

The Phi Arrow

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The latest information regarding the Active Chapter from the president.

Spring Recruitment

Recruitment is the future of our brotherhood and Theta Chi as a whole. Phi chapter had an incredibly successful recruitment this Spring.

Philanthropy

This spring has busy for philanthropy. Between Feed my Starving Children, working with food pantries and the VA, as well as reconstructing GI Theta Chi for the fall has been very active. The “assisting hand” continues to be lived by Theta Chi.

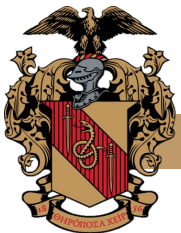
Socials

Phi Chapter was very social this semester. Hosting many sororities with sororities, fraternities, and many Brotherhood Bonding Activities (BBA). We had a great time socializing and networking within Greek life.



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Active Chapter President Update

Phi Chapter has had a tremendous semester, demonstrating excellence in numerous aspects of Fraternity Life. We hit the landmark milestone of 100 members this semester and have 7 men graduate in May. Our house, despite not being completely full due to a recent campus rule change, has been lively and active with brotherhood every night of the week. We have 29 members this Spring and have 34 signed up to live in the chapter house this Fall.

Members of Phi Chapter have made large strides with involvement on campus. Freshman Christopher Dick was recently elected as Student Body Vice President. We also have 2 members serving on the NDSU Student Senate. Organizational involvement has also been tremendous, with numerous Phi Chapter Actives being involved with honors societies like Order of Omega.

Our service efforts this spring have been tremendous, with numerous events serving organizations like North Dakota Veterans Affairs Hospital, Feed My Starving Children, Furniture Mission, and Seeds of Hope. As a Chapter, we have served over 1000 hours and made a tremendous impact on the community. We also held 2 fundraisers to raise money for the USO and YWCA of Cass/Clay County.

Academics have also been excellent. Our Scholarship Chairman has implemented multiple academic incentives and programs that have seen numerous successes this semester. One of which is Study Buddies, which pairs actives with one another to study and hold each other accountable academically. This has allowed the chapter to obtain a 3.457 GPA at midterms.

This Spring we had a monumental rush that led to the initiation of 17 new members. Our Marshal and Recruitment Chairman worked together to create a seamless transition from Rush to the Pledge Process. This allowed for our Pledges to learn the values and ideals of Theta Chi, leading them to be fine additions to the Active Chapter.

As this academic year concludes, the Executive Team has been energized by the successes we have had both as a chapter, and as men. Overall, Phi Chapter is going in a direction of success and we are excited to see what the new year has in store.

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Spring Recruitment

The 2023-2024 school year was remarkably successful for our recruitment efforts. We initiated 57 new members: 40 in the fall, and 17 in the spring. These achievements made us the fraternity with the highest recruitment numbers for both semesters.

We had plenty of snow this spring, so we used it to our advantage. We began rush week with a fish fry outside the front of the house and provided house tours to Potential New Members (PNMs). On Tuesday, we grilled hundreds of hot dogs and drove over to the outdoor rink. This was apparently a lot of the pledges' favorite event. Wednesday, we rolled it back a few notches and went to the wellness center pool, a lot of the guys hung out in the hot tub. This event was great for socializing with pnm's who were unsure about Greek Life and what Theta Chi was all about. Thursday was a Game Tournament where we set up brackets for games and gave out trophies to the winner. We paired each active with a PNM they were familiar with and they got to bond over some Madden (football video game). Friday we held an invite only formal banquet in the basement of the house. We went all-out for this one. We had chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, dessert, salad, garlic bread, you name-it. In order to win over the straggler PNM's that were just there for the free meal or to hang out for a few days, we had to put that extra work in to show that we can provide them with an experience.

Post-rush, our Marshall, Thomas Hjerpe took over for the 8-week pledge process. Over the next 8 weeks, Thomas taught them about the history and values of Theta Chi. We initiated 17 members who are already showing great potential within Phi Chapter.

The success of our spring recruitment can be attributed to the organization and support from former recruitment executives. Additionally, attending the national conference, Amplify Theta Chi, in Indianapolis, IN, provided invaluable insights. The speakers shared strategies on effective recruitment practices, event planning, enhancing chapter attitude, and engaging PNMs. The knowledge gained from this experience positively impacted our chapter's recruitment outlook, leading to higher attendance and greater commitment from active members.

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Socially Active

The semester started with a cookie making social with Kappa Delta, who we will be paired with for homecoming in Fall 2024. This was an event that helped build a strong and early connection with the chapter's future homecoming partners. A main goal set for the semester was to build upon the chapter's relationship with not only Kappa Delta, but all Greek organizations.

Towards the middle of the semester, campus held their annual Greek week and the chapter was paired with Alpha Gamma Delta and Sigma Chi. The week consisted of many different events from medallion hunting every morning, to social events at night. Some of the socials we held were bonfires, trivia night, and inviting the other organizations to socialize at the house and meet our brothers. Alpha Gamma Delta was the chapter's Fall 23 Homecoming partner, so the chapter was able to continue to build relationships with the sorority.

The chapter once again held its annual super bowl party in the basement. This event is by far a highlight for every brother as it is a time for brotherhood bonding, we have our chef cook some amazing snacks, and who doesn't love watching football with your brothers.

Throughout the semester we also held many brotherhood bonding activities to help bring our brothers closer together, some events we held were paintball, the superbowl party, an easter egg hunt throughout the house, and watch parties for whatever sporting event that was going on that weekend.

During the semester we also had some friendly competitions with fraternities Alpha Gamma Rho and Sigma Alpha Epsilon. A big part of our current relations with these other fraternities is the chapters newly initiated Fall and Spring class of Phi chapter. Our new brothers have been able to build bonds with these other fraternities through living with them in the dorms, seeing them in class, and the social events the chapter has held.

Another social the chapter had was games at our chapter house with Delta Delta Delta. We played games such as pool, poker, and spike ball. After the games had ended our two chapters continued to socialize throughout the night.

At the end of the semester the chapter traveled to Morris, Minnesota to hold our annual spring formal, Term. Term was an amazing success as our brothers accompanied with their dates were able to cap off an amazing year with a formal that will not be forgotten any time soon. At the start of the night the chapter held their formal banquet where our brothers and their dates took pictures, had some amazing food, and were able to make memories. Once the banquet had ended the guests then enjoyed the pool area and spent time socializing with everyone in attendance.

This semester has been amazing for Phi chapter, not in just number of members, but relationships built and memories made. Socials this semester have been a great amount of fun, I speak for the whole chapter when I say that many lifelong memories have been made these past few months.

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Philanthropy

Philanthropy this year went well. With much of the chapter logging service hours well above the requirement we've helped many people and communities both as individuals and as a Fraternity. I think this last Spring we took our motto "An Assisting Hand" to a new level, and as my term has just begun I hope to exceed that level this Fall on not just our service but also the amount of money we raise for the USO. With big plans this fall regarding GI Theta Chi, we're all excited for what's to come and the influence that we as a chapter can have on our community. We've worked with food pantries, the VA, Feed my Starving Children and much more. Whether it's in Fargo or at home I know I can count on every member to do their part to help those in need, and also to help each other when we need it most. I am proud of what our chapter accomplished, but we will plan to exceed expectations this fall and do the best we can as the largest chapter on campus to have the biggest impact. The Philanthropy Committee has big plans, and we know the chapter has our back every step of the way.

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