

# SEVEN **720** TWENTY

PHI KAPPA PSI OKLAHOMA ALPHA

The newsletter for alumni and friends of the Oklahoma Alpha Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi at the University of Oklahoma | Spring 2023



## REFOUNDING AND RESURGENCE IN NORMAN

### Building for the Future of Oklahoma Alpha

Like many businesses and other fraternal organizations, COVID took its toll on Oklahoma Alpha and significantly decreased its membership from a recent high of more than 70 men in 2015. Accordingly, a Supervisory Committee consisting of alumni from the Housing Corporation, Alumni Association and Chapter Advisory Team was formed in 2022. After careful consideration, the Committee has decided that a local, alumni-driven re-founding of the chapter is necessary for Oklahoma Alpha to thrive and grow again.

The Supervisory Committee conducted a membership review of the current active undergraduate members over the last year. While each of the actives are men of good character, COVID and its social effects simply impaired their drive and determined efforts to grow the chapter. Accordingly, each active will be moved to alumni status at the conclusion of the Spring 2023 semester. For that reason, we are currently recruiting the new re-founding pledge class for the Fall 2023 school year. This will give Oklahoma Alpha a fresh start.

To ensure the re-founding is successful, Oklahoma Alpha will have a full-time Chapter Director this fall, who will serve as an advisor and mentor to the undergraduates. The Chapter Director will be present at the chapter house on a daily basis and will aid the undergraduates in planning their events and addressing and solving governing issues. As the average fraternity chapter size in Norman is approximately more than 100 members, it is vital that we have an alumnus whose full-time job is to guide the undergraduates about how to grow the fraternity. The Chapter Director will work under the Housing Corporation's direction and have its full support and resources at his disposal to better advise the chapter. The Chapter Director will be assisted by a dedicated National Recruitment Consultant provided by HQ. He will be on campus for the next year and aid the chapter in selecting the re-founding pledge class and teaching the new recruits about what it means to be a Phi Psi.

This re-founding will be far more successful than previous attempts, as we have garnered

the most engaged and dedicated alumni body in recent years. With that said, we now issue a call to arms to all our alumni. Now is the time to reengage with the chapter in this pivotal and critical moment with both your time and generosity. When a chapter starts off with a strong re-founding pledge class, it increases significantly the success that is possible and clearly achievable. Our chapter is only as strong as the alumni who support it and that is why we ask that you rededicate yourself to making Oklahoma Alpha a top chapter not only on campus, but amongst all Phi Psi chapters nationally.

Thank you and we welcome your input, thoughts, and dedication.

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# STILL RUNNING

## Curt Hoffman on Carrying it Forward

In 1969, Phi Kappa Psi undergraduate brothers came up with the idea of running the football from Norman to Columbia, Missouri for the highly anticipated then Big 8 matchup. The 450-mile trek through three states was a new unofficial world record for the farthest handoff of a football. Sooner Coach Fairbanks came to the Chapter House at 720 Elm, where he autographed the football at the start of the run. A majority of the approximately 70 members at the time signed up for at least one turn to advance the ball to Columbia. Day and night, they kept advancing the ball, until they delivered it Saturday on the field of play.

It has been over 50 years and Curt "JC" Hoffman is still running. After receiving the Spring 2022 edition of the 720 Newsletter, Curt, who was part of the 450-mile handoff, wrote to us to share his experiences and accomplishments since graduating from the OU College of Medicine. After becoming an anesthesiologist, Curt began a very successful thirty-year competitive running career. He has earned 4 Top Ten finishes at the US National Marathon Championships, and countless victories in races from 5k (3.1 miles) and longer, which include two Minnesota State Championships (5k & 15k), earning 1st Place in a 5000 m. in Perpignan, and earning 1st Place in a half marathon along the shores of the Mediterranean in Canet Plage, France. Today Curt runs 4 mi/day, 1000 miles/yr.

Curt carries on a family legacy. Curt's father was a track star at the University of Cincinnati, became a professor of Neurosurgery at the University of Chicago, and competed against Olympic Gold Medalists Jesse Owens at a track meet in 1935 (a year before Jesse Owens won 4 gold medals in the Berlin Olympics). Curt became a professor of Anesthesiology at the University of Oklahoma and competed against Frank Shorter - an Olympic Gold Medalist in



the 1972 Summer Olympics and Silver Medalist in the 1976 Summer Olympics.

Stanley Catlett put it best when he said, "Joining things doesn't mean nearly as much as being with something for life, such as a fraternity like Phi Psi." As a doctor, runner, and brother of Phi Kappa Psi, Curt Hoffman knows what this means. Today Curt carries on a legacy at Phi Kappa Psi by giving a generous donation to the Oklahoma Alpha Chapter. With new beginnings for Oklahoma Alpha comes a unique opportunity for you to continue your legacy at Phi Psi by supporting the "Carry It Forward" Campaign. Your donations will help us continue to build on our vision of the future and carry forward the Phi Psi experience to the incoming Class of 2027 and future generations.

All gifts to the campaign made through the Phi Psi Foundation are tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law.

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# THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

## "Carry It Forward" Campaign

We are so grateful to the following Oklahoma Alpha brothers who have committed to our campaign. With your gift, you join chapter brothers across the nation in celebrating Phi Psi's strong history at Oklahoma and our even greater future. This campaign brings with it a unique opportunity – one that will propel our chapter to the next level. Together, we are ensuring that the young men who follow in our footsteps in Oklahoma Alpha have a state-of-the-art chapter facility to learn in, lead in, and call home. We have moved the needle, but additional commitments are needed to accomplish our campaign goal of \$1,000,000

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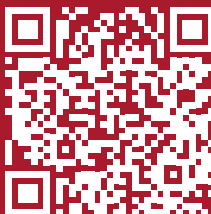
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Make sure you stay up-to-date on what is happening within the chapter and organization. Complete the form on the back of this newsletter, place it in a stamped envelope and mail it to the Phi Kappa Psi Foundation. You can also use the link at the bottom of the form to submit your information electronically.

**Support Oklahoma Alpha**

Gifts to the Oklahoma Alpha Chapter Housing Fund can be made by check, credit card and/or appreciated securities. These gifts are 100% tax deductible through the Phi Kappa Psi Foundation.

You can give online using a credit card at [pkpfoundation.org/support-ok-alpha](http://pkpfoundation.org/support-ok-alpha)

or by mailing a check to:  
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5395 Emerson Way  
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Checks should be made payable to the Phi Kappa Psi Foundation and note OK Alpha Chapter Housing Fund on the memo line.



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# SUMMER EVENTS

## Oklahoma Alumni Association

Check out the upcoming events for the Oklahoma Alumni Association and catch up with your fellow Oklahoma alumni. A full list of events and details can be found by scanning the QR code or visiting [ouhipsi.com/events](http://ouhipsi.com/events).

**June 24 | 7 p.m.**

### OKC DODGERS BASEBALL

2 S Mickey Mantle Dr, Oklahoma City, OK

**July 12 | 6:30 p.m.**

### TULSA METRO MONTHLY MEAL

The Brook - 201 E. 2nd St., Tulsa, OK

**August 5 | 7 p.m.**

### OKC DODGERS BASEBALL

2 S Mickey Mantle Dr, Oklahoma City, OK

**August 17 | 6:30 p.m.**

### TULSA METRO MONTHLY MEAL

Los Cabos - 151 Bass Pro Dr., Broken Arrow, OK

**August (TBD)**

### GOLF SCRAMBLE

**September 13 | 6:30 p.m.**

### TULSA METRO MONTHLY MEAL

Society Burger - 1413 E. 15th St., Tulsa, OK

**September 16**

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a full list of  
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