the UMD Alumni Associa-

tion. They will be holding their Summit Brewery Tour in the Twin Cities again this spring. They will also be hosting a homecoming bonfire at Fitgers after the Football game. They are planning a hockey event at the DECC for UMD vs Uof M. They're board is looking for new members as well...

Technology report: The pop-up ads will be eliminated and the website will feature a reunion portal that will include photos and reunion information.

New Business: Terry Nelson provided info about a Capital Fund Drive. This will include a stronger push for alumni to donate toward the permanent fund, where the principle would never be touched, barring any unreasonable circumstances. He is asking for volunteers to deliver requests of additional funds in donations. Further discussion was held regarding a silent auction during the reunion with items donated by Alumni Members.

Marketing Plan: Doug will work with Mike on delivering the CAS with the active chapter. Since there have been fewer pledges than expected, a surplus of \$1700.00 remains.

Reunion: Doug Johnson discussed plans for the 45th reunion. Preliminary plans have been set and Jason will follow-up on those remaining. The first set info will be sent in the spring newsletter. An abundance of takeaway items will be at this reunion.

Meeting adjourned at 11:37 Snaps ended the meeting and most of the alumni were heading for the Pickwick for lunch.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nick Schmidt

**ALPHA NU OMEGA FRATERNITY  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

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**It's Coming...  
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