

The Phi Arrow



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Chapter Updates

The latest reports from the Active Chapter President, and Alumni Council President.

Spring Recruitment

Recruitment is how we find our potential new brothers, get new blood, and ideas within our chapter. The chapter has a very successful recruitment in Spring.

Philanthropy

This semester has been very Philanthropic, to say the least, from Feed my Starving Children, to Sandbagging, “An Assisting Hand” has been something lived by Phi Chapter.

Socials

This semester Phi Chapter Members were *very social*. Holding multiple socials with sororities and also holding BBAs to bond with fellow brothers. It has been a very fun semester getting to network and expand out reach.



Active Chapter President Update

Phi Chapter had a great spring semester this year. We have 61 active members with 3 of them graduating this spring. Our house is at maximum capacity with 32 actives taking residence.

We are continuing the trend of having a full house into the fall semester as well. The new executive team is giving everything they have to try and meet the goals that were set at the beginning of the semester.

Our philanthropy efforts have never been better. Our rose sale and tacos and tunes events had serious improvements from the year prior. We have raised more money in those two events than all events combined in the last year.

Last year we made scholarship chairman a major executive position and we are seeing the positive effects of doing so. Our grades are a large focus and our midterm GPA for this spring sits at 3.43. Different incentives and scholarship programs have allowed and motivated us to achieve this standing.

During the 2023 academic year, we initiated 27 new members with 7 of them being in the spring. Our marshal did a great job teaching and educating the new members on the history and ideals of Theta Chi Fraternity. They are a great addition to our brotherhood, and we are excited to see what they can do in the future.

The executive team has never been more energized and willing to give their time and talents into their positions. We are taking the momentum gathered this spring and continuing it in the fall. I believe that the current state of the chapter has the mindset and attitude to have one of the best falls that we have seen, and I can't wait to see what it looks like.

L&R,

Dylan Stradling
Φ 2082



Alumni Council President Update

Another year is in the books, and we are immensely proud of the turnout at Pig Banquet this year, thanks to the countless efforts exerted by both the council and alumni at large. It was heartwarming to see so many familiar faces back at the house and reconnect over the things that brought us together many years ago. We had a total of 173 brothers and guests attending the banquet, and countless brothers attended events throughout the weekend.

In the last issue of The Arrow and the alumni chapter meeting, we briefly covered and discussed in-depth the Capital Maintenance Plan, an initiative being spearheaded by the Holding Company. This plan addresses a 10-year maintenance schedule to keep key building systems functioning and provide general repairs to issues that require attention, such as ice dams, exterior envelope, bathrooms, etc. This effort will further preserve and maintain our newly renovated house for future generations of Phi Chapter brothers. More information will be coming within the next year, so stay tuned.

With the weather in our favor and beautiful weather finally on the horizon, we are excited for our upcoming programming as a council. Similar to years prior, we will be hosting the annual Summer Alumni Grill-Out outside on the north side of the house parking lot. Although the date and time are still relatively TBD, it will likely take place on the second or third weekend of August. The event is open to both alumni and actives, and we can't wait to catch up with local alumni from both the FM area and the tri-state region. As this continues to move forward, we'll be announcing details on our social media pages and sending out an email for awareness once a date has been selected, so be on the lookout for that information.

The past year has been phenomenal, both within the council and personally. In the fall of last year, I made a significant decision to relocate from Grand Forks, ND where I spent approximately five years, back to my hometown of Fargo, ND to be closer to my immediate family. Since then I've had the privilege to attend gatherings, reconnect with brothers, and re-engage within the community that provided me so much throughout my time as a young servant leader. I'm especially proud of the council we have this year and their continued efforts to keep events current and fresh. I'm eager to continue active engagement with the undergraduate chapter and share as the year continues!

Fraternally,

Brandon Davis
Φ 1926



Spring Recruitment 2023

Spring 2023 recruitment went as smoothly, and we were able to meet and initiate some great members into our brotherhood. The theme was winter sports and given the amount of snow we got this year fit well. The shirts and flyers had mountains, skiers, and snowboarders on them along with our letters. To this day a lot of brothers still wear the shirts around the house.

Leading up to rush week our former recruitment executive brother Homelvig was integral in helping me learn the ropes of the role of recruitment — ultimately leading to a successful spring rush. To start off the week of rush, we had house tours with pizza. The goal of this was to showcase the house which is obviously one of our most important resources as a fraternity.

Some actives were tour guides, bringing potential new members (PNMs) around the house, showing them the rooms, etc. However, most actives would be in the rooms and talking to the PNM's as they walked by. There were more actives in the basement at the end to hang out and eat pizza with the PNM's. The Tuesday of rush we had a bowling event at the union. This worked out very well, and was a great social setting for the new guys to be comfortable and hang out with the active members. The active participation of this event was impressive and you could really feel the energy. On Wednesday we had a casino night rush event which was held on main at the house. I really felt as though this would be a good way to showcase main, our poker table, and pool table to the new guys. It was a classy atmosphere and we really started to get an idea of which guys seemed to be bought into Theta Chi at this point.

The PNM's started to open up and some even got prizes for ending the night with the most chips. On Thursday we had an EA sports tournament at

the house. This event went well, we had a great time hanging out with the PNM's and getting to know them better. Friday was Billiards and was invite only, a semi-formal event where the PNM's could dress up, go out and have a meal with the actives. Billiards is always a good time as there is something for everyone there whether it be pool, darts, or even lawn games.

Overall we had a very successful spring rush followed by a valuable and informative 8-week program where our Marshal, Jadon Draeger, taught the new pledges all about the history and values of Theta Chi. We initiated seven new members into our fraternity, and they are already showing great potential as members of Phi Chapter.

Spring recruitment was successful thanks to the organization and support from former recruitment execs. However, I believe that another great resource that led to us having a great rush week was what I was able to learn at the national conference. I had the privilege of attending Amplify Theta Chi in Indianapolis, IN where I listened to some incredible speakers on strategies and practices of recruitment (e.g. how to throw good events, change your chapters attitude, and really connect with the PNM's). I took a lot away from this experience and I do believe that it made a difference in the chapters outlook on recruitment which led to better attendance and better buy-in by the active chapter.

L&R,

Nicholas Antonoplos
Φ 2091

Picture of our Casino Rush Event on Page 6!

Philanthropy Frenzy



High School Girls State Basketball tournament on March 2nd. It was a great time serving the community as well as raising over \$400 for the USO from tips as well as a donation from the concession management company.

This spring has been a busy one when it comes to community service for the brothers of Phi. Starting off the year we had over half the chapter, as well as several new members, attending Feed My Starving Children when the group came to Fargo from February 1st-4th. We volunteered for over 4 hours and had a great time cleaning supplies and packing up the event. Many brothers enjoyed the event and we have already marked our calendars for when the group comes to Fargo again next year.

Before Spring Break, we had over 20 actives volunteer at the Sanford Health Athletics Complex (SHAC) here at NDSU. The men of Phi ran concessions for the North Dakota

Because of the bad winter Fargo got this year and the tremendous amounts of snow, the City of Fargo was in dire need of volunteers this April to make sandbags to prevent flooding. We took this opportunity to serve the community as well as protect the city of Fargo against the elements. Over a dozen actives volunteered over the week of April 10-15th, working at sandbagging in West Fargo and getting to meet people from all over the area looking to help the community.

This semester has been a great one for service and we are looking to build on top of it to further extend "the assisting hand."

L&R,

Tyler Specht
Φ 2107



Resolute Men

"The Resolute Man" is Theta Chi's top membership program that embodies the true essence of being a member of Theta Chi Fraternity. Its purpose is to lead and support college brothers in achieving their fullest potential during their time in college and to prepare them for their future beyond graduation. Being recognized as a Resolute Man is a significant accomplishment and honor for any member of Theta Chi. A good few of Phi Chapter have took it upon themselves to earn this reward. They are listed below:

Dylan Stradling, Erik Schwindt, Cohl Ringler, Thomas Milbauer, Jonah Goetze, Cutler Ferris, Tyler Specht, Koby Marchus, Matt Vought

Studious Sunday

Scholarball is a program implemented by the National Fraternity to encourage and recognize academic achievement among its members. The program focuses on promoting academic excellence and rewards chapters that achieve a high GPA and meet other academic requirements. The program also provides resources and support to help members succeed academically.

For Phi Chapter, not being able to win an Alter Award by missing one requirement was a wake-up call. The Alter Award is a recognition given to chapters that achieve excellence in areas such as scholarship, leadership, and service. This prompted the Scholarship Chairmen, Alex Linster, to search for new and innovative ways to improve the chapter's academic performance.

The implementation of Studious Sunday has shown that it is an effective way of studying and improving chapter GPA. The program not only provides a quiet and welcoming space for brothers to study and complete assignments but also offers an incentive for the brother who spends the most time studying in the rented-out room. This has motivated members to prioritize their academic work and has resulted in a significant improvement in the chapter's GPA.

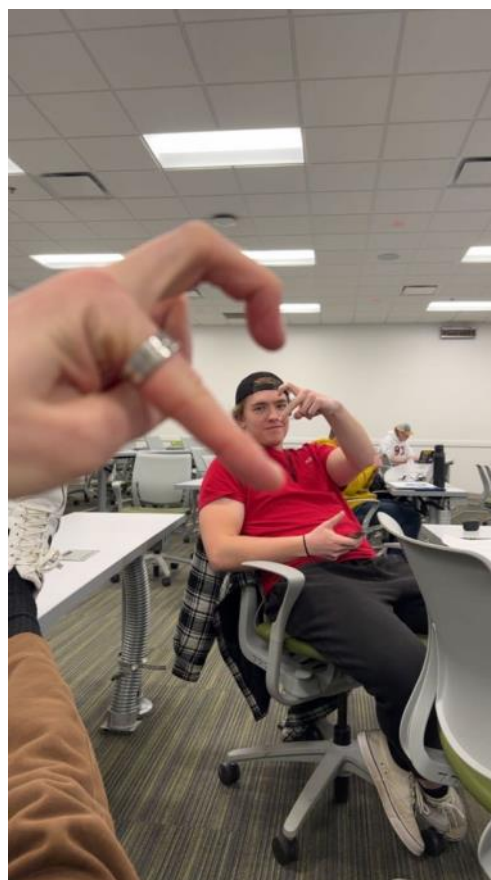
The success of Studious Sunday shows that implementing new and creative strategies can have a positive impact on academic performance. By

focusing on academic excellence and utilizing programs like Scholarball, Phi Chapter is setting a great example for other chapters to follow. With a current GPA of 3.43 going into midterms of Spring 23, the chapter is on track to achieve great academic success.

L&R,

**Alex
Linster**

Φ 2109



Casino Night

This night was filled with fun, Potential New Members filled the house to play blackjack and poker with actives and get the competitive juices flowing. It was a great event for new guys to get to know the actives as well as for us to get to know the new guys! As well as an added bonus of Pizza in the end!



Socially Active

Phi Social Chair, Xavier Homelvig, has been busy planning a variety of exciting events for the chapter this semester. From laser tag, ice skating and casino night the social calendar has been packed with fun activities for brothers to bond over.

The semester kicked off with a laser tag and arcade game social with Alpha Gamma Rho, one of the chapter's closest organizations. The event was a hit with everyone having a great time competing against each other and bonding over their love for gaming. However, the social chairs did lose some money on the blackjack tables, but the fun was worth it.

The next social event was an ice skating outing at Broadway Square in downtown Fargo, which was organized in partnership with Kappa Delta. Our fraternity recently initiated some hockey players in the fall, and they were eager to show off their skills on the ice to the girls. After a chilly but exhilarating time on the ice, everyone returned to the house for some warm hot chocolate and more socializing.

Another event on the social calendar was a volleyball tournament with Kappa Psi at the wellness center. It was a great way to blow off some steam and get some exercise in, all while bonding with brothers and members of other organizations.

The chapter also had the chance to visit the brand new house of Tri Delta for a board game night. It was an amazing opportunity to see their new digs and spend some

quality time together. Afterward, the Tri Delta sisters came over to the Phi house to socialize and continue the fun.

One of the highlights of the semester was the casino night with Kappa Alpha Theta. The event was a chance for the Phi brothers to teach the Theta girls how to play blackjack, and although the girls may have lost some money, everyone had a great time. The event also provided an opportunity for brothers and sisters to bond and make new connections.

As the semester progressed, the chapter threw a Super Bowl party, where they got to see the single Chiefs fan and Eagles fan battle it out. And last but not least, we teamed up with Sigma Nu and Tri Delta for a memorable Greek weekend filled with fun activities, bonding, and brotherhood.

Thanks to the hard work and creativity of, Xavier Homelvig, Social Chair, the chapter has had a successful and enjoyable semester full of events that fostered brotherhood and strengthened relationships with other organizations on campus.

L&R,

Xavier Homelvig
Φ 2097



Pictured on Right: Phi Chapter's Super Bowl BBA and the Deuling Fans in Front, Jadon Draeger and Tyler Specht, who fought until the end.

Editor's Note

As we approach the endpoint of the spring semester, Phi Chapter has continued to impress with their improved academic performance. With a previous semester GPA of 2.8 and being below the male average, the chapter had to make a change, the chapter's GPA has risen to an impressive 3.43. It's great to see that the brothers of Phi are prioritizing their academics and supporting each other in their studies. We hope to see this trend continue and congratulate Phi Chapter on their academic achievements..

As I sit down to write this editor's note, I can hardly believe that we're already near end of the spring semester. Time has flown by, and it's a reminder to cherish every moment we have with our brothers and in our fraternity. Being a part of Phi Chapter has taught me the value of brotherhood and how important it is to have a supportive community. I've come to appreciate the memories we've made, the friendships we've formed, and the lessons we've learned together. I'm grateful for

the opportunities and experiences that Phi Chapter has given me, and I'm excited to see what the future holds for our chapter. It's an honor to be writing for the *Phi Arrow* and to be a part of this amazing brotherhood. Through this experience I was able to learn more about the ins and outs of the chapter and be able to see what each of our article contributors have to share. It is important to over these Summer Months as we are apart to check in on our fellow brothers, support them in any way and extend the helping hand. Live like a Theta Chi should!

Have fun and stay safe over the Summer!

L&R,

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