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## HONORING JUSTLY

Finding ways to repay  
the debt to those who  
precede us



# You may have already won!

**N**o doubt your mailbox has been accosted by sweepstakes envelopes proclaiming this very thing, "you may have already won!" The sweepstakes entry form announces that your name has already been selected and that your random number may be drawn at some point in the future and you could be the winner of millions of dollars in prizes. Maybe, could be, possibly, all are weasel words that we have come to associate with today's leaders.

Leadership in the Fraternity, however, is not random chance and as an alumnus of Delta Tau Delta, you have already won! As many of us think back on our experiences and education that we have gleaned from Delta Tau Delta while we were in college, it is hard for us to imagine any current successful endeavor that we have achieved without giving some credit to the skills we learned as a Delt. Those skills could be as varied as how to run a board meeting and motivating employ-

ees to as simple as which fork to pick up first at a dinner party. In these and many other ways, you have already won with relationships and experiences that will last a lifetime.

The Building on Excellence campaign was launched to allow alumni who have benefited from their Delt experience to give back, in a meaningful way, to the organization that has helped them be successful. The campaign is now

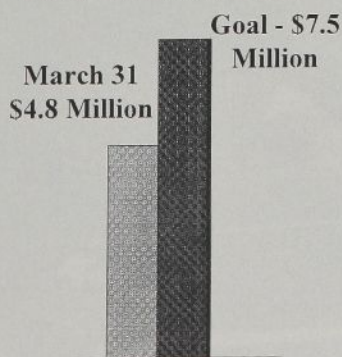
approaching the \$5 million dollar mark, but there is still the opportunity for you to be counted in this campaign. It is estimated that thousands of Delts have made provisions in their estate plans through wills, charitable remainder trusts or other life income funds to benefit the Fraternity. By informing us of your intentions, we can make sure that you are kept updated on what's going on in the Fraternity as well as make sure that your wishes are fulfilled.

A simple letter informing us of your intentions is all it would take to count you as a member of the Building on Excellence campaign. All information is held in the strictest of confidence, but it will allow us to publicly encourage other alumni to make similar gifts such as yours that are so important to the future of Delta Tau Delta.

So, in a very real sense, "you have already won" again! But the real winners are those future generations of Delts that will benefit from your generosity and in return perpetuate the commitment to excellence that has been so important for Delta Tau Delta.

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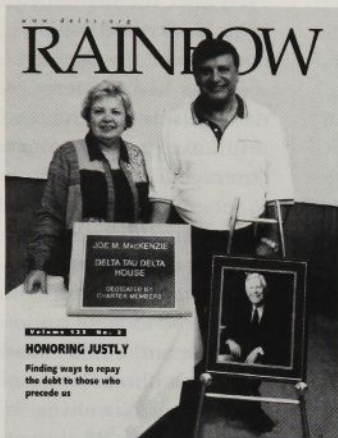
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### The mission of the Rainbow shall be to

Inform members of the events, activities and concerns of interest to members of the Fraternity.

Attract and involve members of the Fraternity via appropriate coverage, information and opinion stories.

Educate present and potential members on pertinent issues, persons, events and ideas so that members may be aware of and appreciate their heritage as Delts.

Serve as an instrument of public relations for the Fraternity by presenting an image of the Fraternity commensurate with its quality and stature.

Entertain readers with its information and quality writing and editing, so that it is a pleasure to read and share with others.

From the Delt Webmaster: Please refer to the Delt Web page ([www.delts.org](http://www.delts.org)) should you attempt to try a chapter link that is dead or need one that is not included with the chapter report section. The most current chapter links are always kept on the Delt Web page. There are also links for chapters that might not have submitted a chapter report for the past issue.





Rebuilding after the Michigan Shelter Fire—

## Finding the Silver Lining in a Cloud of Smoke

*Through 15 years of experience on the Delta Chapter House Corporation and the Alumni Interfraternity Council at the University of Michigan, I have been exposed to the best and worst of fraternity life. Over this period I have dealt with several crisis situations, most recently, a major fire. These experiences and the lessons learned by Delta's House Corporation provide an excellent case study of how an alumni board can effectively handle a crisis situation.*

On the evening of December 28, 1997, while most of the members were enjoying their winter break in Pasadena for the Rose Bowl, the wiring to a light fixture ignited a small fire at the Delta Tau Delta shelter at the University of Michigan. By the time the firefighters were finished, the mechanical systems and the center section of the Shelter were severely damaged. The balance of the house sustained heavy smoke and water damage. This set off a chain of events that took a million dollars of renovations and

By  
Alan Lutes

the day and only the house mascot was in the building. A pedestrian heard the smoke detectors and called 911 from a neighbor's home.

The Ann Arbor Fire Department provided a five-alarm response with over forty firefighters on site. The blaze was difficult to extinguish as it spread through the building's old balloon framing. Not knowing if anyone was inside, the firefighters proceeded to break down every door in the building. Over the next six hours, tens of thousands of gallons of

water were poured on the house. Fortunately, no one, including the mascot, was injured in the fire.

### Step One.

*Take care of the immediate crisis.*

Call emergency personnel and catastrophe response companies to stop the damage. Tend to the people first. Make sure that everyone is safe and people get medical attention if needed. In the case of Delta Chapter, the Shelter was unoccupied because of winter break. The business manager was away for

over eight months to complete. Below is a guide of some of the necessary steps to successfully deal with such a catastrophe.

### Step Two.

*Take action to limit further damage.*

Damage can continue even after the immediate crisis is over and usually comes from unexpected sources. In a property damage situation, most insurance policies provide coverage to pay for efforts to secure the property and make temporary repairs. Contact companies that specialize in catastrophe projects by looking under the "Fire and Flood" heading in the phone book.

In a crisis involving chapter members, it is imperative to get all of the members together, assess the situation and come to an understanding that no one is to take any action or make any public statement without the approval of the alumni leadership.

Representatives of the media are sure to be on the scene or calling for a statement. Members of the chapter are sometimes tempted by the sudden spotlight to make a statement. Sometimes these statements can cause as much damage as the crisis itself. It is best to instruct everyone to respond "No comment" until the situation can be completely assessed.

On the evening of the fire at Delta Chapter, Alpha Contracting was hired to secure the property and undertake temporary repairs. Because areas of the building were



hazardous, all of the windows and doors were boarded up to deter looters or curious members from entering the structure. If someone were to enter the building and get hurt, liability could fall on the fraternity.

Additionally, on the day after the fire, Alpha Contracting removed excess water from the basement in time to save the electronic control unit for the boiler and the water heaters. The water, fallen debris and plaster were cleaned off the hardwood and linoleum floors and drying equipment was installed in these areas. This allowed the floors to be restored rather than replaced saving over \$20,000.00, which could then be redirected to other improvements in the Shelter.

### Step Three.

*Contact the Authorities and Insurance Representatives.*

As soon as possible,

inform your insurance agent of the loss. Request that they put you in immediate contact with an adjuster that can approve temporary repairs and temporary living costs. Also, call the appropriate contacts at the Office of Greek Life, the University, and the Central Office, who will have resources and experience with these situations. The night of the Delta Chapter fire, these offices were contacted regarding the fire and each person offered immediate assistance. This greatly helped in developing a communication plan, disseminating information, and locating temporary housing for the chapter.

### Step Four.

*Communicate, Communicate, Communicate.*

It is important to bring the alumni and chapter leadership together to develop a communication

plan. You must determine what message you want to present and who you want to present it. The members of the chapter, their parents, the university, alumni and the media will all be anxious to be updated and informed.

Develop a brief written statement that gives a factual account of what happened and a summary of any decisions that have been made up to that point. This statement may be individualized to address concerns relevant to a particular group. You should also select one person from the alumni and one person from the chapter to act as the spokesmen. All requests for communication should be directed to these individuals. A meeting should be called with all chapter members present to discuss the communication plan. You should receive a commitment from the chapter that no one, other than those designated, will

make any public statements.

The Delta Chapter alumni leaders reacted quickly in developing a communication plan. A brief statement was developed with the help of the University of Michigan Office

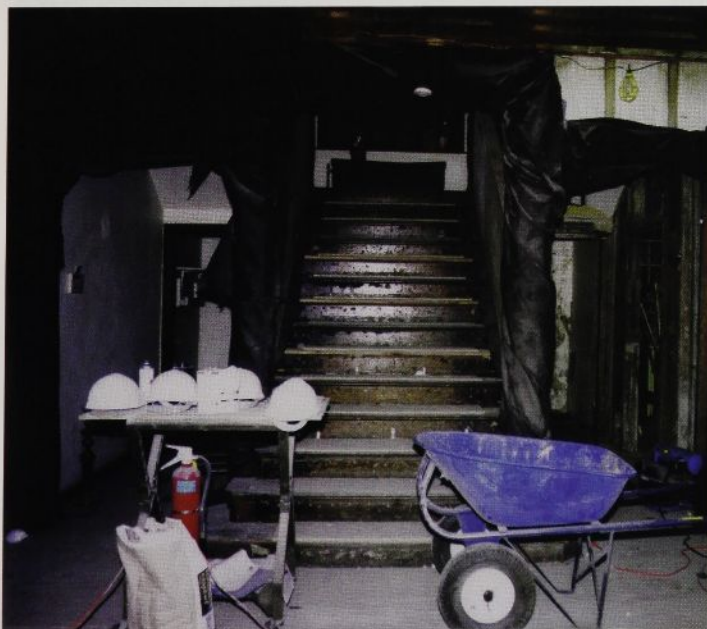
of Greek Life and was distributed to the local and regional media informing the public the fire was accidental, that the alumni had arranged temporary housing for the students, and that the Shelter would be rebuilt. This ended any discussion to the contrary and reassured the students and parents.

B.J. Kroppe, University of Michigan '89, the Chairman of the House Corporation, took the lead position in regard to communications. He developed a plan that took advantage of recent technological developments. Within 48 hours of the fire, an email message was sent to all the Delta Chapter members and all alumni with email addresses available.

Included in the message was information regarding details of the fire and the time and location of an emergency house corporation meeting where more detailed plans would be presented. B.J. also offered his personal phone number and was available 24-hours a day to answer questions regarding the fire.

The email also notified everyone of an internet address to a web page created specifically to provide information regarding the fire. The web page was updated frequently with information regarding meeting times and locations, newspaper articles, and minutes of the house corporation meetings.

Within a week of the fire, a letter was mailed to all Delta Chapter alumni.



**The charred and water-logged remnants of the dining room, above left, and the main foyer, illustrate their sorry state when the fire was out.**





**The restored and upgraded dining room.**

This letter reached those people that did not have e-mail and provided them with the facts and requested their assistance.

This communications program was incredibly effective. The media actually became an ally in spreading the message that we targeted. Panicked parents and students were put at ease, alumni began to rally behind the need, and rumors that the Deltas weren't going to survive were put to rest.

#### **Step Five.**

*Keep the Chapter together.*

After a crisis, there can be a tendency for people to assess blame or to polarize over emotional issues. To successfully survive a crisis, you must reach the end of the process with a united chapter. Otherwise, the effects of the crisis

can linger for years after the incident. At an emergency house corporation meeting held around a restaurant table the day after the fire, the Delta chapter house corporation concluded that they must keep the chapter together, both physically and psychologically. After all, a rebuilt Shelter would not be of much value if there wasn't a viable chapter to live in it. It was felt that if the House Corporation didn't see that the group could continue to operate as a chapter, there was a risk that the membership would disburse, rush would falter and it would take years to rebuild the chapter.

The Delta House Corporation assured the chapter that they would take care of the members and keep the chapter

together. Members that returned from winter break were housed at the Clarion Hotel until more permanent housing could be found. The House Corporation worked diligently to locate housing where the chapter could live together and operate as a fraternity. This was very difficult given a campus vacancy rate of less than one percent.

Approximately one week into the semester, the students were moved into buildings that were less than a block apart. One was a fraternity that had become defunct and was operating as a rooming house. This location gave the chapter a place to hold chapter meetings and rush without conflicting with another group. All of these efforts came at great expense to the Delta House Corporation, who were under no obligation to undertake these efforts. However, these initial efforts are largely responsible for maintaining a strong chapter that resulted in full occupancy when the Shelter reopened.

#### **Step Six.**

*Help members that are in trouble.*

Part of our commitment when taking the oath is to help each other during difficult times. When the chips are down, there is a tendency for each person to look out for their own interests. In these cases, it is easy to alienate a brother or brothers unintentionally. If someone has a problem or is accused of wrong doing, I believe we have a duty to support

that person until all the facts are in.

Several Delta Chapter members did not have insurance that would cover cleaning and restoring their damaged personal property or pay for temporary meals and lodging. It was uplifting to see several members take in other members for temporary lodging. Additionally, the Delta House Corporation assisted with the cost of some of the cleaning and restoration bills of those members that didn't have insurance.

#### **Step Seven.**

*Consult Professional Advisors.*

The more difficult the situation, the more important it is to obtain professional advice. Lawyers, architects, building consultants, insurance adjusters, and counselors have the information and experience your house corporation will need in order to make educated decisions. Hopefully, you will have some of these resources among your alumni. If not, seek out paid professionals. This is not a time to skimp on money; their advice will likely save many times their cost in problems avoided.

Luckily, Delta Chapter had a strong and diverse group of alumni to call upon. Matt Paroly, *Michigan '87*, offered legal advice. Mark Wayne, *Michigan '85*, and Rich Walkowski, *Michigan '85*, have expertise in finance. Allan Lutes, *Michigan '86*, is a builder experienced in fire restoration, and



Leo Babcock, *Michigan '83*, is a local architect. This group provided the guidance necessary to negotiate many problematic situations and maximized the benefits of the insurance settlement and reconstruction.

#### Step Eight.

*Develop a Task Force to Manage the Problem.*

To manage a crisis by large committee can be a nightmare. It is best to empower a small task force of three to six people with specific responsibilities and authority. The House Corporation should set specific parameters for the task force relating to decisions they are authorized to make, how much money is budgeted, and what items require approval from the full House Corporation. The Delta House Corporation set up a

Design Committee made up of four alumni and three chapter members. The architect and contractor were included as non-voting members. By involving members of the chapter on the task force, we built positive relations between the House Corporation and the chapter. Together this committee reviewed the plans, negotiated the insurance settlement and effectively managed the restoration project.

#### Step Nine.

*Understand your insurance coverage, interview more than one contractor, and negotiate with your insurance adjuster.*

Insurance policies are confusing and leave many areas open to interpretation. It's a safe bet that most House Corporations have never read their policies before a loss. When the loss occurs, get out

the policy and read it carefully. Ask your agent to explain areas that are not clear. Without this knowledge, you won't be equipped to deal with the insurance adjuster and could end up settling for less than actual restoration cost.

Also, be aware that you make the final decision on whom to employ to make the repairs. With the Delta Chapter fire, the insurance adjuster brought in his own construction company. The Delta Chapter House Corporation also had Alpha Contracting prepare a proposal. The Delta House Corporation found that by using their own contractor they could make greater improvements to the house for the same financial commitment.

Lastly, you have every right to negotiate the settlement with the adjuster

rather than to take the insurance companies first offer. The Delta House Corporation found the Fraternity's insurance program to be excellent. It included coverage for code updates, boiler repairs, lost rent and replacement of damaged contents. By understanding the coverages and negotiating with the adjuster, the Delta House Corporation maximized the end benefits to the fraternity.

#### Step Ten.

*Think Long-Term.*

When developing your plan to resolve the problems at hand, consider the big picture. What can come out of the situation to benefit the chapter? Are there any other problems or improvements that can be made in conjunction with repairs?

For Delta Chapter, this was an excellent time to look at the long-term plan for the building. Seven hundred thousand dollars was coming from the insurance companies for repairs. Just the areas impacted by the fire could have been repaired, but we would still be left with a 75-year-old house that needed upgrading. Through careful planning, the Design Committee came up with a plan that, with the addition of a \$100,000 mortgage, the entire house could be upgraded and prepared for another 75 years of fraternity life. Upgrades included completely rewiring the house and adding high-speed computer lines, telephone

**Left: The renovated lounge area provides a durable, attractive meeting environment.**





lines and cable television. Now, every room in the shelter can be directly connected to the University's network. The plumbing system was completely redone. Structural problems were addressed in a matter that opened up a huge expanse in the basement. This new basement area will allow social events to be held downstairs, alleviating noise complaints from the neighbors and damage to the common areas on the first floor.

#### **Step Eleven.**

*Develop a long-term management plan.*

Once a major problem is solved, you must also consider how to keep problems from reoccurring. It isn't likely that the members will respect or treat a new Shelter any better than they treated it before the renovation just because it's new. In fact, I have seen at least three cases where fraternities performed major capital improvements only to have significant damages at the end of the year when the members moved out. If the crisis is related to the behavior of the members, a program should be instituted that includes training and a method to consistently



maintain a level of accountability.

Prior to the fire, Delta Chapter was dealing with problems related to accounts receivable and maintenance of the property. With a commitment to a new mortgage, accounts receivable and cash flow hold a more important role. Also, the members would be moving into an essentially new facility.

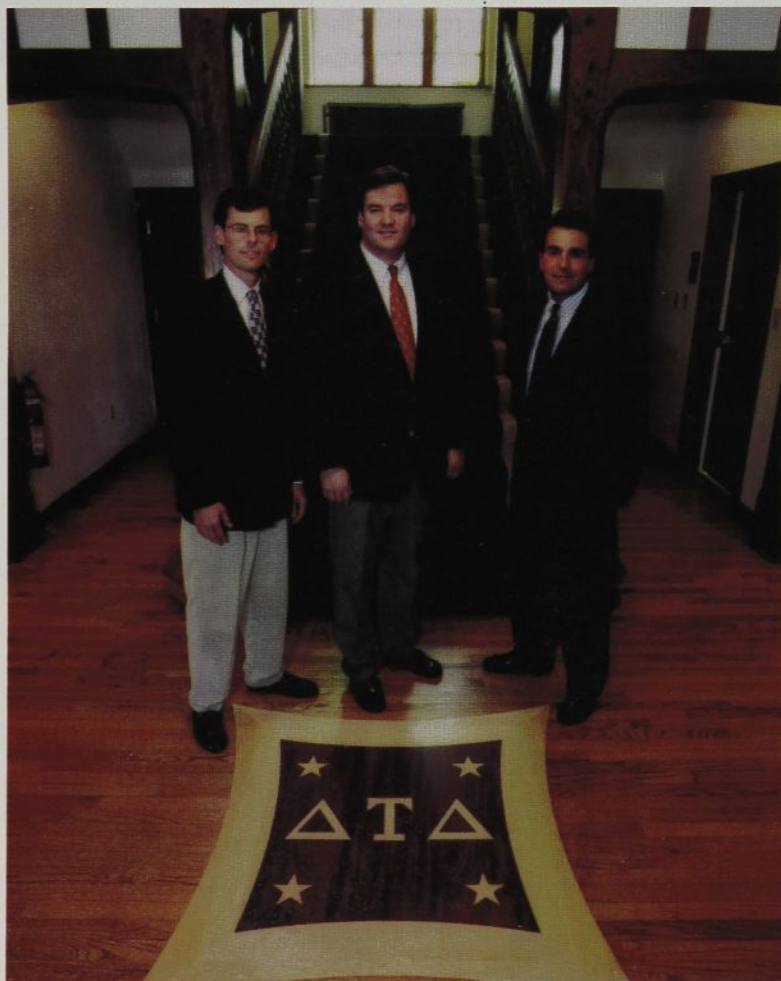
Without the proper maintenance and a method to hold the members accountable for any damages, the structure could quickly deteriorate. To address these issues, Delta Chapter's House Corporation hired a property management company that instituted a much stronger rent collection policy. The property management company has the staff that can make the repairs and is

responsible for performing monthly damage inspections. Early indications are that the new program will be effective.

In conclusion, the House Corporation and members of Delta Chapter weathered an extremely difficult storm. They did so by considering both long and short-term issues, seeking professional advice, developing a well thought out plan, and following that plan through to completion. By all accounts the results are magnificent and are "the silver lining that resulted from a cloud of smoke."

The Delta Shelter has been restored to its original glory by maintaining its historical architecture while updating it with modern systems and technology.

We all hope that the crisis never comes, but when they do, following a well thought-out plan can be the difference between success and survival. ■



**Left: House Corporation Officers Mark Wayne, Allan Lutes and Matt Paroly stand in the beautifully restored foyer by the exquisite Badge inlaid into the hardwood floor.**



What my wife, Lori, and I thought was going to be a fantastic 7-day SCUBA diving trip to Guanaja, Honduras turned into a nightmare. We arrived at the remote island Sunday morning, October 25, 1998, and immediately headed for the dive boats. After an eventful first day we retreated to our private cabana, looking forward to the next day of our vacation.

We woke up Monday morning to learn Hurricane Mitch had changed from its northeast direction and was now expected to hit the Bay Islands in about 12 hours. The staff instructed us to pack up and relocate to a concrete bunker built into the side of the mountain. We spent most of Monday packing our bags and taking pictures of the resort.

*Monday Night:  
Our first night in  
the bunker:*

The rains and wind started sometime after dark Monday evening. There were 13 of us staying in this bunker, eight guests and five staff members. The room was about 12' wide by 25' long and had a small bathroom at one end. The windows were covered with sheetrock on the outside and mattresses on the inside. We shut the power off and burned candles and used our dive lights in order to see inside the black bunker.

*Tuesday: October  
27, 1998*

We woke Tuesday morn-

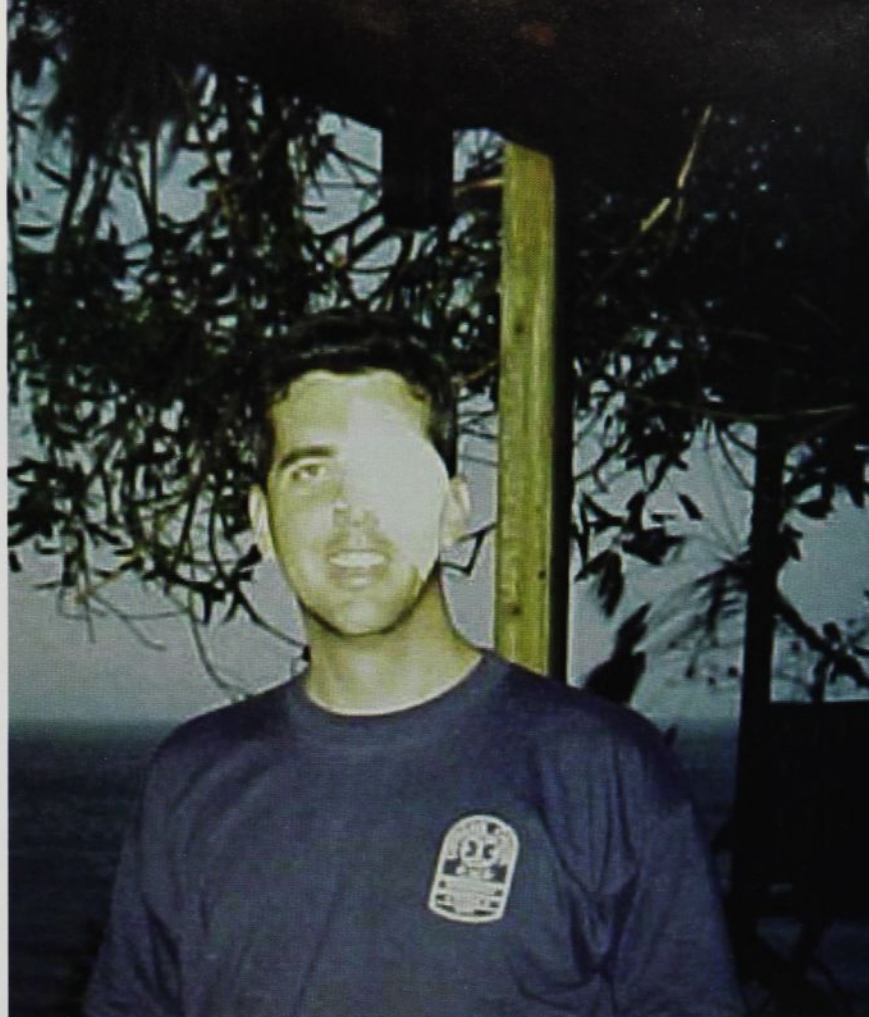
**Unlike thousands of others, the author, though not unscathed, escaped with his life.**

ing to light rain and relatively calm winds. Some trees were knocked down, water pipes were busted and, as we suspected, power lines were broken. We thought the worst was over. I called my office on the satellite phone about 8:30 AM and told them we survived and to let everyone know we were OK. Not long after this phone call our lives were forever changed.

About 11:00 AM the rain picked up and the winds increased substantially. We all decided we better return to the bunker immediately. We were told Mitch was now a Category 5 hurricane with sustained winds of over 180 mph. It grew to over 350 miles wide and had wind gusts of nearly 300 mph. We wouldn't leave the bunker until Thursday, despite the fact we had very little food.

The wind was like nothing we had ever experienced in our lives. All we could hear was a deep, constant "groan", like a pipe organ. When a tree would hit the bunker, we would hear a thud and feel the walls shake.

Periodically we would open the door to let in fresh air. We had to tie a rope to the doorknob in order to hold the door open just a few inches without having it ripped off the hinges. Other times, the wind was so strong blowing against the door that three men



## Diving for Cover

By Gregory L. Marwill  
Texas '89

pushing on it were not able to open it.

Around 1:30 AM, Wednesday the storm lightened up enough that we were able to set up the satellite phone outside. We called the resort owners in Florida to get an update on Mitch's location. We were told Mitch had stalled with the eye approximately 60 miles north of the island and was building strength. After this news, none of us could sleep. We stayed awake and passed the time by reading *Trivial Pursuit* cards.

A few of the staff members came to our

bunker around 2:30 AM to make sure we were all safe and to let us know the staff and their families were safe, as well. They had approximately 35 people with an age range of two months to about 60 years old in the larger concrete bunker. After they left, it was difficult to sleep because of the conditions. The bunker leaked like a sieve. All the mattresses on the floor were soaking wet. The smells of this dank tomb were beginning to worsen. We realized we could soak up water from the floor with towels and ring them out into the toi-





**Hurricane Mitch's devastation of the surrounding structures was complete.**

let tank in order to flush the commode.

*Wednesday:  
October 28, 1998*

Daylight broke Wednesday morning and we were still being pounded by the storm. Another satellite phone update told us that Mitch had turned south and was coming straight for Guanaja. While the door was open, we tried to bail out as much water as we could from the bunker. Water seemed to be coming in almost as fast as we were able to sweep it out.

It was during one of these bailing sessions that

I got to meet Mitch head on. I was on the porch and walking back to the entrance of the bunker. A gust of wind picked up and slammed the metal door shut just as I approached it. My face met the door first. It knocked me through the air about ten feet and I blacked out briefly on the porch.

As I came to, I realized my head was bleeding above my left eye. I was okay, but shaken up quite a bit. My nine years of experience as an Emergency Medical Technician told me I was extremely lucky to have survived this head injury. Sally, a guest who

was an operating room technician, used her expertise to bandage my wounds. A few stitches were probably required, but treatment was limited to a butterfly bandage, gauze, antibiotic ointment and some tape. Today, the 1/2" scar over my eye is a bittersweet reminder of this incredible week.

With all the rain, the small stream by the bunker had swollen to a raging river coming down the mountain. Some of the guests became concerned that the bunker would be washed away and we would all end up in the sea. This seemed highly unlikely, but given

everyone's state of fear and desperation, it was easy to understand why some were scared. Being in the construction industry for over 10 years, I tried to calm everyone down and prevent further hysteria by describing how the construction of the bunker appeared to me and that it was not feasible to expect it to just wash away. With Jim's help (another guest who had a similar construction background) we were able to restore some order to the group and diminish their fears. Unfortunately Marit, the Assistant Manager, chose to leave the bunker and find refuge elsewhere.

The rains and wind continued through Wednesday night. We continued to sweep water out of the bunker every chance we could. The mattresses on the floor were soaking wet by now. We tried to "waterproof" these beds by placing plastic trash bags over the mattresses. This helped for a few hours, but did not totally prevent the beds from getting wet.

Marit returned to the bunker around 11:00 PM, after some eight hours in the heavy storm. She appeared to be in shock. Most of her comments were so far removed from the situation we were in, I figured she was in total denial. My experience told me she needed to be treated for shock.

With our limited First Aid kit all we could do was monitor her vital signs. Alice, one of the other employees in our bunker, was a registered



nurse. We took turns checking on Marit during the night to make sure she remained stable.

Chris found a long rope for us to use in the event we had to quickly evacuate our bunker and get to higher ground. Had this become necessary, it would have been extremely difficult. Two of the older guests had some physical disabilities that would have hampered our ascent. Chris tied hand loops in the rope and we stayed awake for a while devising our escape route.

#### *Thursday: October 29, 1998*

Thursday brought calm winds and lighter rain. By late morning it was eerily quiet outside the bunker. This was our first chance to actually see the devastation brought by Mitch. We slowly left the bunker and worked our way as a group towards the clubhouse, which was still standing. The site of this once beautiful tropical island was gone. It now looked as though a forest fire had burned through the island, destroying any signs of life. If you couldn't believe the devastation on the island, all you had to do was look in the eyes of the guests and staff members. Shock was written into our eyes.

After confirming there were no serious injuries among the guests, staff and families, we assessed the damage to the facilities. All power was out. There was no running water. Butane gas

was still available, so cooking food was possible. Without electricity, the coolers were no longer working and the food was ruined.

We contacted Florida again and tried to start preparing for rescue operations. Any form of rescue would have to come from mainland Honduras. With Mitch still a major force, no rescue was possible until the storm subsided. It would be several days before we fully understood the magnitude of what Mitch was doing south of our island.

The seas appeared calm and there was only a light rain. Our phone updates continued to tell us the U.S. military was ready to launch as soon as the storm settled down. Unfortunately, nothing happened Thursday. No rescue boats, no planes, no helicopters. People's spirits were sinking. Several of us took turns bathing in the stream by the bunker. If nothing else, the opportunity to clean ourselves was a positive step towards returning to some type of normalcy.

Thursday night found the eight guests in the bunker alone for several hours. Discussion turned to futile attempts of getting off the island.

Several guests were becoming convinced that no one really cared about us. At this point, shortly before total chaos, I set up the satellite phone and called my parent's home in Dallas. I got the answering machine and left a message pleading

for help. We begged them to start calling Senators, the Embassy—anyone with political clout. We had run out of food and our water supply was critical. We knew we could not last much longer.

Four and five people at a time would sleep in shifts on the two remaining dry beds for an hour or two while the others would try to sleep in chairs. The smell of the bunker had reached such an extreme level we wanted to keep the door open in order to allow fresh air to circulate. About 4:30 AM I laid down and slept for about an hour. My head was still throbbing from the encounter with the door on Wednesday afternoon. I can't recall who gave up their mattress spot for me, but I was thankful for the opportunity.

#### *Friday: October 30, 1998*

Friday morning we started to wake about 5:30 AM, as daylight was just starting to appear. Clouds were still very heavy, but the rain had mostly subsided. The staff had located a marine battery and hot-wired the short-wave radio to it. Unfortunately, there was no one else to talk to on this day. One guest, Ken, suggested we try working on the generator. He felt comfortable enough with his knowledge of generators and electricity to at least investigate the possibility of getting the thing to work.

Upon entering the generator room, Ken,

Chris and one other man noticed there was water and diesel fuel all over the floor. They began surveying the electrical panels. Once they figured out a plan, all safety precautions would be taken. After hearing this I felt comfortable with their strategy and felt sure I would not have to provide medical services to any of the three men.

About 9:00 AM, I spoke to Don and Eli about my phone call to the States Thursday night and the feelings of concern within the group. I think they understood our reasoning. I explained to them, just as I had to the other guests the night before that we were all in this together. If we started to divide amongst ourselves, we would be doomed to fail. It was still possible to remain a cohesive group. We had just gone through a horrendous four days and managed to lean on one another for support the entire time. We needed to pull together now more than ever. They appreciated my honesty, although I believe they were a little upset with what had happened. The point now was to pull back and regroup. We had to make decisions as a group from this point on, including all satellite phone calls.

Eli recalled a friend who was the former U.S. Ambassador to Belize. We agreed to call this man. After finding the number we all gathered for the phone call. We explained our situation and asked if he could





**After the hurricane, the remnants of the rain gauge lays in a heap of twisted metal**

help.

He said the entire country was aware of the destruction Mitch was causing. He said he knew a four-star General he could call that would possibly respond quicker and with more aggressive action than President Clinton. He asked us to call him back in a couple of hours.

We called the Ambassador back around 11:00 AM. He had already heard back from an aide to the Undersecretary of the Army. He assured us that all levels of the Government, including the military were involved with launching a rescue, but because of Mitch's continued presence in the region, rescue efforts were not yet possible.

The Ambassador promised to continue his efforts on our behalf.

Around 1:00 PM the men working on the generator were successful in getting it started. We figured we would now be able to charge the phone battery. Don allowed everyone to make a much-needed phone call to their loved ones back home.

Lori called her mother and was told Lori's company, Petroleum Geo Services (a large exploration company) was planning a rescue mission with one of the company's ships. All her parents knew at the time was a plan was underway. No specifics were available.

We were limited to just a few minutes for

each phone call, but this short conversation did more for everyone's spirit than anything else did all week. We were finally able to talk to someone we knew. Emotionally it was very important.

Lori's news about a ship from her company relieved everyone, too. Finally some positive news that someone else cared about us and was working toward getting us off the island. Bad news came quickly, though. We soon learned the generator was putting out 210 volts. We needed 110v in order to use the phone

charger. We became concerned that we may have hastily wasted valuable minutes on the phone battery.

I spent most of the afternoon tending to several minor injuries on the young children and some staff members. Mostly cuts, scrapes and bruises that needed to be cleaned and bandaged. It was obvious medical treatment was not something they were used to receiving on the island. I did the best I could with our limited supplies. Most of them spoke no English and my Spanish was weak with the Guanaja dialect. But the appreciation was in their eyes.

Sometime Friday afternoon we heard a plane. A U.S. Coast Guard plane

was visible about 400 yards off the island. We all began screaming and yelling and waving whatever towels, shirts, etc. we had with us. The plane continued flying past us, never turning into the island, rocking its wings, or any other sign that they even saw us. I asked the staff if they had any spray paint. Don was not sure of my plan, but was able to produce a can of fluorescent orange spray paint. I explained I wanted to mark the name of the resort on the clubhouse roof in large letters. Don and I climbed up to the roof and painted "BAYMAN BAY" in large, 3-foot letters. Now, anyone flying by would be sure to see our name and would hopefully recognize there must be people alive at this devastated resort. Unfortunately, no more planes came our way.

The overall excitement of the day caused us to forget about our hunger. Our thirst remained strong, though. Water was becoming scarce. We had filled water jugs with what remained of the bottled water early Friday evening. We had about 4 one-gallon jugs left for all of us.

Friday night was much more pleasant than the previous nights had been. The night was cool and a nice breeze blew most of the night. I remember waking up around midnight and seeing a bright light off in the distance.

I laid back down, convinced that the light we saw was the ship from Lori's company. I just knew when daylight broke on Saturday we were



going to see a big ship waiting for us off the coast of Guanaja.

*Saturday:  
October 31, 1998*

In the early hours of Saturday morning, a light rain started again. When we all awoke, everyone's spirits were much higher. We knew today was our day to be rescued! We made another phone call to Lori's parents. They broke the news that PGS was not able to get permission from the Honduran Government to enter their waters. The ship was not yet on its way because of some apparent political problems. The thought of spending anymore time trapped on this island was devastating emotionally. The ship we had seen during the night was nowhere to be seen now and we could only assume it was a freighter underway on its scheduled course.

Ken went back to work on the generator. He was successful in getting the generator to put out 110v, but the phone's charger had been sitting in water too long and had shorted out. It was not capable of charging the phone. Saturday morning, the phone's battery went dead. It had served us well during the week, but now it was useless.

The good news was we had made contact with the CoCo View Resort on Roatan, an island about 20 miles away, via the radio. They began assisting in our rescue efforts. They did not have any boats available and explained the seas were still too

rough for passage by boat between the islands.

We heard back from CoCo View about 11:45 AM. They advised they had contacted the mayor of Roatan and he was sending a plane to pick up the ten Americans at Bayman Bay Club! The plane would arrive at Guanaja at 2:00 PM. With that news you can bet there would be nothing that would keep us from getting to the airport. Whatever we had to do—climb over the mountain or swim through the channel—we were going to be there.

Fortunately for us, the water-taxi service was working on Saturday. They had their radio on and heard our news. They called and told us they would pick us up at 1:00 PM. *Finally*, we were going home. We all hastily packed our bags. Lori and I decided to leave most of our clothing for the staff and their families. It made us feel a little better to provide some sort of aid, however small, to these people who had worked so hard for us during the week to keep us as comfortable as possible.

Ken never gave up with the phone charger. He was successful in rigging up a workable charger for the phone before we left the island. It was good to know the people staying at Bayman Bay would have communications with the outside world.

All the staff assisted in carrying our luggage and gear down the mountain-side to the beach. While

waiting for the water taxi we looked back up at the mountain at what was left of the resort. We felt like castaways stranded on a deserted island. It was overwhelming to see the devastation of the island. I was very thankful to be heading home, but I felt a deep sorrow for the people who live here. Mitch has affected all of us deeply, but these people must stay and rebuild their lives on Guanaja.

Just as promised, the water-taxi arrived at 1:00 PM. We loaded into the boat and headed to the airport. It was quite a site to see the complete devastation of the island as we motored through the channel. Words can't describe the total destruction caused by Mitch. For me to try to do so would minimize the whole impact it has caused this island and the Central American region.

About 2:10 PM we saw a plane off the horizon. Our excitement was rising. As the plane landed and approached our location on the runway, we could see this was a rather old, Russian aircraft. Briefly, I remembered my fear of small propeller planes, but, at that moment, this was by far the sturdiest and safest airship I had ever seen.

The plane took us to Roatan and we eventually boarded a specially chartered flight to Houston, Texas. We understood this was the first flight to leave the Bay Islands for the United States in a week. Most of the passengers were people that had spent the week on Roatan.

They experienced the hurricane to some extent but I don't think it was nearly as strong as on Guanaja. As word spread around the plane that we were actually on Guanaja, several people came up and talked to Lori and me. They wanted to know what it was like to be in the eye of this storm for so long (Mitch had hovered over Guanaja for over 40 hours). It felt good to tell our story. It felt better to tell it in the past tense, as survivors.

When we landed in Houston loud cheers erupted on the plane. Never before have I been so glad to return home. Deep in my heart, though, I know the real heroes are the people of Guanaja who survived and are rebuilding their lives.

Hurricane Mitch ranked as the fourth largest storm in the last 200 years. It was responsible for over 11,000 confirmed deaths as of this writing. I'm not sure why my wife, the other guests, staff and I were spared more serious harm, or even death during this devastating storm. Seeing the nearly total elimination of an island that once welcomed vacationers and devoted divers causes us to seriously consider our own significance.

As we enter the New Year here in the United States, Lori and I, and our family and friends, truly have a lot to be thankful for. God has given us an opportunity to continue with our lives and try to make a difference in this world. We will do just that. ■





# Miami Reunion a Model of Success

**More than 60  
Delts and their  
spouses attend-  
ed the Miami  
50s reunion.**

In the fall of 1997, I visited Chicago on a business trip with my wife. Knowing I was coming, John Neuman, '55, arranged a dinner get together at his club. Seven Delts from Miami got together for the first time in over forty years.

I talked to one brother for ten minutes before I realized he was a member of my pledge class! When I returned home, the experience made me begin to organize a reunion that many of us had talked about, but no one had the time to do. I contacted Dick Farmer, '56, and together, we planned a reunion of all of the Delts of the classes of the 1950s at Gamma Upsilon Chapter at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. One year in advance of the planned reunion, we leased the entire Miami Inn on the campus as the primary site of our reunion.

Dick (Fanny) Farmer and I planned a three-day

event that would include options for golf, tennis, rafting, receptions, a dinner dance, campus tours and a tour of the current undergraduate Delt house on the campus. Next, I contacted the Delt headquarters in Carmel, Indiana and Miami University for mailing lists. This effort produced two very outdated lists, but a crosschecking between the two sources, coupled with some personal lists, did produce a quality single list for our purposes.

There were approximately 180 Delts at Miami University during the 1950s. I was surprised to discover that 41 were already known to be deceased with several additional unaccounted for. Nonetheless, a mailing proposing the reunion and describing it in some detail received an outstanding response. I sold out the 42 rooms in the Miami Inn in three

weeks and had to scramble for additional space in a nearby Hampton Inn that accommodated the substantial overflow. In addition, several decided to come to various portions of the reunion, but not stay on the campus.

The Gamma Upsilon Delts of the 1950s have been a very successful lot. Today, Miami University is blessed with a leading undergraduate School of Business that is named after Delt Richard T. Farmer, '56. The Miami Inn and the Hannon Tailgate Park, named for him, were contributions of Donald F. Hannon, '51. Richard F.

Freeman, '56 was a limited partner in the alumni building of the Miami Inn. The late Fred Climer contributed Miami's Guesthouse on the campus. The Gamma Upsilon grads have also made their mark in all walks of life with many

doctors, lawyers and successful leaders of business and industry coming from this chapter.

Planning for the reunion was a year-long process of talking it up in various letters that went out, and on the Internet. The actual event occurred on October 16-18th, 1998, in perfect weather. Sixty Delts, their spouses and in a few cases, their dates attended the affair. Six came unattached. The Central Office provided Delt banners and a magnificent huge Delt Coat of Arms that graced the dining room for the dinner dance. The local undergraduate chapter representatives attended the dinner dance and spoke to the group about current life in the House. The undergraduate chapter received an ovation from the alumni with the announcement that they had been a recent winner of the *Hugh Shields Award for Chapter Excellence*.

The reunion was an extraordinary success. The opening Friday night get-reacquainted reception provided everyone with a name tag that featured a

**By  
Richard F.  
Freeman**



picture from their Delt composite of the 1950s. One of those attending, Chicago attorney, Ed Grabill, '57, had written out the words to all Delt songs of the '50s and, within three hours, the entire group was singing old Delt songs. It was amazing how fast the group reacquainted and settled in for an emotional experience of this dramatic get together.

On Saturday evening, a memorable serenade to the ladies featuring the Delt sweetheart song, complete with candles, was an enormous moment for all.

The thank you notes I have received since the reunion clearly demonstrates that this was an unforgettable weekend for all that attended. Numerous comments have been made that indicate that many of the brothers had forgotten how important those four years in the Delt House at Miami were in forming their later lives. A comment by one of America's most successful cosmetic surgeons who lives and practices in Hawaii, was included in the letter I sent to everyone after the reunion.

A look at the demographics of the group that attended is also interesting. Fully half of this group (30) had married Miami University women after their undergraduate years in Oxford. 48 of the group had been married in excess of 30 years with 26 in excess of 40 years!

Collectively, the group had raised 168 children.

Gamma Upsilon has not only provided leadership on the Miami campus, but also nationally for Delta Tau Delta. Two alumni members have served on the Delt Educational Foundation Board and both are recent members of the Bethany Society. To qualify for membership in the Bethany Society, you must have either given a cash gift of over \$25,000 or a planned gift through estate planning of over \$100,000. Charles Bancroft, *Gamma Upsilon '50*, was named to membership and received a Bethany College blazer

with the Fraternity's coat of arms at the Karnea. Charlie was present at the Gamma Upsilon reunion and was able to vest another Gamma Upsilon alumnus, Carter "Chip" Wilmot.

It was a great celebration. It reunited some of the Chapter's most successful alumni. It was a model for other Chapters to follow when planning other alumni events.

In summary, I feel better about this event and having caused it to happen than just about any-



thing I have done in a long business life. I must tell you, it was worth all we put into it. It just may be that we can get some help to the undergraduate chapter who also deserves accolades for its part in the weekend.

—Richard F. "Dick" Freeman,  
*Gamma Upsilon '56*

**The rafting contingent leaves '56 grad Bob Morgan's canoe rental, for a trip down the Whitewater River**

### Defining Success at an Alumni Event

How do you know when you have had a successful Alumni Event? When, as chairman, you receive dozens of letters like the following that Dick Freeman received regarding the Gamma Upsilon reunion.

*Dear Dick,*

*What a wonderful weekend. It was like stepping back in time.*

*Thank you for your energy and effort to make it happen. I know you had fun doing it, but you contributed a lot of hard detail work and I sincerely appreciated it. My thanks also to Barbara because I'm sure some burden fell on her with your involvement. There were so many interesting stories. I couldn't help thinking how much collective life has rolled by with our group since we were the age of the current Deltas. They wouldn't have believed it, as I'm sure we wouldn't 40+ years ago. One of my biggest surprises was how warm the shared feelings were between us. We have all had various experiences in business, the service, families and social, yet there seemed to be the common bond that continued, although seldom nurtured, after all of these years. Maybe we each and collectively have made our way through life and now desire the kind of fellowship we started with. In any case, it was great. Thank you again for making it happen.*

*Fraternally,  
Carlos Bancroft  
Gamma Upsilon '54*



## Planning a Successful Alumni Event

By Ken File

It is a special and exciting time to be a member of Delta Tau Delta. Every facet of programming and services to members indicates that our great Fraternity is reaching out to meet the challenges of the 21st Century. Even though the Fraternity is ever changing to meet the needs of its members, our commitment to the values on which we were founded in Bethany, West Virginia, remains the same. Our basic goal is to build tomorrow's

leaders that are committed to lives of excellence.

Alumni all over the Fraternity are reaching out to reconnect with their pledge brothers, and the men they shared the Delt experience with when they were in college. As the newspapers explode with stories that show lapses of leadership they remember where they learned many of the values they carry close to them today.

We've found that as Deltas advance they also seek to reflect on their time in the chapter. They remember these times as some of the most educational, instructive and fun experiences of their lives. Every chapter has a story to tell which is made up of the experiences of hundreds of Deltas. There is no better way to tell your chapter's story than through alumni events, homecomings, Founder's Days, or chapter anniversaries. Regardless of the event, careful planning is the key.

### First Things First

Set your event date as early as you can. In reality, the date should be set one year out and

the announcement made at the previous alumni event. If that is not possible, then set the date between seven and nine months out.

Many chapters have a traditional date for Founder's Day or Homecoming. (For example, for many it's the third weekend in April). This enables graduates to anticipate participation and plan accordingly. This is a highly recommended suggestion for your chapter.

### Steering Committee

A well-organized alumni event should have a steering committee. It should consist of the key alumni and undergraduate brothers that will not only assist in the planning and implementation, but also promote attendance for the event. Competent brothers should be selected to serve on the committee. The more alumni involved in the planning and producing of this event, the more other graduates will participate and attend.

### Sample Event Time Line:

What follows is a suggested timeline for planning a successful alumni event. **For more information contact the Central Office or order the publication, "Alumni Event Planning Kit."**

#### 12 Months Out

- House Corporation selects event chairman
- Event date established
- Alumni notified of date for calendar purposes
- Inform headquarters of event date

#### 7 Months Out

- Hold an event-planning meeting with your committee, chapter advisor and execu-

tive committee

- Reserve the dinner location in writing and group of rooms at a local motel for brothers and wives spending the night
- Order a printout of your chapter's graduates by class year from headquarters.
- Order a printout of brothers from other chapters who live in the immediate area.
- Order a set of mailing labels from the Central Office.
- Put the event date on the chapter's master calendar.
- Begin promotion of class reunions: 10-20-25 years, for example.

#### 6 Months Out

- Finalize your keynote speaker and confirm him in writing to speak.
- Send first notices of event date, time and place to your alumni and those in the immediate area.
- Begin search for class agents and reunion coordinators
- Begin to brainstorm ideas and programs for the event
- Publicize event in the chapter newsletter.

#### 5 Months Out

- Send to all class agents a copy of the printout of their classmates, the year before them and year after them.
- Begin looking for your Master of Ceremonies with counsel of other alumni.
- Ask the House Corporation if there are any house improvement projects that will need to be scheduled and finished before the event.

#### 4 Months Out

- Continue to advertise the event in all chapter publications sent to your undergraduates and those in the imme-

diated area.

- Communicate with Reunion Coordinators and class agents. How are they doing?

#### 3 Months Out

- Keep Reunion Coordinators and class agents up-to-date with any details that have developed.
- Check the alcohol policy of your school and the Fraternity. How will you assure that all brothers will follow these policies at the event?
- Create your invitations and have them printed.
- Order mailing labels for invitations from headquarters

#### 2 Months Out

- Send invitations to graduates announcing the event.
- Get the chapter's composites and scrapbooks in order so that they can be displayed at the event.

#### 1 Month Out

- Have the event programs finalized and printed.
- Reconfirm by letter and telephone with the speaker and the Master of Ceremonies the dates and any details they need to know for the dinner.
- Get the undergraduates excited and ready for the event.
- Assign undergraduate responsibilities if needed.
- Engrave any awards that you are to present.
- Discuss back-up plans and potential problems with committee members.
- Work with the House Corporation to see that all scheduled repairs, painting and improvements projects are completed and on time for the event.
- Final seating and head



table arrangements with the hotel including hanging of Fraternity flags and chapter banners.

## 2 Weeks Out

- Send the keynote speaker's biography to the Master of Ceremonies. Have a back-up copy of the biography at the dinner.
- Arrange for a photographer to take pictures throughout the event and an alumnus to write an accompanying article for *The Rainbow*.
- Arrange for head table flowers.

## 1 Week Out

- Give the final count of the dinner to the caterer.
- Put up composite class photos and other displays.
- Prepare nametags for those you know are coming.
- Make sure someone is scheduled to serve as host for the speaker, including providing transportation if needed.

## Day Before The Event

- Schedule and have the house manager coordinate an all-house clean up.

## Day of the Event (Show Time)

- Have nametags (prepared in advance) available for all alumni and guests.
- Have a sign-in table for nametags, collecting money not already received in advance. Collect business cards and get current mailing addresses for sending thank you notes and photos. Send the business cards and a copy of the addresses to the headquarters for address updates.
- Make sure the head table microphone works and the

podium is correctly placed.

- Have the programs and Foundation material placed at each place setting.
- Make sure the person in charge of photography is taking pictures of what you want.
- Have a copy of the keynote speaker's biography handy.
- Have all awards and certificates at the event. Predetermine who will present them.
- Have a small gift for the speaker as a thank you from the chapter and alumni.

## 1 to 2 weeks After the Event

- Send thank you letters to all alumni who attended.
- Send thank you letters to your Chapter Advisor, House Corporation, Chapter leaders and committee members.
- Hold a final meeting of your committee to critique the entire experience. Examine the highs and lows.
- Finally, write a summary of the things you did, including the time line, for the next event chairman. Make certain this is filed with the House Corporation for future reference.

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Ken File, Event Chairman  
Dick Freeman, Richard  
Farmer, Undergraduates  
Sam Krause, Rob  
Bennett and Chapter  
President Alain Stephan  
at the Gamma Upsilon  
Reunion.

## How to Get Your Alumni Back

*...just sending an invitation won't work.*

**W**ithout alumni, an anniversary, homecoming or Founder's Day is just another chapter event. Remember this rule of thumb: Alumni are more likely to return if asked by a brother they know. Here are some suggestions that if implemented properly and in a timely manner will help to bring the alumni back for any anniversary or alumni event.

**1** Begin advertising next year's event at this year's event. Make the same weekend each year the event weekend. (For example, the third weekend in April is always Founder's Day). Make the date for alumni events a tradition. Promote in every chapter newsletter and publication.

**2** Begin advertising the day and date, time and location at least six months before the event. Use the chapter's newsletter or a special bulk mailing to all alumni informing them of the date. If you are conscious of cost and do not have access to bulk mail, use postcards, as they require less postage.

**3** Find a graduate brother from every class year or groups of class years (groups of 3 years) who is willing to act as a class agent. His responsibilities will be to write and call all brothers in his class or era and invite them to the event.

**4** Send notices and invitations to brothers from other chapters who are living in the immediate area of the chapter.

**5** Ask all members of the House Corporation and Chapter Advisors and any other alumni associated with the chapter to call their classmates and invite them to the event.

**6** Hold reunions for specific class years. Typically, reunions are held for graduates who have been out of school for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 50 and 60 years. Find a brother from each class who is willing to be a reunion coordinator for his class year. His job responsibilities will be to write and call graduates celebrating these anniversaries and personally invite them to return for reunion weekend.

**7** If the university or college is having an anniversary of 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30...50...75...100...100+ years, this tends to get the attention of graduates and the turnout is usually higher. Use this to your advantage and advertise this extensively. These years are wonderful times to plan for reunions of specific class years. Take advantage of any activities the school might have planned the same weekend.

Remember, every graduate brother who is communicating with other graduates about the event will help to get graduates to return. What other things can you do to get graduates back? ■







## Richardson Receives Teddy Award

**Bill Richardson**, *Tufts '70*, secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy and U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, is this year's recipient of the Theodore Roosevelt Award, the most prestigious honor bestowed on an individual by the NCAA.

Richardson is the 32nd recipient of the "Teddy," which was awarded at the NCAA honors dinner January 10 in San Antonio.

A congressman for 14 years before moving to his U.N. position, at Tufts, Richardson led the Jumbos baseball team to the co-championship of the Greater Boston League as a senior. That season, he compiled a 2-0 record in 17 1/3 innings, striking out 19, posting an earned run average of 3.12 and surrendering 14 hits. He enjoyed his best individual season in 1968,

notching a 4-4 won-lost record in 63 1/3 innings, allowing 43 hits, striking out 59 batters and registering an ERA of 2.98.

As a junior, Richardson gained international experience by arranging a 12-day, 11-game preseason trip to Mexico for the baseball team. Tufts played before crowds of 5,000 and was on national television twice during the tour. A visit to the American embassy in Mexico City, where the Jumbos met then U.S. Ambassador Henry Dearborn, also was a highlight. Richardson's other extracurricular college activities included serving as president of the Delt chapter at Tufts and as chair of the undergraduate admissions committee.

A two-time nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize, Richardson will serve in

his current dual role before moving solely to the Department of Energy post when another ambassador is selected. A member of President Clinton's cabinet and the National Security Council, he is the first Hispanic to serve in a foreign policy cabinet-level position.

Appointed to his U.N. position in 1996, Richardson ushered through the U.N. Security Council's six resolutions and statements condemning Iraq's refusal to comply with U.N. resolutions on weapons of mass destruction, and he traveled to nine Security Council capitals as a presidential envoy to gather support for the policy on Iraq.

He won an agreement for face-to-face peace talks between Afghanistan's Taliban regime and opposing factions; secured a military stand down; and negotiated prisoner releases during the highest ranking U.S. visit to Afghanistan since 1973.

Richardson also worked closely with key congressional leaders to craft bipartisan legislation that would pay the U.S.'s \$1 billion debt to the U.N.

In addition, he has participated in many other headline-making international negotiations, including one in conjunction with former President Carter for the release of two downed American pilots from North Korea.

He also negotiated with Iraq's Sadaam Hussein for the release of two Americans who were held captive after they wandered over the Iraqi border in 1995.

Richardson held an historic meeting with Burmese political dissident Aung San Suu Kyi, becoming the first non-family member allowed to visit her during five years of house arrest.

Richardson is a board member of the National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, Art Has Heart Foundation and the International Planned Parenthood Federation of the Western Region. He serves as a board member of the New Mexico chapters for the Alliance for the Mentally Ill, Native American Preparatory School and Youth Shelters and Family Services. A founding board member of Project Vote Smart, he is president of the U.S. Spain Council, a member of the Board of Visitors for the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and has delivered more than 160 speeches for charitable organizations.

His many professional awards include the Distinguished Public Service Medal from the Center for the Study of the Presidency, Flame of Hope Award from the American Indian College Fund, the Gold Medal Award from the National Institute for Social Science, the Hispanic Heritage Leadership Award from the Hispanic Heritage Leadership Foundation, a Humanitarian Award from the Salvation Army and a Medal of Distinction from the International Association of Lion's Clubs. ■



**Arndtz, James A.,** *Ohio '98*, has joined CAP Gemini America, LLC in Columbus, Ohio as a consultant.

**Black-Hogins, William R.,** *California '83*, has returned to the U.S. after nine years in Japan to become Director of Sales, Asia Pacific for Power Integrations, Inc., a Sunnyvale, CA based semiconductor company. He, his wife, and their two children live in Cupertino.

**Courtney, Ryan J.,** *Idaho '91*, received Northwestern's Arthur Tatham Award, for demonstrating exceptional performance in the Integrated Marketing Communications program. He is currently a marketing consultant with Chicago-based Howard Publications.

**Douglas, Rick,** *Oklahoma State '69*, resigned after spending the last seven years as president of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce. He joined the Staubach Company of Dallas as executive vice president in mid-February. He was honored with a plaque for his service by the Chamber at its annual meeting on January 14.

**Feiner, Jason M.,** *Bradley '97*, has joined St. Louis-based Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority as Director of Chapter Services. The first man in history to work with a sorority in this capacity, he should really be paying them.

**Gershel, Richard,** *Northern Arizona CC '00*, was honored by the Arizona National Guard because of his efforts in saving the lives of two sisters whose car had flipped outside of the Phoenix area. Sergeant Gershel, a unit medic and trained EMT assisted with additional C-spine support and worked with DPS officers to request Air Evac, a ground ambulance and Fire Department with extrication equipment.

**Helmus, Mark,** *Ohio '86*, joined Indiana-based

Franklin College as director of development and major gifts in its development office. A former vice president for alumni development for the Fraternity's educational foundation, he brings more than 10 years of non-profit experience.

**Hopkins, Craig,** *Arizona '87*, completed an MBA with a specialization in Business Information Systems at Western Michigan University and joined San Antonio-based United Services Automobile Association (USAA) as an I.T. Program Manager for the Facilities and Services Division.

**Jacobsen, Eric A.,** *Purdue '92*, is with the U.S. Navy in He and his wife Nora [Forsyth] live in Atlantic Beach, FL.

**Johnson, W. Charles, Jr.,** *Southern Mississippi '93*, is currently a Senior Audit Consultant with BlueCross BlueShield of Louisiana. He and his wife Tiffany [Clark] were married last October in New Orleans.

**Jones, Evan R.,** *American '91*, was named Sports Editor of the Washington Daily News in Washington, NC.

**Koch, Daniel A.,** *Ohio State '85*, was promoted to account manager for his company's Eli Lilly business, a major packaging customer for his Evansville-based marketing communications company.

**Lowenberg, Scott,** *Southern Mississippi '93*, has been named Assistant Athletic Director for Marketing and Promotions at the University of Maine in Orono.

**McBee, Barry,** *Oklahoma '78*, has been appointed Executive Assistant to Texas Lt. Governor Rich Perry. He was previously chairman of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission and served a White House Fellowship in the Bush Administration.

**Schroer, Tim,** *Cincinnati '82* was promoted to be the director of the Buntrock Commons, a 175,000 sq ft student center being built at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. Schroer previously served as St. Olaf's director of student activities.

**Sigmund, David C.,** *Butler '88*, relinquished command of the Military Intelligence Detachment, 2nd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, NC. Capt. Sigmund's three year tour of duty in the Army's Special Forces Command included several months in Latin American nations such as Ecuador, Peru and Panama. He is now studying psychological operations and civil affairs in the John F. Kennedy

Special Warfare Center in preparations for future assignments within the Special Operations community.

**Waddell, Glenn G.,** *Alabama '87*, formerly a partner with the law firm of Balch & Bingham LLP, has been named Southeast Regional Director for Peacemaker Ministries in Birmingham, AL.

**Wolaver, Stephen,** *Miami '72*, received the Outstanding Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Award from the Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association. The annual award is presented to only one person throughout the state. Wolaver works for the Green County, OH Prosecutors Office as Chief Trial Counsel.

## Delt Tapped as State Department CFO

**Bert T. Edwards,** *Wesleyan '59*, has received a presidential appointment to become Chief Financial Officer at the U.S. Department of State. Edwards, a resident of Potomac, Maryland, spent his entire 34-year professional career with the Washington office of Arthur Andersen LLP. Retiring as a partner in 1994, Edwards, a certified public accountant, specialized in audits and consulting for governments, non-profit organizations and higher education institutions. In his last 20 years with Arthur Andersen, he was responsible for the firm's practice in these areas. He also served for six years in the U.S. Army Reserve and served his active duty in Ft. Knox, Kentucky. Mr. Edwards is a member of the Resource Council of the Greater Washington Boys & Girls Clubs and a Board member of its Foundation. In addition, he served as Trustee for 14 years, and as president, vice president and treasurer of the Barker Foundation, an adoption agency. He is a former Board Chairman, President and Director of Junior Achievement of Metropolitan Washington. He is treasurer of the National Committee on Public Employee Pension Systems. Mr. Edwards has served 20 years as Trustee and Treasurer of the Population Reference Bureau and for four years as Director and Treasurer of the DC Applesee Center. He received an MBA from



Stanford. The CFO of the U.S. Department of State directs its Bureau of Finance and Management Policy and assists in the management of the Department and its overseas posts. The CFO reports directly to the Secretary of State regarding financial management matters and serves under the overall direction of the Under Secretary of Management. The CFO is also responsible for the direction and management of more than 700 Foreign Service, Civil Service and Foreign Service National Employees.





## Inaugural Al Sheriff Award Recipient Announced

With respect to the Fraternity's motto, it became more critically important that the Fraternity develop a program to honor Chapter Advisors who have rendered outstanding service in that capacity. In a letter to the then International President David Hughes, Foundation EVP Ken File wrote, "The Chapter Advisors in Delta Tau Delta are unsung heroes. Many times we have spoken of this fact. Unfortunately, we do little to recognize these men or hold up those virtues or examples of Chapter Advisors who represent the best of the best within Delta Tau Delta. Deltas who exemplify the qualities that are truly outstanding usually have little use for awards."

However, if we are to do justice to our motto, it is important that we recognize these men and hold them up as an example for other advisors to follow."

Based upon that recommendation, the Arch Chapter voted to create

the "Alfred P. Sheriff III Award."

There is no individual Delt in this Fraternity that exemplifies these qualities more than the late Al Sheriff. A 1949 graduate of Gamma Chapter at Washington & Jefferson University, Al went on to get his law degree at Case Western Reserve where he served as an officer of the Cleveland Alumni Chapter before becoming Assistant Executive Director

under Hugh Shields in 1960. At Hugh's untimely death, Al assumed the role of Executive Vice President in 1966 and would lead the Fraternity through one of its most difficult periods, emerging strong and vital before leaving that position to start the Educational Foundation in 1981. The stories of Al and his leadership, dedication, persistence and humor are legendary. There is hardly an alumnus within the Fraternity or undergraduate chapter who was not

affected by Al Sheriff. So great was his influence that he was honored with a Distinguished Service Chapter citation in 1980 while still serving as Executive Vice President which was unprecedented for a current staff member to receive such an award.

Sid Gonsoulin, *Louisiana State '70*, Chapter Advisor to Zeta Chi at the University of Southern Mississippi, became the first alumnus to receive the prestigious Sheriff award.

Through the years, Gonsoulin has served the Fraternity in many capacities including House Corporation member,

Division Vice President, Division President and Sergeant-at-Arms of many Karneas.

Of the award, Gonsoulin remarked, "To me, the chapter advisor level is the make or break situation for our chapters. If you look at the consistently successful chapters across the country, the common thread is a committed chapter advisor. If you don't have them providing continuity and consistency you're going to see a chapter on a roller coaster. To me, this award is for all those chapter advisors in the trenches who are out there day after day, week after week."

## Brothers on the Bench

Three brothers of the Gamma Sigma Chapter now hold positions as Judges in the Pennsylvania Courts of Common Pleas. John W. Thompson, Jr., *Pittsburgh '68*, and Stephen P. Linebaugh, *Pittsburgh '69*, were elected to the Court of Common Pleas in York County in the November '97 election; they were sworn in and began their duties in January 1998. As undergraduates at the University of Pittsburgh, John, an English major, and Stephen, a political science major, were roommates during the 1967-68 school year.

Eugene F. Scanlon Jr., *Pittsburgh '69*, was appointed to the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County in May '98. He must run for election May 1999 if he is to keep the position. During his undergraduate years at the University of Pittsburgh, he was a political science major and a pledge brother with Stephen Linebaugh, *Pittsburgh '69*. Judge Scanlon recalls that John Thompson, *Pittsburgh '68*, may have been their pledgemaster.

All three had practiced as attorneys within their respective districts since their graduation from law school—Linebaugh and Thompson from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and Scanlon from the Duquesne University School of Law.







## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Named to the All-Big 12 Academic first team was **QB Monte Christo** of the 9-3 Nebraska Holiday Bowl squad. He was also named Fox Sports Network Cornhuskers Player of the Game against Missouri, rushing for 67 yards and 2 TDs. For the season, he rushed for 223 yards, 3 scores on 59 carries and completed 19 of 28 passes for 261 yards, 2 TDs. Also contributing to the Nebraska cause was defensive coordinator **Charlie McBride**, *Colorado '62*, who completed his 22nd year on the coaching staff. Northwestern **QB Gavin Hoffman** had a fine season, completing 129 of 246 for 1,494 yards and 7 touchdowns. Against Hawaii, he hit 17 of 24 for 272 yards, 3 TDs and also ran for a score. Gavin also threw for 265 yards (19 of 28) against Nevada-Las Vegas and 250 yards (17 of 26) versus Iowa. Winning the Undergraduate Scholarship Award again for the 12-1 Arizona Holiday Bowl champs was WR/special

teams player **Chris Forwood**.

Ranked 17th in NCAA Division I-A total offense (275.09 yards per game) was Stanford **QB Todd Husak**, an All-Pac-10 honorable mention choice. He completed 233 of 447 for 3,092 yards, 17 TDs and set a school record with 450 yards (26 of 48) versus Oregon State. Todd, who won the school's Gundelach Award as outstanding junior, also hit 25 of 45 for 419 yards against UCLA and 24 of 48 for 335 yards in the Arizona State game.

Stanford All-Pac-10 honorable mention **DB Tim Smith** led the Pac-10 in interceptions (6 for 69 yards) and ranked fifth in Division I-A. He also led the Cardinal with 109 tackles, including 15 against Oregon State. **C Mike McLaughlin** earned All-Pac-10 second team honors while **OT Geoff Wilson** played in the Blue-Gray Game. All-Academic Pac-10 first team **TE Russell**



**Stewart** caught 12 passes for 136 yards, 2 TDs. Other offensive standouts included **OT Jeff Cronshagen**,

**OG Andrew Kroeker**,

**TE Steve**

**Coughlin**, **RB**

**Jon Eide**

(Vardell Award winner for excellence in academics and athletics)

and long snapper **John Sande**.

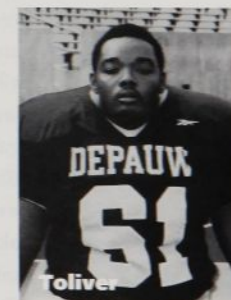
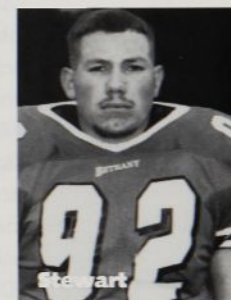
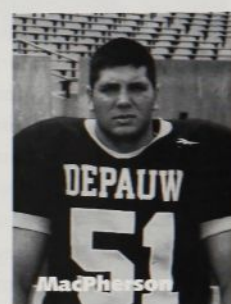
Stanford's **Kevin Miller** also played in the Blue-Gray Game. He had 71 punts for a 39.8 average; scored 59 points on 10 field goals and 29 extra points; and caught 4 passes for 49 yards. Kevin was Pac-10 Special Teams Player of the Week after booting a game-winning field goal (his third of the game) versus North Carolina. Other good Cardinal defensive players included **LB Marc Stockbauer** (second with 93 tackles), **DE Sam Benner** (22 tackles) and **DT Dorean Kass**.

**WR Ty Buxton** was a key special teams player for the 9-2 Miami Redhawks. He

led in punt returns with 28 for a 6.2 average and also caught 8 passes for 41 yards. **DB Kevin Kreger** was a standout for Hillsdale, leading with 4 interceptions for 46 yards and 16 kickoff returns for a 19.2 average. He also ranked fourth with 66 tackles (including 8 sacks), broke up 7 passes and had 10 punt returns for a 7.1 average.

**RB Adam Stegman** was the second-leading ground gainer for 9-2 Morehead State. He ran for 516 yards, 6 TDs on 126 carries and caught 17 passes for 209 yards. Also seeing action for the Eagles were second team **QB Drew Purcell** (15 of 27 for 215 yards, 2 TDs), **RB Nick Fucito** and **LB Dave Aldi**. Earning All-Midwest Conference second team honors for Lawrence were **RB Stacy Seidel** and **DB Chad Waller**.

Three Delt starters helped lead Wabash to a 9-1 season. **WR Frank Serge** tied for 26th in NCAA Division III receiving (6.1 catches per game, 61 for 779 yards, 5 TDs) and was 30th in punt returns (22 for a 10.7 average). He also had 15 kickoff returns for a 19.8 average. Frank was HCAC Offensive Player of the Week after catching 10 passes for 155 yards, 2 scores against Hanover and had a career best 11 receptions for 103 yards versus



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Franklin. Wabash RB **Joe Becker** battled injuries again but still ran for 444 yards, 3 TDs on 108 carries. Also in the Little

Giants backfield was **Brad Timmons**, who ran for 174 yards, 2 TDs on 29 carries. Kicker **Jason Hartman** of Muhlenberg won GTE Regional Academic All-American recognition for the 5-5 Mules.

All-SCAC first team RB **Johnathon Stigall** of 7-3 DePauw ranked 25th in Division III scoring with 102 points. He led the Tigers in rushing (847 yards, 11 TDs on 168 attempts) and receiving (24 catches for 500 yards, 6 TDs). Johnathon was SCAC Offensive Player of the Week after running for 157 yards versus Millsaps and, in his final game, had a career best 160 yards against Wabash. Other key offensive players were C **Bernie Bernhardt**, OT **Chris Eskew**, OT **Sean Sreniawski** and WR **Ryan Law** (5 kick-off returns for a 26.8 average, 11 punt returns for a 6.6 average).

Leading the DePauw defense was Division III All-American third team LB **Matt MacPherson**, the team leader in tackles (108, including 15 for losses) and third in interceptions (4

for 102 yards). He was also on the All-SCAC first team, as was DT **Brady Toliver**, who had 49 stops, including 11 for losses. DB **Joe Rogowski** led with 9 pass deflections, ranked second with 5 interceptions for 77 yards and was third with 54 tackles. Other good Tigers defenders were LB **Andy Nardo** (41 tackles), DT **Kevin Hare** (13 tackles) and DB **Michael Luna** (9 punts returns for a 13.3 average).

Kenyon TE **Mat Glassman** led the Lords with 33 receptions for 536 yards, 5 TDs and did the punting (52 for a 34.6 average, long of 64). He was on the All-NCAC second team and was a Burger King Division III Scholar-Athlete for contributions to Kenyon and the community. Teammate **Brian Eagleton** started at OT for the Lords. Members of the 8-2 Albion MIAA championship team were DE **Matt Corona**, RB **John Lessway**, LB **Matt Giacona** and LB **Sean Sarsfield**.

Named to the All-PAC second team for Bethany was DE/LB **Chris Loftis**, who had a team high 12 tackles for losses among his 52 stops. Other key regulars were LB **Bill Stewart**, who was sixth with 54 tackles, and OT **Oper King**. Fifth in tackles for Case Western Reserve was LB **Kevin Bellack**, who had 64 stops and broke up 4 passes. Also a key defender for CWRU was NG **Mike Lyden**, who was in on 20 tackles.

Twenty-two Deltas were members of the 5-5 Baker

squad. Earning All-HCAC third team selection were DB **Mark Emry** (team high 5 interceptions for 51 yards, 48 tackles) and LB **Jason Montgomery** (third with 50 stops). Other key Wildcats defenders were LB **Chris Garcia** (29 tackles, team high 8 sacks); DB **Dax Barker** (25 stops, team co-high 8 deflections); and DT **Joe Zubek** (15 tackles).

On the All-HCAC third team offense for Baker was RB **Eric Long**. He led in scoring (30 points) and kick-off returns (29.0 average, including a 75 yard TD). Eric also ran for 346 yards, 4 scores on 68 attempts. Joining him on offense for the Wildcats was WR **Shane Jackson** (7 receptions for 91 yards).

Marist head coach **Jim Parady**, Maine '84, had another successful year, posting a 7-3 record. After seven seasons, his career mark is now 42-27-1. **Cale Gundy**, Oklahoma '94, returned to his alma mater as running backs coach in December. He spent the last four seasons as an assistant coach at Alabama-Birmingham, coaching QBs for one year and RBs the last three.

## PRO FOOTBALL

Delta Tau Delta is now the only fraternity to claim three different Super Bowl Most Valuable Players after the great performance in Super Bowl XXXIII by Denver Broncos QB **John Elway**, Stanford '83. In leading Denver to a 34-19 win over Atlanta, he completed

18 of 29 for 336 yards, one touchdown and also ran for a score. The Fraternity's other Super Bowl MVPs were Oakland QB **Jim Plunkett**, Stanford '71, in the 1981 game, and Washington QB **Mark Rypien**, Washington State '86, in the 1992 game.

During the regular season, Elway completed 210 of 356 for 2,806 yards and 22 TDs. He became just the second NFL player to throw for over 50,000 career yards and third to reach 300 career touchdown passes. During the regular season, he completed 210 of 356 for 2,806 yards and 22 TDs. Starting 15 games for the San Francisco 49ers was C **Chris Dalman**, Stanford '93, while RB **Jon Ritchie**, Stanford '98, was fourth in receptions for the Oakland Raiders (29 for 225 yards).

Second in tackles for Tampa Bay Buccaneers was DB **John Lynch**, Stanford '93, who had 85 stops. He also had 2 interceptions and 2 sacks. TE **Ryan Wetnight**, Stanford '93, of the Chicago Bears had 23 receptions for 168 yards, 2 TDs. After starting the season at OT, **Brad Badger**, Stanford '97, shifted back to OG for the Washington Redskins.





## SOCCER

Helping lead 23-2 Indiana to the NCAA Division I championship was marking back **Andy Parrish**, who earned All-Big Ten second team honors and picked up an assist in the 3-1 title game win over Stanford. He started every game for the Hoosiers and wound up scoring 7 points. (See related story)



Second in scoring for 17-3 Bethany was forward **Pat Michel**, who had 31 points (11 goals, team co-high 9 assists). He was named to the All-PAC second team and had 2 goals in the Bison's season-ending NCAA Division III tournament loss to Johns Hopkins.

Earning Academic All-Big Ten honors for Northwestern was midfielder **Drew Warnick**. Also seeing action for the Wildcats were forward **J.D. Wine** and midfielder **Grant Trimble**, who scored the game-winning goal versus Drake. **Todd Migliore** got into 13 contests for Pittsburgh while **Ben Cunningham** saw action for the 13-4 Missouri-Rolla MIAA champs.

Eleven Delts were members of 11-7-1 Wabash squad, led by All-HCAC first team defenseman **David Hewitt**. Third in scoring was forward **Ben Robinson** with 11 points (5 goals, 1 assist). Other good players were **Noel Kammermann** (5 points), **Antonio Ferraro** (5 points), **Dan McAfee** (4 points) and **Brian Reichner** (4 points).

Kenyon midfielder **Greg Stephenson** earned All-NCAC second team selection after scoring 17 points (7 goals, 3 assists). Teammate **Eric Hakeman** was a regular on defense for the Lords. Forward **Cullen Casey** was second-leading scorer (8 points) for 8-4-4 Albion while teammate **Jeremy Huffman** added 3 assists.

Leading the 11-7 Stevens Tech squad were tri-captains **Chris Etim** and **Voytek Kolbik**. Others seeing action for the Ducks included **James Louis**, **Justin Brinkerhoff** and **Jason Tirri**. Contributing to the Lawrence effort were **Ben Sezer**, **Pat McDonough** and **Ryan Vanderwielen**.

## CROSS COUNTRY

Bowling Green State's **Jim Weckesser** placed 37th (out of 92 runners) at the Mid-American Conference 8K meet with a time of 26:20.1 time. He also finished 40th (out of 187) in the NCAA Great Lakes regional with a 10K time of 32:27.82. Other good finishes for Jim included 8th place at the Miami Invitational (26:07); 18th

(out of 120) at the Mel Brodt Invitational 8K (26:33); and 20th (out of 245) at the Ohio Invitational.

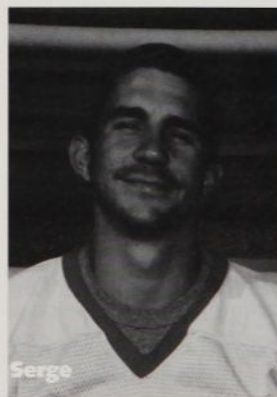
**Matthew Hayn** served as captain of the Muhlenberg squad and was named to the Centennial Conference Academic Honor Roll.

**Brian O'Korn** competed at four meets for Washington & Jefferson, **Mike Parkins** captained the MIT team and **Brad Searl** was on the Lawrence squad.

## OTHER SPORTS

Nine Delts saw action for the 18-13 George Washington water polo team. In goal again was **Tony Paster**, who had another good season. **Brandon Stout** led with 82 goals and 30 assists while **Rush Taylor** was second with 54 goals and 25 assists. Other standouts were **Doug Maitz** (20 goals, 16 assists); **Josh Gimpleson** (16 goals, 17 assists); **Bill Blackburn** (10 goals, 5 assists); **Brad Oliver** (9 goals, 7 assists); **Spencer Hugret** (5 goals); and **Dean Moss** (2 goals, 5 assists).

Pro tennis star **Todd Martin**, *Northwestern* '92, was



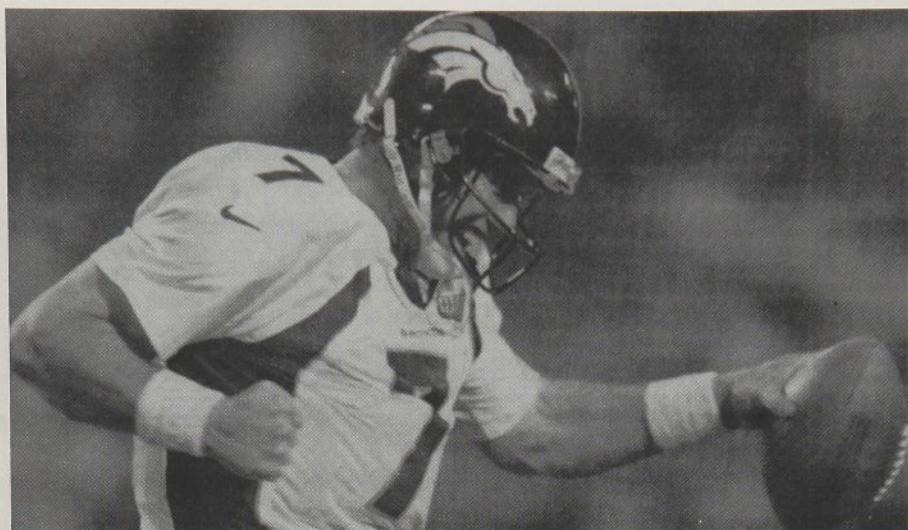
injury free during 1998 and won two singles titles: the Open Seat Gordo in Barcelona in April and the Stockholm Open in mid-November. He ranked 16th on the final ATP Tour world singles list and won \$771,943.

Several of the Fraternity's pro baseball players changed teams over the winter. Third baseman **Ed Sprague**, *Stanford* '89, signed with the Pittsburgh Pirates while outfielder **David McCarty**, *Stanford* '92, inked a contract with the Detroit Tigers. Pitcher **Andrew Lorraine**, *Stanford* '94, signed with the Chicago Cubs and six year minor league veteran pitcher **Greg Mix**, *Stanford* '93, joined the Boston Red Sox farm system. Promoted to the Cleveland Indians 40-man roster was pitcher **J.D. Brammer**, *Stanford* '97.

## ADMINISTRATORS

**Larry Teis**, *TCU* '88, is now Associate Athletic Director at Southwest Texas State. Since 1995, he had served as athletic marketing and promotions director for his alma mater after a three year stint in the same role for New Mexico. **Gene Washington**, *Stanford* '69, is leaving the National Football League front office to join his old team, the San Francisco 49ers. He will be the 49ers Executive Vice President of Business Operations after several years as the NFL's Director of Football Development.





## MVP Elway a Mile High Over Miami

Until last January 31, John Elway, *Stanford '83*, had never played particularly well in a Super Bowl. But in his fifth try, at the age of 38 and hinting at retirement, Elway displayed the breadth of his talents, and the depth of his heart, in leading the Denver Broncos to a 34-19 victory over the Atlanta Falcons.

Before a rollicking crowd of 74,803 at Pro Player Stadium, Elway threw one touchdown pass and ran for another, while piling up 336 yards passing (the third-highest total in Super Bowl history, behind San Francisco's Joe Montana and the Redskins' Doug Williams). The performance made Elway the oldest quarterback selected as the game's most valuable player, one of the few credentials to have eluded him during a 16-year career.

His place in National Football League history now assured, Elway will take a well-deserved rest

before deciding whether this season will be his last. After presenting Broncos owner Pat Bowlen with the coveted Vince Lombardi Trophy, NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue spoke for football fans across the country when he turned to Elway and said: "If—and I underline if—this is your last game, on behalf of millions of fans around the world, I want to say, 'Thank you for so many memories.'" Elway had seemed certain to retire after this game, but in the postgame glow admitted: "I don't know. This definitely throws a kink into it. This is what I came back for, to enjoy the Super Bowl. I'm going to savor this."

Elway could follow the example of National Basketball Association star Michael Jordan and choose to retire at the top of his game. But no NFL team has won three consecutive Super Bowls. And for Elway, a fierce com-

petitor with a throwing arm that has lost none of its accuracy, the temptation to return for a 17th season and try to set that mark simply may prove too enticing.

"I'm going to take some time, relish this year," he said. "You've got to love those challenges. We got the team; we got the nucleus here to do it. It definitely throws a kink into my

thinking."

The Broncos always have been Elway's team. He carried them almost single-handedly through much of the late 1980s and the early 1990s, when Denver's roster was lean on talent. The years and the poundings have slowed his legs. But tonight, he made the plays that counted. And

he shared the stage with running back Terrell Davis, who rushed for 102 yards, and a ferocious defense that forced four

Atlanta turnovers in the second half. But no smile was as broad as Elway's when he put the game out of reach early in the fourth quarter, barreling three yards over a line of Atlanta defenders for a touchdown that increased Denver's lead to 31-6 with less than 12 minutes to play.

He pumped his right arm in celebration, and his toothy grin was visible from the top row of the stadium.

Reunited four years

ago, Shanahan and Elway have produced sterling results since. Should this year's Super Bowl game be his last, Elway will be remembered as one of the NFL's greatest, though statistics have never made the case. A Stanford graduate and one of the smartest players in the game, Elway's true genius on the field was instinctive. He could improvise under pressure when the script went awry. And he was at his best when things looked most bleak, rendering the perfect pass, more often than not, when time was running short and his Broncos were behind.

It was a balmy 72 degrees at kickoff, but the 12 mph wind swirled so much it knocked the ball off the tee. A holder was brought in, and flashbulbs erupted like jewels all over the stadium. But the game had all the earmarks of a Denver rout by halftime, when it led 17-6. Denver then snuffed out Atlanta's hopes for a comeback by scoring 14 straight points.

Elway's final pass was an incompletion that fell into the end zone.

And when he jogged off the field the last time, with 50 seconds left on the clock, a line of teammates took turns patting his helmet and slapping high-fives. "I got emotional a couple of times," Elway said, "but I think that ended up helping me in the long run."

Said Shanahan: "If you're going to go out, what a way to go out."

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BY LIZ CLARKE



Leading the Pack—

## Delt Student Body Presidents Pave the Path for Change

*Since its founding, Delta Tau Delta has always provided an environment that fostered leadership from corporate executives to congressmen. While much of the training so integral to their success later in life has been garnered within the walls of the Delt house itself, many have used the support and influence of a committed brotherhood as a springboard for campus posts. In this article, we are proud to profile three new Delt Student Body Presidents from distinctly different academic environments, Florida State, the University of Pittsburgh and Wabash College.*

### George Mongell Pittsburgh '00

One of the questions asked of the contenders for Student Government Board president at a Meet the Candidates forum last fall was whether any of them knew Pitt's alma mater. Of the three students running for president, only one could say that he did. George Mongell, Pittsburgh '00, stepped before the audience and sang. People stood, and some sang along to Mongell's quavering voice. There were, however a few dominant issues that occupied the majority of the candidates' attention: increasing communication between student groups and student government,

campus safety and food services. In the end, Mongell won the presidential race by a landslide.

Shortly after, Mongell picked up the telephone receiver and held it to his ear. He did not say a word. Tears immediately began streaming down his cheeks. Mongell's father was calling from Connellsville, PA with congratulations. Mongell's mother was on the other line, calling from an airplane in Chicago.

"It was the most incredible experience of my life, talking to my mom and dad on the phone then," he said. "The release of emotions was unbelievable."

The road to his place as head of the Board was a rocky one, Mongell said. He recently suffered from mononucleosis, which kept him off campus for several weeks. He thanked those who ran on his slate and his campaign staff for their "inspirational" help and tolerance.

"It was tough to handle the past few days," Mongell said. "They put up with all my hissy fits."

Mongell made an unsuccessful attempt for a board position last year. He said this year's victory was a complete vindication for last year's defeat. "I'm just so fortunate to have the opportunity to

do what I want to do now," he said.

What he wants to do is get down to business right away. His primary campaign platform advocated enhancing communication between students, faculty and student government. "We're not going to take a month or two months," Mongell said of implementing his campaign promises. "We're going to take a week. We'll be ready to make the students voice heard."

Mongell was so nervous before the final election results were posted that he could not walk into the SGB assembly room before the winners were announced.

"My heart's so far out of my chest, I need a pacemaker," he said while pacing, hands on his hips, around the hall. Mongell was still so excited after he won that he said he wouldn't be able to sleep. But he said winning the election was worth the hard work and anxious moments. "I'm just totally, totally blessed," he said.

With his election, Mongell becomes the 11th Delt out of the last 22 Student Governing Board presidents, an enviable ratio and he is quick to share the credit with his chapter for his success. "I originally pledged to have the chance to establish long-lasting friend-

ships. The guys in the house have demonstrated that a million times over. During my campaign their efforts were monumental. They spent 12 hours a day being out at the polls campaigning for me and were right there to celebrate the victory. It was a special bond I can't describe — they totally sacrificed their own stuff to help me out. Being a part of the Fraternity has been the most gratifying thing I've ever gone through. I couldn't have asked for a better house."

With his busy schedule, why did Mongell want a job as overwhelming as president of a student body as mammoth as Pitt's? He says "having served as academic affairs chairman the previous semester, I wanted to give back to the students and administration a small portion of what I felt I had received. My true love



has always been the University and I wanted to have an impact on the lives of the other students. It's been a personal challenge for me and, so far, so good!

A communication and political science major with a minor in

**With his election, George Mongell becomes the 11th Delt of the last 22 student body presidents.**



English and business, Mongell after his undergraduate program is through next year plans to get a combined Law/MBA degree from Pitt.

Mongell, who is on the Dean's Honor list and was chosen one of the top five sophomores of the year, says, "Schoolwork comes first." Chancellor Mark Nordenberg appointed Mongell, the only undergraduate, to serve on the academic affairs and libraries committee of the board of trustees. Mongell was also appointed to the University Senate Tenure and Academic Freedom Committee, where he and three other students provide input on new courses for the College of Arts and Sciences.

Last August, Mongell a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society, was one of 200 students chosen from all over the world to attend the Foundation for Student Communication Conference in New York, hosted by Princeton University.

Though he acknowledges that he doesn't get much sleep, when asked how he does it all, Mongell replied, "Prioritize my time. Basically, I'm very organized. It's a lot of fun. I really enjoy it. It's nice to walk around campus and everyone knows who you are."



**Matt Dickerson  
Wabash College**

In December's runoff election at Wabash College, Delt Matt Dickerson, Wabash '00, defeated Sigma Chi Mario Massillamany to become the fourth Delt in the last five years to be elected President of Student Senate. The presidential ballot tabulated on Monday December 7, 1998, saw Dickerson and Massillamany each with a significant minority of the vote. Dickerson garnered 43% of the vote while Massillamany attracted 38% of voters. The runoff election was decisive between both candidates with Dickerson garnering 57% of votes. No presidential or vice-presidential candidate was capable of attracting a simple majority, and under the student body constitution, runoff elections are therefore required to separate the two top contenders in presidential races.

Incumbent Senate President and fellow Wabash Delt Chris Cotterill communicated

**Wabash's Matt Dickerson becomes the 4th Delt in the last five years to take the student body helm.**

that he was pleased at the trend away from a president without previous Senate experience. "All of the candidates for presidency were already experienced senators," said Cotterill. "The difference is huge." Cotterill stated that a critically important skill for the President to possess is the ability to delegate because the President can then become concerned with the success or failure of the organization as a whole. Delt Chris Cotterill '99 who was elected President last year, served as Editor in Chief of The Bachelor, as well as having served as the Beta Psi Chapter president. "The President should lead," said Cotterill, when asked what he considers the position's duties to be. "A good president makes sure that good ideas come to their fruition. Good intentions are great but results are top priority."

Cotterill stated that he hoped the next Senate would take strides toward making voting easier, perhaps using an electronic medium. "The hardest task," he said "will be maintaining a consistent and fair adherence to the reformed Audit and Finance regulations."

Because of strained relations between student clubs and the Senate Audit and Finance Committee, Cotterill admonished the Senate to own their mistakes, apolo-

gize for them and correct them. Among other issues that Cotterill said that he hoped the next Senate would resolve are the registration policy, the amendments to the *Student Body Constitution*, and whether or not student activity funds should pay the Student Activity Director salary.

Prior to the election, Dickerson stated, "If President, I would ensure that Senate grows stronger and continue to not only talk about issues, but to get things done. Senate is good right now, but it could be better. We'll make it more fair, competitive and make it a stronger voice for students than ever before. Fair and positive results are my top priority. If elected, we would further explore the issue of registration as well as pursue any legitimate issue the student body voices interest in. In his victory speech, Dickerson stated that he intends to lead off next semester with the budget of activity funds as well as the unresolved registration issue. He also stressed that he wanted to ensure the fair and equitable treatment of all campus clubs. "The new guidelines that have been established will treat every club fairly," said Dickerson.

Dickerson served as Delt Representative on the University Senate for '97 and '98. As a member of the Audit and Finance committee, he pushed the Cable Package through for all the campus living units. He serves as president of the Model United



Nations, is a member of the Lacrosse Club, a Radio DJ for WNDY and a Moot Court participant. On campus, he was a Founder of Model United Nations in '96 and President in '96, '97, '98, Parliamentary Union in '96, '97, '98; has been involved in Campus Crusade for Christ since his freshman year, organized and coordinated IM volleyball for the last two years, wrote for The Bachelor in Spring '97.

As President, Dickerson indicates that he wanted to carry the momentum that the Senate has built through the dedication and hard work of all its members. Dickerson announced that he hoped to be able to build upon the progress made this past year.

### **Matt Felix Florida State**

Last year, the Florida State Seminole Party prevailed in the Student Government Association elections. Receiving 59% of the vote, Delt Matt Felix beat out candidates from both the People's Choice and Independent parties to lead the institution's 30,000 member student body.

Felix was born in Little Falls, Minnesota, shortly thereafter returning to his home country of Taiwan. At six, he moved to Daly City, California and at 15, relocated to Tampa. He chose FSU because of the fact that it was the farthest away from home. He pledged Delta Tau Delta because he felt comfortable with the guys and there was nobody from his high school there. The first semester after he

was initiated he was elected Director of Academic Affairs. From that point on he never stopped trying to get involved.

From working in the Fraternity, he gained experience and confidence in dealing with people, a quality he would find invaluable in everything he would do in college.

His first activity outside of the chapter was homecoming. It was his work for the Greek system and, in turn, FSU, that helped him to see a bigger picture. Before he knew it he found himself involved in student government. He was appointed to the Student Senate the summer before his junior year and quickly realized the opportunity for someone to make a difference in the arena of the Student Government Association.

Says Felix, "Our student government allocates and manages a budget of over \$5.6 million dollars. I

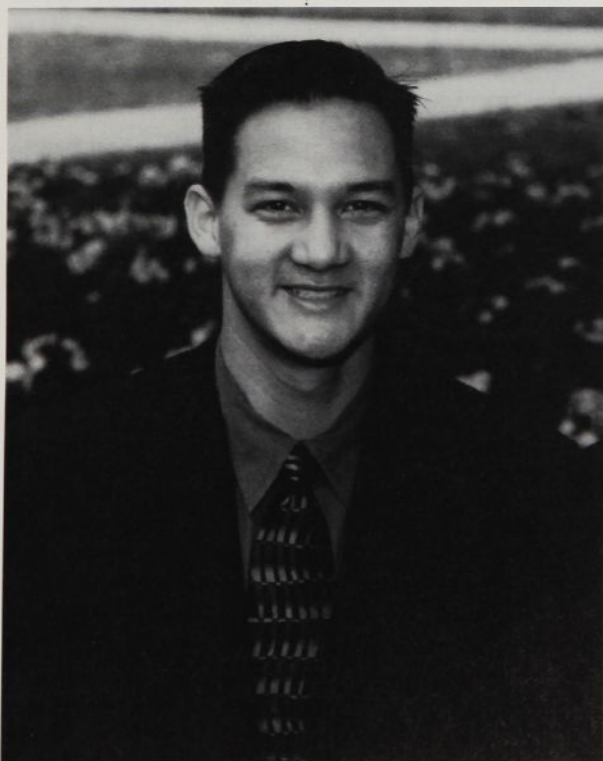
felt that this was the place that I could really effect a change for the student body and the university."

When the time came for people to think about running for student body president, Felix says he felt he would be a good candidate. Six people, including himself, started a political party on campus and built an organization to over 300 members in just two months. When the election results were

in, he found that his party had won every senate seat but one and he had been elected student body president in one of the most successful campaigns in FSU history.

Says Felix, "I think the thing that was the most rewarding about the campaign was the chapter support I felt while running. I had numerous Deltas serving with me and even during the week of elections the chapter purchased shirts promoting the party and me. I truly believe that it would not have been possible without the fundamental skills I learned as a member of the Fraternity—things like *truth*, being someone that can be relied upon for an honest answer; *faith*, believing in the Fraternity and in a purpose; *power*, working harder and longer than the competitor; and *courage*, believe in yourself and everything you have worked for.

In his acceptance speech, Felix said, "I would like to thank everyone who voted for the Seminole Party. I'm planning to step in, work with everyone and sidestep the politics presently hurting SGA. Getting SGA established and making a gradual transition to new leadership are of the utmost importance. Issues of training for myself and other newcomers to their SGA offices will be addressed right away." ■



**Matt Felix garnered 59% of the vote in his quest to lead FSU's 30,000 member student body.**



Nicholas J. Awad, Iota '64, was mistakenly reported as deceased in the last issue. He is very much alive and can be reached at 12 Beechwood Road Ho Ho Kus, NJ 07423 (201) 670-8706

Roger K. McFillin, Lehigh '74, was also reported as deceased. He is currently V.P. of Sales for Mallin Ckrodt Baker. He, his wife, and their three children live in Nazareth, PA. He can be reached at 4516 Graystone Drive Nazareth, PA 18064 (610) 759-2393

*Deaths reported between  
10/23/1998—1/07/99*

**ZETA-Case Western Reserve**  
James O. Latimer, 1942

**KAPPA-Hillsdale College**  
James D. Costin, 1928

**MU-Ohio Wesleyan**  
Roy L. Lebu, 1954  
William J. Lestock, 1950  
Manning E. Wetherholt, 1948

**NU-Lafayette College**  
Jorge J. Martinez O, 1942

**OMICRON-Iowa**  
Charles M. Horton, 1927

**TAU-Pennsylvania State**  
John L. McCray, 1940

**BETA ALPHA-Indiana**  
Henry L. Pond, 1935

**BETA DELTA CC-Georgia**  
R. Harold Stinson, 1956

**BETA EPSILON-Emory**  
Hubert C. Carter, 1929  
Earl E. Royals, 1940

**BETA ETA-Minnesota**  
Harry M. Dixon, 1935

**BETA KAPPA-Colorado**  
Robert A. Shellabarger, 1938

**BETA PI-Northwestern**  
Walter T. Gorman, 1946

**BETA RHO-Stanford**  
Robert H. Carpenter, 1952  
George L. Torassa Jr, 1942

**BETA TAU-Nebraska**  
Richard B. Farner, 1957  
Charles E. Hopping, 1934  
Gardner R. Johnson, 1951  
Lloyd L. Karschner, 1955

**BETA UPSILON-Illinois**  
William L. Baxter, 1943

**BETA PHI-Ohio State**  
Neal J. Dunn, 1943  
Martin L. Van Buren, 1944  
John W. Woods Jr, 1933

**BETA PSI-Wabash College**  
Mike L. Spahr, 1928

**BETA OMEGA-California**  
Ralph Beck Jr, 1936  
George E. Moller, 1950  
Allen M. Shinn, 1930

**GAMMA GAMMA-Dartmouth**  
Malcolm Parks Jr, 1949

**GAMMA ZETA-Wesleyan**  
Halstead G. Murray Jr, 1943

**GAMMA ETA-GWU**  
Joseph E. French, 1967

**GAMMA THETA-Baker**  
August J. Miller Jr, 1950

**GAMMA IOTA-Texas**  
Reagan F. Bradshaw, 1965  
Owen D. Goodman, 1953  
William B. West III, 1942

**GAMMA XI-Cincinnati**  
H. Thomas Leonard, 1950

**GAMMA PI-Iowa State**  
A. Foster Sheller, 1926

**GAMMA RHO-Oregon**  
James M. Welles, 1943

**GAMMA TAU-Kansas**  
William D. Coombs, 1964  
Robert L. Cohan, 1943  
William F. Grosser Jr, 1925  
Fred J. Pralle, 1938

**GAMMA CHI-Kansas State**  
John D. McNeal, 1939

**DELTA ALPHA-Oklahoma**  
Bill H. Chastain, 1962  
John M. Coffey, 1966  
Ronald C. Ferguson, 1968  
Bunn D. Hale, 1939  
James L. Hall Jr, 1958  
Neal M. Horton, 1959  
Jed J. Johnson Jr, 1961  
Charles E. Kraker, 1968  
Michael L. McGee, 1953  
Conrad F. Morrow, 1962  
Robert S. Ray, 1963  
Nicholas T. Stafford III, 1968  
P. L. Wheeler, 1950  
Richard H. White, 1966

**DELTA DELTA-Tennessee**  
Walter A. Ringger Jr, 1944

**DELTA EPSILON-Kentucky**  
William T. Bryan, 1936

**DELTA ETA-Alabama**  
William E. Buckler Jr, 1951  
Richard H. Hill, 1953  
William H. McMath Sr, 1958  
William R. Stevens Jr, 1967

**DELTA LAMBDA-Oregon State**  
Trevor K. Gray, 1993

**DELTA MU-Idaho**  
Edward G. Iddings, 1938

**DELTA PI-USC**  
Albert M. Burkhardt, 1944  
Philip W. Manhard, 1943

**DELTA OMEGA-Kent State**  
Richard W. Milner, 1956  
John Urban, 1930

**EPSILON THETA-Willamette**  
Scott R. Stewart, 1988

**GAMMA IOTA-Texas**  
Reagan Bradshaw, 1965

**GAMMA OMEGA-North Carolina**  
Charles B. Gault, 1933

**ZETA IOTA-West Florida**  
Robert L. Gillette Jr, 1976

**ZETA RHO-Eastern Illinois**  
James R. Blackburn, 1983

**THETA LAMBDA-UC-Riverside**  
Daryl J. VanderHeide, 1995

## Foundation Fixture Succumbs to Cancer

Peggy Evans, the voice of the Delt Foundation for 12 years, passed away December 20, 1998, after a 9-month battle with cancer. As in life, she was a fighter to the end. We shall all miss her sense of humor and uplifting ways. Peggy joined Delta Tau Delta Fraternity in September 1985 as a part-time employee. In May 1986 she went to work full-time for the Foundation. Delta Tau Delta was more than just an employer to Peggy, it was her extended family. She came from a very small family, two children and only a brother living, and so Delta Tau Delta filled that void. Before she died, she had three things she wanted to do—go to Cancun on a short vacation trip with her daughter, attend the 1998 Karnea and attend the wedding of a good friend's daughter. She was able to do all three even though it was physically difficult for her. At the Karnea Banquet she received a standing ovation from over 800 Delt and guests for her grit and determination to be there in spite of her physical limitations. She was able to see many of the Delt friends she had made over the years one last time, and be included in the official Karnea photograph. That made her so happy. She loved

Delta Tau Delta, and Delta Tau Delta returned that love through her many Delt friends and co-workers. And so we say to Peggy: Farewell, we shall miss you, and thank you for your many years of loyal service and friendship.—Sonya Gill

Evans, right, with Foundation Vice President Sonya Gill, at the Kansas City Karnea last summer.







Albion  
Epsilon

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Like all Delts throughout the world, the men of Epsilon Chapter are committed to lives of excellence. With that in mind, the fall semester proved to be busy and productive. Three members of our chapter attended the '98 Karnea, bringing valuable ideas back to the chapter from their experience. The conference was an excellent learning tool, which we all felt strengthened our chapter.

We are proud of our five-member pledge class, the largest fall class we have had in years. However, our chapter continued to stress quality in our numbers, not quantity. Epsilon Chapter continues to maintain an unparalleled leadership role on Albion's campus through our philanthropic events. The semester began with our Adopt-a-Highway clean-up program. The city of Albion also holds a "Make-a-Difference Day" where community members join together in cleaning up the city in an effort to make it a better place to live. We are proud of our involvement in this event. Finally, we are in the planning stages of our annual Empty Bowl Dinner. This is an event where our chapter collects hand-crafted pottery bowls and sells tickets to people on campus to enjoy a soup dinner with our chapter. This year is especially exciting as we plan to have

**Albion Delts find that there's nothing like a tropical getaway to prepare for a grueling year.**

the original founder of this event back on campus to be our guest speaker. The money, in turn, is donated to Habitat for Humanity.

We also have planned a fall semi-formal that is being held at the Second City comedy club in Detroit, MI. We hope for a lot of good laughs. Many other exciting events took place at Epsilon, including our annual Volleyball Tournament rush event and Lightning and Thunder, a crazy, interactive Neil Diamond and ABBA impersonation duo from Chicago. Homecoming was also a success for our chapter as our president, Zach Rorbough, was elected Homecoming King.

The brothers of Epsilon Chapter also enjoyed a healthy and successful fall semester thus far.

Spontaneous house events such as football and volleyball games brought our brothers closer than ever. We hope to continue this success throughout the year as we provide an environment which displays the ideals of our organization.

—John Lesseway

**Albertson  
Crescent Colony**

Delta Tau Delta had an amazing fall and we are ready to continue our path of excellence throughout the

year. In the last few months we watched our brotherhood flourish and mature into an organization that is nothing short of amazing. As an executive council we are pleased to report that informal rush was a great success bringing in sixteen new brothers and several new prospects for the future. As a chapter we are "committed to lives of excellence" through our many involvements in philanthropies, social events, travel, intramural sports and our shared goal of life long learning (3.5 cum. GPA). With our many programs such as Adopt-a-School, the Delt Leadership Academy, the Delt Development Program and alumni support we will be able to maintain what we have created.

During the course of the semester the campus watched as members transformed the old home of William Judson Boone (founder of ACI) into a Delt Shelter that is stunning and luxurious. The Delt Shelter sits as one of the largest fraternity houses on campus comprising over 4,500 square feet complete with seven bedrooms, three renovated bathrooms, formal living and dining areas, three newly appointed kitchens and our basement entertainment facilities. The home also boasts new central air, floor coverings, electrical wiring, appliances, digital cable in every room, all new leather and oak furnishings, a big screen TV, and a renovated basement. Within the house members enjoy use of the best and newest housing and living facilities on campus—without a doubt.

As an Executive Council we remain excited about the current academic year. We will have an

eventful year with weekly events such as cigar night, study night, ultimate frisbee night, and sporting events. As a chapter we also committed to many travel events such as our trip to Seattle in February, our fall retreat to Las Vegas (on Halloween), visits to other chapters, spring break in Victoria and our summer retreat to the Caribbean Islands (still in planning, not finalized). On a more exciting note we will be installed before the end of the academic year. Since our induction as a colony we have embraced great challenges and seen wonderful results, we look forward to continuing our path of excellence throughout the year.

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Theta Epsilon had an outstanding year. It culminated in the successful sweep of the Greek Awards in April. The chapter took home top honors in academics, public relations, alumni relations, and was named Fraternity Chapter of the Year. Special congratulations go to Kyle Cruley for being named Greek Man of the Year and to Rosario Palmieri for being named Fraternity Chapter President of the Year. Our success was also measured in our strong pledge class and successful philanthropic programs. The fall started with a

**Albertson  
Crescent Colony's  
beautiful new  
shelter was  
once the hope  
of the College's  
Founder.**







**Baker Delts  
prepare for  
the homecom-  
ing bonfire**

great chapter retreat facilitated by our alumni advisory team. Thanks go out to all the alumni who worked so hard on it. The chapter developed a mission statement and was ready to tackle another semester. Thanks to brother Joe Laska we have been successfully implementing chapter academic teams. We had an academic success session facilitated by Faculty Academic Advisor John Doolittle, *Northwestern '63*, and started to hold each other accountable for each other's success.

We also exceeded our fall rush goal, thanks to the many brothers who worked at orientation and other programs. A big thank you to Rush Chair Pete Scudese. Theta Epsilon has had some wonderful successes. We know that we will do even better this year in our annual Movie Night and raise at least \$1,000 for a local soup kitchen. We also would love to hear from our alumni and invite you to call us at our permanent voice mail number: (202)885-6412, option #6.

— Aaron Shamshoian

**Baker**  
Gamma Theta  
[www.sunflower.org](http://www.sunflower.org)

**F**all '98 was a great semester for the men of Gamma Theta. Once again we pledged some fine men and we thank Rush

Chairman Byan Brutto for his hard work and dedication. Homecoming week brought an aggressive defense to retain our first place trophy. 26 chapter members play on the Baker varsity football team, which hopefully will have another successful season. The first game of the year, the alumni football game, brought many alumni back to the Delt shelter. We had a wonderful time reminiscing with old and new alumni. The house corporation, with tremendous alumni support, has completed phase one of our complete house renovation and will begin phase two in the summer of '99. The men of Gamma Theta are very excited about this project and are anxiously awaiting its completion. We would also like to thank all of our alumni for their hard work and integrity. The men have been active in many philanthropic projects. This year we are participating in Adopt-a-Highway which keeps us pretty busy. The chapter also sponsored a canned food drive for the Salvation Army, planted 2,000 trees for a Vietnam vet, and dug a garden for the local nursing home. On campus the Delts are known for being able to have a great time and still maintain a high academic standard. Gamma Theta won the Grade Cup in the '97-'98 school year. Our chapter GPA was 2.93, which was higher than all of the fraternities on campus, Baker University's All Men's Average and the national All-Men's Average. This year we are striving for a 3.0. We kicked-off the year with our

alumni football game party,

the biggest party of the year at Baker, followed by parties such as Halloween and Winter Formal. Gamma Theta is proud of the dedication and accomplishments and will strive to better these important qualities in the year to come. —Shane Jackson

**Ball State**  
Epsilon Mu

**T**he men of Epsilon Mu would like to inform you of a good start for the '98-99 school year, beginning the process of keeping the Hugh Shields flag in a strong way. We began by initiating nine men who will surely continue the tradition of leadership and excellence to which we hold ourselves. We also took another pledge class that is off to a wonderful start and will surely keep up the good work.

Last semester we continued our trend of academic excellence by finishing second on the campus in grades. We fell a minuscule .006 short of attaining the First Place title. Our athletic teams are also making a strong defense of the All Sports Trophy behind the leadership of Sports Chair Eric Albright.

Campus involvement for the men of Epsilon Mu is also soaring. Sheldon Bratton is leading the Inter-Fraternity Council as president while

Nathan Stallings is also an executive member. Jamey Davidson is representing our chapter as vice president of the student body. Jeremy Gray is the president of the University Program Board. One of our newly initiated men, Mark Feen, is making the chapter very proud, as he is the president of the Disabled Students in Action. The year started off great and the future looked bright for our philanthropic event, Watermelon Bust.

In a letter to the Central Office, Adam Thies, Habitat for Humanity Coordinator wrote, "There are opportunities in life to provide service to the others that share this earth with us on a daily basis. They may be from different backgrounds, have different colored skin, and we might have never even met them before. To extend a hand to the help of our fellow man is one of the most admirable things we can aspire to do with our abilities. The rewards are many. Recently I had the distinct pleasure of working with the men of Delta Tau Delta at Ball State. They were instrumental in organizing Watermelon Bust, Ball State's largest philanthropic event which benefited the building of the House of Cards. This letter is a testament to the work that the group from Delta Tau Delta did in being a part of this



**Baker Delts pose after dominating the intramural football program.**



wonderful project. I have been involved in a wide variety of college organizations and have seen the full spectrum of good and bad in student involvement. This organization proved to me to be one of the best. I was certainly impressed." —*Jamey Davidson*

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The fall of 1998 has been another eventful time in the life of the Theta Delta Chapter of Delta Tau Delta at Baylor University. Our fall rush yielded eight men dedicated to lives of excellence. They were presented with the heralded James Casey Award for Pledge Class Excellence. The chapter prepared for Homecoming by building its float with the beautiful ladies of Kappa Alpha Theta. The float, a small version of the ALICO building complete with moving airplane, was one of the best in the parade. We were very proud of the creation. "I can't believe we actually finished on time," float chairman Shane Fay, '99, and J. Matt Beeton, '00, were overheard saying. The semester was filled with practice for the Pigskin Revue, where we performed our thrilling act, 'A Briefcase Full of Blues,' a rendition of the popular movie, *The Blues Brothers*. "We have worked long and hard, and I am especially ready for that first night of performance," Matthew Jones, '99, said. The Sing Committee has prepared another great act that we look forward to performing in the spring. Delt Dunk was moved from its original spring time to the fall so that it could be used as a rush tool as well as a philanthropic activity. We donated all proceeds to the local Waco Boys & Girls Club. Theta Delta has taken on another philanthropy with the Waco Center for Youth. WCY is a campus

that rehabilitates children ages 13-17 who are emotionally and behaviorally challenged. "These are great kids who need our attention and love. This really makes me feel good about what we are doing here," said Marshall Kenderdine ('00), a Junior from Palestine, Texas.

—*Timothy J. Ryan*

**Boston**  
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The Deltas of Beta Sigma at Boston University are having a very promising semester and we are extremely proud of what we have accomplished so far. Through hard work and dedication, President Gary Balabio helped Delta Tau Delta remain one of the best chapters on campus. No words are powerful enough to express the amount of love that Gary shows toward our chapter. His passion is the soul of  $\Delta\tau\Delta$  and he should be commended for the pride that he brings. Through Gary's innovative ideas and through the hard work of the Beta Sigma Chapter, we now have a pledge class of eight potential Deltas. We are teaching these guys the meaning of true Deltism in the hope that they will one day follow our footsteps in becoming leaders on campus. We have also maintained our high academic standards with a cumulative GPA of 3.16. This ranks us second among all fraternities and sororities on campus.

In a recent letter received by the Central Office, the Blood Bank coordinator for the New England Medical Center wrote, "I wanted you to know that the Beta Sigma Chapter made a tremendous impact by sponsoring a blood drive to benefit our patients. Community Service Chair Ropn Lincow enthusiastically got the whole fraternity involved and organized a suc-

cessful drive. Ron and the other men were great to work with and have a wonderful sense of community spirit. In appreciation of the support we received, our blood bank will make a contribution to the Leukemia Foundation on the Fraternity's behalf."

In other areas, although our chapter is small in number, we are still thriving even without a shelter. This stems from the closeness that we share as brothers and best friends. Other chapters may be larger, but no one else possesses our brotherhood. In the future, we hope to increase in size and be the sole dominant force on campus as we once were many years ago.—*Ronald Lincow*

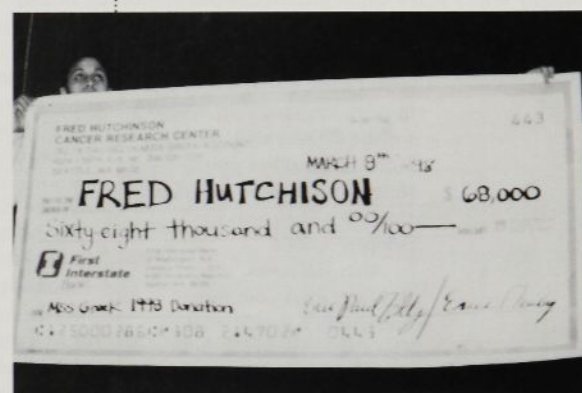
**Bradley**  
Zeta Omega

Zeta Omega spent another semester striving for excellence in everything that we do. The semester began with a successful rush. Under the leadership of Rush Chairman Paul Shane and a very motivated chapter, we not only reached our goal of 20 men, but we blew it out of the water and pledged in 27 quality men when it was all said and done. This number of pledges is the most that Zeta Omega ever pledged at one time.

Shortly after rush was completed, we held our annual Big Brother weekend at Brother Jared Blumeyer's farm in Mt. Morris, IL. The weekend included the Big Brother Ceremony, as well as many brotherhood events to bring both actives and pledges together. Also after rush was the Greek Community's annual Greek Week competition. Chaird

by Brother Derek Peterson, we had our best finish yet, placing first in the Pan-Frat sing competition and in the Banner Yard Decoration Competition, and second in Tug-of-War at the Greek Games.

Another big event for the Greek community was our annual Grand Chapter awards ceremony. This was a ceremony that was highlighted by numerous awards for the Zeta Omega Chapter of Delta Tau Delta. The biggest



**Delts from the University of Washington present the astonishing proceeds from their Miss Greek program.**

of these awards were those for the Highest Active GPA and Highest Overall GPA. During the previous semester, we set a goal for an overall GPA of 3.0. Our overall active GPA was a 3.10 and our overall GPA was a 2.99, missing our goal by .01 points, but still ranking us first among all other fraternities and placing us well above the All Men's Average at Bradley. Another award we received was the first annual Public Relations Award, given to the fraternity that shows the best PR on campus and in the community.

The rest of our semester was filled with numerous philanthropies, social events and brotherhood activities. This was the first semester in which we changed our Race Against Racism to the Miles for Miracles. We held a 5K walk and a 1K run, which was





**Bradley Deltas after their victorious performance in the Tug-of-War competition.**

sponsored by various businesses throughout the Peoria area, raising more than \$400 for the Children's Miracle Network. Another philanthropy in which we had more than 30 participants was Adopt-a-School.

After fall break, the Bradley Greek community underwent a drastic change. The alcohol policy at Bradley changed from a more lenient policy to a very strict policy that makes parties at Greek houses much more difficult to hold. However, we still held our annual Spelunking Party, which was a huge success. We also held our first exchange under the new alcohol policy on Halloween, in which the women of Alpha Chi Omega and we dressed up for a party at a local establishment.

Following our fall semi-formal in Chicago, we anticipated retaining our title in the upcoming IFC softball tournament. We continue to strive for excellence in everything that we do and hope that, within a few weeks, our wall will once again be decorated with the flag that we all strive to obtain—the Hugh Shields Award. —Chris Weaver

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The fall semester of 1998 marked the end of an

important transition period for the Deltas at UC-Berkeley. Last semester, we sent our graduating seniors off to bigger and better things. Now, the chapter consists mostly of juniors and a few sophomores. The next two years are an important growth period for us and we are trying hard to

build a strong chapter of underclassmen.

The Deltas participated in philanthropic events such as tutoring at a local children's daycare center and we also had children come by the house for trick-or-treating on Halloween. November festivities included a theme party during which we revived one of the traditional themes of the past. Another huge event was the Big Game '98 in which the Cal Golden Bears took on the Stanford Cardinals. This sporting event always proves to bring a lot of Beta Omega alumni back to exchange stories of their college years and gives them a chance to meet some of the brand new Deltas. Beta Omega actively participated in pregame activities to support our Greek system and Cal such as the Bull Run to the stadium and the Bonfire Rally.

Academically, the Cal Deltas are devoted to doing the best we can do. We are shooting to be among the top five fraternities on the UC-Berkeley campus. Our chapter has a majority of engineering majors. We recently had our semi-annual academic dinner. The Deltas had a chance to sit down with some of our professors and have good conversation while enjoying some good food. Initiation took place in

November and we welcomed three great men into the Fraternity. —Eric Beans

**Central Florida**  
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The Central Florida Deltas started this fall semester with the pledging of seventeen men of truth, courage, faith and power. With the Beta Delta pledge class the chapter doubled in size. All but one of these young men were initiated as brothers October 9. These new brothers, along with the six from the spring pledge class, will be the building blocks for the chapter over the next four years. This recruitment effort was due in part to Sean Michelsen, Recruitment Chair.

The chapter also took pride this year in winning first overall in Greek Week, while teamed up with Delta Delta Delta and another fraternity. The win was due to the first place in Greek Sing during Skit Night which premiered our Vice President, Andrew Shaffer, singing a duet and Brother Ryan Stiner singing a solo. The chapter also celebrated a strong showing at Delta Gamma's Anchor Splash with second and third place ribbons in individual competition and third overall in spirit.

The Zeta Omicron Chapter has begun to implement an alumni advisory team to help with the continued growth

and progress of the chapter. The team divides the committees up; each advisor then deals with only two or three committees. This gives each individual committee more personal attention. The chapter is currently searching for other alumni in the Orlando area that may be interested in joining the advisory team. With more help this program will be able to reach its fullest potential.

Congratulations go out to Brother Chris Hall who was appointed over the summer to the Undergraduate Council. Chris is the first Undergraduate Council member from Zeta Omicron. Congratulations to all other new council members.

The brothers of Zeta Omicron Chapter would like to thank all the alumni that have given of themselves to help this chapter grow and prosper. —Sean K. Michelsen

**Cincinnati**  
Gamma Xi

The brothers here in Cincinnati had a tremendous start last fall, beginning with a \$35,000 remodeling job made possible by the Delta Foundation. Even more impressive than the remodeling job was the spirit it created in our house. We experienced a huge rise in inspiration and participation by members in our house, with our executive board leading the way. Paul Brazie, our vice



**Bradley Deltas on spring break in the Bahamas.**



president of internal affairs, showed exceptional leadership in all of his efforts and by donating his time to work on the Delt house renovation. This spirit of giving quickly spread throughout the house as we saw many other smaller projects get underway to give the house an overall general improvement. Plus, our scholarship fund chipped in as well donating a new state of the art computer for our new study area. We took great pride in showing off these improvements, to all of campus with our annual Fall Kick-Off Party, and then, with rush, to all the freshmen who were equally impressed. Finally we, along with our strong new pledge class of 20 men, were very pleased to open our doors to our parents for the first annual Parents Weekend, which Colin Wojick diligently planned. They, too were impressed by the renovation but our cook, Jon Davis, also made an equally good impression on them with his fine food.

We then set our sights on intramurals and winning the all campus trophy. So far, the volleyball team is undefeated and our football team was in good position to win it all as well. Intramurals is not our only competition. We are going for the President's Cup as well. This year we did homecoming with Delta Delta Delta sorority and had many great events planned for our alumni. Jefferson Jam raised more than \$1,000 for Multiple Sclerosis. Thanks to everyone for their efforts. —Erick Bruwold

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The 1998-99 school year has gotten off to a fast start for the Delts at Clemson University. The chapter has entered uncharted waters

and this semester has been one of the best since our inception in 1992.

The first big event of the semester was rush, and Theta Mu signed 18 pledges for the

semester. This is the highest number of pledges of any semester for the chapter.

For the second consecutive year, Theta Mu built a float for homecoming 1998. The

pledges brunted most of the burden of guarding the float at night, but brothers and pledges alike put in long hours to make the float a success. In only our its second

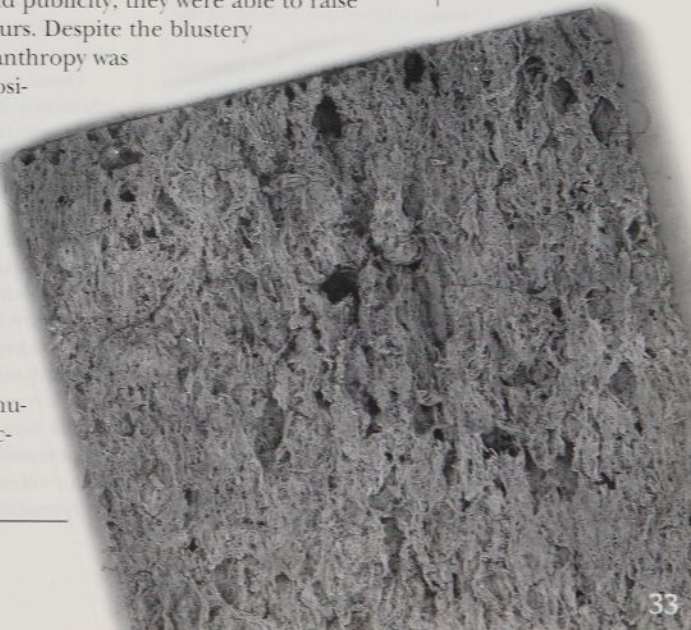
## CSU Delts Provide Dignified Reward

This past semester Colorado State was in the center of the national news surrounding the beating death of a gay student from the University of Wyoming. On October 7, Matthew Shepard was found unconscious hanging from a fence outside of Laramie. Initially, thought of as just a scarecrow by some passing mountain bikers, he was quickly rushed to the hospital. In the early hours of Saturday, October 10, Matthew Shepard passed away in a Fort Collins, CO hospital. That morning the CSU/Community homecoming parade took place. It included a Pi Kappa Alpha- and Alpha Chi Omega-sponsored float containing a straw scarecrow with the words "I'm gay" painted on the face. The incident erupted into a huge controversy over the gay-bashing scarecrow and the timing of Matthew Shepard's horrible death. The Greek system and Colorado State University spent the next week on national television being criticized for this awful incident which involved only a handful of individuals. The Greek system fell under strict scrutiny and faced strong negative press from the school, the community, the city, the nation, and especially the family of Matthew Shepard. A few thoughtless individuals blackened the name of CSU Greeks and completely ruined the image of not only the Pikes and Alpha Chis, but for all the Greek houses at CSU.

In response to the negative press, the chapter quickly planned a philanthropy that would benefit the Matthew Shepard family, and help to show not only the Delt support for his family, but the support of all the other Greeks at CSU. The chapter decided to host a car wash at their shelter with all the fraternities and sororities in hopes of raising money for the victim's family. Within two days, the chapter had secured sponsorships from McDonald's, Wendy's, King Scoopers and Bagelmakers, who would provide food for the workers and supplies for the car wash. To gain fast publicity the chapter got airtime on two JCOR Broadcasting radio stations in the Fort Collins area. On each station, they spent half an hour discussing their goals for the car wash and urged the community not to feel any animosity toward all Greeks because of the actions of a few people. Every hour JCOR Broadcasting ran free announcements for the car wash to assure full involvement. The group also gained newspaper coverage from the city and university papers.

As a result of the chapter's fast action and publicity, they were able to raise over \$600 for the family over only several hours. Despite the blustery weather for a car wash, the spirit of the philanthropy was strong and steadfast. They chapter gained positive public relations in the Greek system as well as showed support for a family torn up by tragedy. All of the chapter brothers gained greater appreciation for teamwork and giving back to the community and experienced a powerful lesson in fighting an uphill battle to yield a dignified reward.

In an interview with the college paper, Chapter President Jeff Desserich remarked, "One of our mottoes is 'strengthening community is essential to our vitality.' We don't practice it enough." ■







**Central Florida's delegation at the Kansas City Karnea.**

year of building a float, Theta Mu placed 3rd in the float competition as announced in the third quarter of the Clemson-Maryland football game.

The successful start continued into philanthropy, where Delts took fourth at the annual Delta Gamma Service for Sight Serenade competition. At press time, Theta Mu had an undefeated flag football team heading into the playoffs among the other intramural sports the chapter is participating in. The social calendar has been active and the first ever Decades Weekend in November has garnered much excitement. A new study hours program was recently implemented in the academic sector.

With growth and improvements being made in many areas, the Delts of Theta Mu are proud of their accomplishments and ready to continue their recent success.

—Louis Garmendia

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The members of Beta Omicron are proud to report another exciting start to this academic year. Our strong presence on campus has been actively announced

through progress in many different areas of chapter activity.

The Delts made a major contribution to the Pulmonary Hypertension Association this year. On campus, funds from collected bottles and cans were donated to the PHA. In addition, a contingent of brothers also ventured down to Lehigh University to help the Beta Lambda Chapter in their Walk-a-Thon to support this same organization.

Socially, the brothers of Delta Tau Delta upheld a busy schedule this fall. The Chi Omega sorority Bid-Night Mixer was, once again, a huge success with a good time had by all. Also on the schedule, the new members came up with the idea of VERTIGO!, an event featuring black lights, lasers, and many gallons of glow-in-the-dark paint. The Delts also entertained through their fall crush party and winter formal. In the realm of athletics, the Delts played successfully in the football and soccer intramurals.

If you were to come back to the Beta Omicron shelter after an absence of a few years, you would notice some striking changes that have been made to the house this semester. Early in the fall, the front lawn was fully landscaped which improved the external appearance of the Shelter significantly.

Glancing into the Library, you would come upon the newly refurbished table from the previous shelter at 110 Edgemore, as well as additional study chairs and tables. Another exciting change was an overhaul of the Billiards Room which was converted into an overflowing storage area into a spacious and comfortable hang-out spot for those lazy weeknights.

The Beta Omicron Chapter saw an increase in alumni interest this semester. For homecoming, alumni

traveled back to the Shelter from all different parts of the country to participate in the annual pig roast tailgate, and charismatically helped to initiate the new tradition of the Active-Alumni Hockey Game at Lynah Rink. Topped off by the always entertaining awards ceremony and formal, the weekend was, once again, a great success. Other activities included the convergence of numerous alumni on the cities of Boston and New York to cheer on the Big Red hockey team in competitions there. The alumni participation was terrific and we thoroughly appreciate and thank you for your involvement, and look forward to seeing you in the near future.

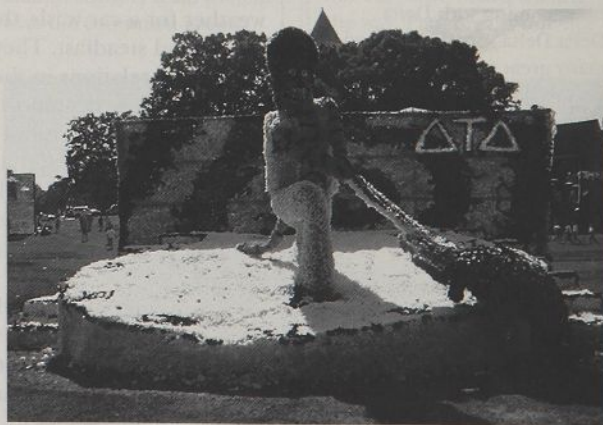
This year also saw the installation of a new chapter advisor at Delta Tau Delta. Jason Saltsburg, '94, dutifully served the Fraternity for four years. During his time here, Jason made many significant contributions to the Fraternity through his interaction with alumni, and most especially through his wisdom which offered greatly appreciated advice and direction for the brotherhood. Through his efforts, the Beta Omicron Chapter was lifted out of the darkness and onto the strong foundation in which it continues to grow. His dedication to the position, and pride for the shel-

ter have instilled in all of us an image of brotherhood that will not long be forgotten. We thank you, Jason Saltsburg, for your inspiration and guidance. And with Jason's departure, the brothers would like to give a warm welcome to Beta Omicron's new Chapter Advisor, Mark McCarthy, '86, whom we look forward to working with as we continue to progress in the future.

—Benjamin W. Raile

**California-Davis**  
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Theta Sigma Chapter is off to an excellent start this year, with the acquisition of a new house right off campus. The brothers are excited and have worked hard to ensure the house will be successful. We have continued our tradition of academic excellence, with highest fraternity GPA two out of three quarters last year. We have a goal of ten pledges this quarter, and we are confident we can achieve this. With the young actives recruited last year, we are guaranteed good members for the next few years. This is the best start we had in a while, and we are looking forward to building a great chapter here in Davis. We wish to thank our alumni, who worked hard in helping us get the new house, have



**Clemson's award-winning homecoming float.**



contributed energy and money to the chapter, and are always willing to assist the undergraduates in any way. Thanks especially to Bob Rolph, our advisor, who always is around for everyone. Good luck to all.

—Jimmy Hu

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The fall quarter for the Delta Psi Crescent Colony has been a successful one and a great base to build on for next quarter. This chapter report is also important to our colony because this is the first Delta Psi Chapter report in *The Rainbow* for ten years. The men of Delta Psi were lucky enough to move back into our old shelter which has worked out better than we could ever imagine. It has been a place where we can meet, have meetings, have socials, and conduct rituals. Since the shelter was used as apartments for ten years, we have plans to install new front and back doors and build Chapter and Game Rooms. A special thanks has to go out to our house corporation for letting us move into the shelter when they could have waited another year. We are also very proud to have just initiated our pledge class of six new members. They represent our future and we know they will be a source of pride for our colony and for Delta Tau Delta. Our petition for chartering is underway and should be completed in time for a March or April ceremony. It goes without saying that we look forward to this day with great pride and anticipation. This quarter has also been a lot of fun with things such as our brotherhood camping trip to El Capitan Beach, Chumash Indian Casino night, our social with Sigma Kappa, Poker Night,

and other great events. Our intramural football team had a winning season with a 4-3 record. Winter quarter brings the first Greek league to UCSB and we are planning for a winning basketball season. One of the things we love to do together is to eat. Many times we have gone to restaurants and have a good meal and just sit for hours and talk and laugh. One of our brothers, Rob Tzall, was able to eat a 45 oz. steak and get the steak for half price. The Vice Chancellor of our university, Yoni Harris, told our president that she was thoroughly impressed with our chapter and that we were trying to get members by emphasizing our values instead of our parties. Maybe some of the most exciting news from this quarter is that one of brothers, Shawn MacKay, will be leaving us in January to join the cast for the new season of *The Real World* in Honolulu which will be premiering in July. We are all very proud of him and we wish him the best of luck. Next quarter promises to be very successful with winter rush, more brotherhood events, our first alumni reunion, division conference, and the completion of our petition. May next year be fruitful and happy for all Delts and their families everywhere. —Robert Tzall

**DePauw**  
Beta Beta

Fall semester was a productive one for the Beta Beta Chapter. Over the recent months, there have been constant improvements to the shelter and a renewed sense of commitment and pride from the active chapter. We have been working hand in hand with the alumni and are excited about the upcoming events and proud of our accomplishments.

The year began with a chapter retreat in Plainfield,

IN to discuss our goals for the year and to formulate a plan of action. As a result the individual committees are much more organized and functioning properly. Efficient chapter meetings have resulted from the regular committee meetings and their reports to the administration board meetings.

We are extremely pleased with this year's pledge class, as we were able to recruit 22 new men. Pre-rush cookouts and a revised rush presentation were responsible for our success. We were also able to accomplish our goal of bringing in a more diversified pledge class. Slightly over half of the pledges are members of the football team while four are members of the elite Management Fellows program.

The pledge education program has also been totally revised. The former system has been condensed into an eight-week program. The main emphasis is on getting acquainted with the actives and preparing them to become the next generation of leaders in the house. The role of the Pledge Father has become more of a mentoring type relationship.

We also made an effort to educate the entire chapter on several issues dealing with risk management. We attended the "Delts Talking About Alcohol" program which gave information about the responsibilities associated with consuming alcohol and the negative events that can arise as a result. Also, we hosted a dinner for the DePauw Director of Police and Security and asked him to speak to the chapter about rules and responsibilities governing Greek students. A program on sexual abuse is planned for later in the school year.

DePauw Delts have also been active in performing community service. We initiated the Adopt-a-School pro-

gram with a local elementary school. Many members are also involved in programs through DePauw Community Service which ranges from spending time at the Humane Society, working as a student friend, to being a counselor at Sports Night. We also raised \$300 for the Arthritis Foundation by raffling off the game ball from the Old Gold Day football game.

In spite of this busy schedule, we as a chapter have been achieving academically. Last semester we had the most improved GPA of all living units on campus with a chapter GPA now a solid 2.96. Renovations to our library and completion of the

## Dayton Delts Impress

Chapter Advisor Carl Wick wrote recently that the *Dayton Daily News* published a letter from a Hope Walker from the Cincinnati area. Under the banner "Compassionate UD Students Impress at Charity Event," while the letter didn't identify Delta Tau Delta specifically, it was a fine tribute to the Dayton Delts. Perhaps the writer didn't know or remember the name of the fraternity, which is okay. The letter says a lot about them, of which we can all be proud:

"On October 3rd, a friend & I volunteered, in conjunction with the American Cancer Society, at the Hope Walk held on the University of Dayton campus. I want to commend those students and walkers for two reasons: They walked in a very cold rain and were very energetic; and, most important, I was inordinately impressed with how compassionate and considerate the fraternity and sorority members in attendance were to us. Younger people get a lot of press for all the bad things, but these young people need to be congratulated for a job well done, and excellent manners and behavior."

—Robin-Isaacs-Essary  
West Chester, OH

The effort topped \$6,000 for the Cancer Society fund raising event. Congratulations to the Dayton Delts for their 100% participation in the effort.



fiber optics system should only aid us in improving our academic standing.

Our social calendar has been somewhat limited under current stipulations, but we found creative ways to try to enjoy the college experience. We hosted several of DePauw's finest sororities to cookouts. The annual Parents Day was once again a smashing success. We were able to collect a considerable amount of money as a result of the auction that went towards the purchase of a big screen TV. Now that we have proven ourselves in other areas, we hope to expand our social opportunities next semester.

Last, but certainly not least, last semester saw tremendous interaction between the active chapter and its alumni. The Delt Mentor program is largely responsible for this relationship. In this program each committee head has been paired with an alumnus mentor who is available to give advice and share ideas. We hosted three alumni dinners last fall and these events were an excellent opportunity for actives to meet with those who had been through the house before them and to gain insight from their experiences. The other accomplishment in alumni relations was the distribution of a revised alumni directory. As a whole, the attitude of the alumni that have visited the shelter lately has been very positive and they have been impressed by the pride that we have in being Deltas. We also would like to thank those who made contributions allowing us to make the necessary repairs to our shelter prior to this year's rush.

It is obvious to see that this semester at the Beta Beta house has been a busy and productive one. We have made the necessary changes to once again become a successful chapter. With the

improvements we have already made in many areas and our incoming pledge class, we are confident that the Delt house will, once again, be one of the best fraternities on DePauw's campus. —*Ryan Hopper*

**Eastern Michigan**  
Theta Xi  
[www.emunix.edu/~delt/main.htm](http://www.emunix.edu/~delt/main.htm)

The Deltas of Theta Xi Chapter started off the academic year early by sending eight undergraduates and one alumnus to Kansas City, MO, for Karnea, coming back with many exciting ideas in the future. As school started Vice President of Rush Aaron Cowell recruited 13 fine

young men for the Zeta pledge class.

Once again the men of the Theta Xi Chapter are among the leaders on campus. This is evident by boosting the two time Greek Man of the Year of Eastern Michigan in Chris Carollo. Also among the numerous awards being brought home to the Delt house from the annual IFC banquet were the Highest GPA Award for the fourth time in four years and the IFC's Fraternity of the Year award for the first time in the chapter's four year existence.

This year's homecoming was a huge success, much to do with the 15+ alumni and guests that attended. Deltas

Corey Cramb and Alumni Jeff Wolfe and Nick Schuman were on the homecoming ballot, with brother Wolfe and Cramb being named to the prestigious Court of Five. In the annual New Blood vs. Old Blood football game the Old Blood squeaked out a 26 to 12 victory. Fun was had by all and thankfully no one was injured. The brothers of the Theta Xi Chapter would like to thank Alumnus Tom Rang for setting up the chapter's web page.

Three new committees were formed during last summer. The first is the housing corporation which is headed up by President Matt Parsons and Vice President Ken VanSummeren. The next



After a recent performance of the Rite of Iris at the University of Central Florida at which International President Tom Huddleston was present, a minister appeared and asked the group to remain for the wedding of 34-year-old Bryan Lausten and his 34-year-old bride! After the ceremony was complete, Tom ran after the happy couple as they went out and asked why they had chosen to be married at a Delt event. The answer? "Delta Tau Delta is the only family that I have ever had," said Lausten. "I wanted a family wedding." With half of the young men that come through rush now spending at least one year in a single parent household, the Fraternity is more and more the family experience that some of our members never had.



committee is the Hugh Shields Committee, formed by Vice President Kyle Green to ensure the Annual Achievement Agreement was filled out correctly and hopefully, result in the chapter bringing back its first Hugh Shields Award in February. The final committee was the Rock Committee, formed by Dan King, Jeff Supplee, Mike Sayre, Josh Liles, Jermei Ford and Rick Thormeier to ensure the rock near Mark Jefferson (Eastern's second largest class building) will always be covered in the purple and gold of Delta Tau Delta.

As always, the brothers of Theta Xi wish our alumni and all Deltas around the world the best of luck in the coming year. —Kevin Hess

#### Emory Beta Epsilon

Every year the brothers of Beta Epsilon Chapter and Delta Delta Delta sorority have organized one of the largest philanthropic events at Emory. Our annual Fright Week, benefiting Camp Sunshine (a program run by the American Cancer Society to help children afflicted with cancer), was held during the last week of October and culminated with the transformation of our shelter into a haunted mansion. The mansion was kept open for two nights during which nearly 1,000 people ventured through it. The mansion, however, was merely the final product of a long and tireless project in which the brother contributed over 1,500 hours of time and effort.

Last fall's project began in September with the start of our fundraising efforts. The brothers ventured to nearby businesses to find sponsors to donate money to Fright Week.

Anxious to see the haunted house, a line of people formed even before opening on both nights. We had



The Delt-controlled "Rock" at Eastern Michigan.

excellent weather and our attendance income proved it. By the times the walls of the maze were torn down, the hall restored after its brief stint as a dungeon and the rest of the house returned to normal, we had raised nearly \$5,500, breaking the previous record of \$3,000, nearly doubling the amount raised for the second consecutive year. —John D. Hadden

#### Florida Delta Zeta

We hosted our first annual alumni Weekend September 26 - 28, the first since the recolonization in 1995. Over 40 alumni attended the events during the weekend with alumni ranging from the class of '48 to the class of '97. Beginning with a reception in the Reitz Union Arredondo Room, a cookout was held at the shelter before the Florida vs. Kentucky game on Saturday. After a Wildcat defeat, everyone enjoyed a sit-down meal in the shelter's dining room.

Later that night, Deltas young and old took part in learning and singing traditional Delt songs, led by Matt Thomas, '70. We also viewed the 1998 Karnea video and shared the rush video that was shown to incoming rushees.

The last event of the weekend was a golf outing on Sunday morning. Next year's weekend is scheduled for October 1-3 when Florida plays Alabama.

In other matters, it was just over three years ago that Delta Zeta Chapter was reborn on the Florida campus and it has been less than that since the chapter reclaimed its shelter at 1926 W. University Avenue. Yet, it did not take much time at all to bring home the Greek system's most coveted form of recognition, the Buddy McKay Award.

On the night of November 18, 1998, the Deltas took home three out of nine IFC awards at the annual awards banquet. The Deltas were also recognized for having the Best New Member Educational Program and also for being the fraternity with the highest combined GPA for the past two semesters.

During the past two years, Delta Zeta has accumulated eight different IFC awards, ranging anywhere from recruitment to Greek relations to risk management; this year they went for it all.

Founding Father Jason Waters commented, "It was only a matter of time before the entire Greek system real-

ized what an awesome brotherhood and chapter we have created."

A big congratulations and than you go out to the active brothers, alumni and friends that made these awards a reality for the Florida Deltas.

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It was an active fall semester in Tallahassee. Our semester started out with an outstanding recruitment effort ending in the pledging of 49 new members. This was the largest pledge class on Florida State's campus and the third most successful rush of the entire Fraternity. The next event was the completion of the 1st Annual King Pin Bowling Tournament that raised over \$1,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Delta Phi would like to thank all the parents and alumni who visited the house before our home football games last season. We hope you enjoyed the time that you spent at our shelter and the famous barbecue of Dave "The Cook." Last fall's homecoming theme was "Celebrate Florida State in 1998" and, with the help of the ladies of Alpha Delta Pi, the Florida State Deltas did just that. There were great times had by all and, in the end, Delta Phi and Alpha Delta Pi finished in the top three for the overall homecoming competition. As usual the Deltas are at the top of intramural race this fall. We hope, with a lot of effort and a little luck, the Deltas will bring home yet another championship trophy.

Although we were extremely busy last fall, Delta Phi made great strides to the improvement of our shelter. At the beginning of the semester the members spent countless hours leveling out the backyard and building a full-size sand volleyball court.





**The Hon. Richard Jamborsky, George Washington '58, was the keynote speaker at Delta Sigma's 50th Anniversary banquet.**

With the generous donations from a few young alumni: Anthony Prieto, Brendan McCarthy, Al Stobbe, and Jason Daigler, we were able to purchase a beautiful new sign for the front yard. We would also like to thank our house corporation for funding several projects that improved the infrastructure of our house. The last major project that was completed this past fall was the repainting of our basketball court and the entire interior of our house.

In the last year, our chapter made a conscious effort to get more involved in the many student organizations at Florida state. We are most proud to announce that Brother Matt Felix was elected Student Body President. Also elected to Student government were Brothers Ryan Pamplion, Steve Frey and New Member Mark Kelley. Delta Phi President Gregg Ickes was selected to serve on the IFC's Judicial Board as a Justice. Brother Alex Soto worked long and hard setting up a Greek United Conference on Florida State's campus. He managed to gather delegates from each fraternity and sorority in efforts to improve the poor relations with Florida State's Administration and Police

Department. Not to go unmentioned are the countless other members involved in the many different organizations on our campus.

During the month of November, we completed 100 hours of service at Second Harvest Food Bank of the Big Bend, sorting, stocking and helping prepare food for distribution.

It is a different age in the fraternity world and Delta Phi is very proud to be a member of such a proactive international organization. This past October, our chapter was fortunate to have DTAA Intern Brian Weatherup come and visit Delta Phi for a week. During his stay our chapter successfully completed the DTAA program. We would like to thank Brian for a job well done and hope that other chapters can benefit from the program as much as we did. —Gregg Ickes/Brian Murphy

#### **George Washington Gamma Eta**

**T**he fall semester of 1998 has proven to be one of the best ever for our chapter. I assumed the responsibilities of rush chairman, and months of planning finally paid off as we had over 100 men to consider for bids, and 29 men accepted bids to become fall pledges. At the beginning of the fall, we only had 21 active members, and our new pledge class more than doubled the size of our chapter. This revitalization of our numbers was the final step in the process of bringing our chapter back into its ways of excellence. We are now one of the largest chapters on campus, and our social schedule is packed every weekend. We have renewed our commitments towards philanthropy, brotherhood, and most importantly alumni activities.

This last year has marked

a resurgence of alumni participation especially from recent graduates. Our house corporation leadership has been taken over by Jeremy Rohen, who was an undergraduate just two years ago. Rohen has proven to be a huge asset for our chapter once again as he has set out with the help of his new board members to renovate the shelter. Their hard work and dedication is about to pay off, and the renovations should begin this semester. With our chapter running strong as ever, we now look to the future, ensuring every aspect of Gamma Eta surpasses the threshold of excellence.

I was just elected to my second term as Chapter President, and my biggest goal is to get as many of our alumni involved with chapter activities as possible. These are exciting times for Gamma Eta. We just initiated 24 new members, which is the most in history. Our shelter is about to get a facelift. We currently have 43 active members, and we could have as many as 60 by the end of the year. The house corporation is revitalized, the chapter is revitalized, and now we look to you, for help in revitalizing our alumni support.

This spring, we will be holding the first formal alumni event in almost two years—an alumni banquet to honor nearly 40 years of loyal alumni involvement by Richard Jamborsky, '58, on April 9. If you haven't yet received your invitation, please contact Kerry Harding at (301) 320-8610. —Jeff Butler

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**T**he Gamma Psi Deltas started their 1998 Fall Quarter with a great rush and a current pledge class of 23 new members. We contin-

ued the tradition of excellence with a strong showing at homecoming taking sixth place out of 32 fraternities. The Deltas of Georgia Tech have been, and continue to be, active participants in student life. We have members in such varied organizations as IFC, the Hockey Club, the Waterpolo Club, the Lacrosse Club, MOVE, Lambda Sigma, and various honorary and vocational societies.

The Deltas have a strong tradition of athletic achievement, handily winning the fraternity championship in intramural waterpolo spring quarter. Team Captain Patrick Self reflects on the victory: "Our team has come a long way over the past two years; we're looking to crush the competition in 1999!" With spirits and goals set high, the Gamma Psi Deltas are eager to tackle the 1998-99 academic year. —Patrick Self

#### **Hillsdale Kappa**

**T**his has been a successful fall for the men of the Kappa Chapter here at Hillsdale College. This year marks the 131st anniversary of the shelter. We are proud to be part of this tradition of brotherhood.

This October, the Kappa Chapter executive board met with the alumni board, headed by Rik Brown, '71, and David Root, '73. Other alumni in attendance included Ron Berli, '69, Dennis Maxey, '55, Jonathon Beckett, '96, and John Kendall, '69. We discussed ideas for structural improvements to the shelter as well as other areas of focus such as academics, rush, and philanthropies. We appreciate the increasing amount of alumni support and enthusiasm.

Fall rush was a success as we picked up half of the twelve men signed up for rush. This is due to our rush tactics and events. Some



events we have include Monday night football gatherings, Wednesday night pizza, bowling nights, and games of ultimate frisbee on campus in the Quad.

Kappa Chapter participated in three major philanthropies this fall. Adopt-A-Highway, Adopt-A-School, and an eating competition against other fraternities and faculty members. We are especially proud of our Adopt-A-School program. We have created an Alternative Recess Program at Mauck Elementary School. This program allows the students to play board games, computer games, or make crafts instead of playing outside. The children enjoy the program and know many of our members by name.

We made improvements to the shelter this fall. Emergency lighting and smoke detectors were installed throughout the house. These are all linked together and all activate simultaneously allowing a safer shelter. We also restrained the deck this fall and made improvements to the volleyball court. The supply closets have also been reorganized.

Academics have been steadily improving over the last few semesters. The house GPA has gone up to a

2.8, which is just under the All Mens' Average. This improvement is due to our policy that members under the All Mens' Average must attend two-hour study tables every night. The pledges must also attend these study sessions. We are also in the process of having tutors come to the shelter to help struggling members improve their grades.

The men of the Kappa Chapter have also enjoyed social involvement here at Hillsdale. The Delt IM football team broke even, but were among the highest attended games. We held a number of TG's and other parties. Our informal is going to be at a Jazz Club in Detroit this semester.

As we continue to strive for excellence we appreciate and encourage alumni correspondence. We hope this spring will be as successful as the fall was. —Zachary L. Miller

#### Idaho Delta Mu

Once again the men of Delta Mu are back at the shelter for another year of exciting events. We started the semester garnering a pledge class of 20 outstanding men. Although this was slightly less than our goal of 25, we couldn't be happier

with the quality of men we pledged. This however, has not stopped us in our pursuit of snap pledges necessary to fill the houses. Any information concerning snap pledges would be extremely helpful.

Other early semester events included our annual Dad's Weekend Barbecue. This was a pre-function for the football game against Washington State, which then brought everyone back to the shelter for an evening of Blues music by a local band. Dad's Weekend was followed up to weeks later with homecoming. This included a week of events and competitions among the other houses and halls. We even had a member, Jeff Pidgeon, in the court for homecoming king. The week ended with our Second Annual Todd Pierce Memorial Iris Cup, which is a golf tournament intended to raise money for a scholarship endowment fund targeted toward a member in the house. After the tournament was the victorious game against Idaho State, and then an evening of music at the shelter.

Other than that, things have remained relatively low-key. If you would like to drop by the house for dinner, Monday night chapter, or just to relive old memories, please don't hesitate to call (208) 885-6676.

—Mike Edmundson

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The Gamma Beta Chapter has been having a very exciting 1998 fall semester.



**Beta Alpha alumni and undergraduates gather at the recent Indianapolis reception for the Arch Chapter.**

We started off strong with a pledge class of nine great young men. The Gamma Beta pledges attended an outstanding rush seminar given by Thomas Calhoun, which was hosted by the DePaul University Colony. Last semester, we achieved the highest GPA of all Greek organizations on campus, which was even higher than the All Men's Average on campus. This semester, Director of Academic Affairs, Cameron Cavalier, PC 2000, has taken a strong interpersonal approach to his position to ensure a similar level of excellence.

In philanthropy news, the men of Gamma Beta continue to make their presence felt in the community. On October 7th, many brothers participated in the Chicago-Land Aids Walk. On October 17th seventeen brothers and guests joined approximately 400 others in a program called KaBOOM!, which builds 40 playgrounds for schools around the country annually. We participated in conjunction with alumnus Gautham Ramnath, PC 1994, and his company, ECI. On our walkout to Western Michigan, we joined the Western Michigan Chapter in two philanthropy events: cleaning up a neighborhood and a Halloween walk for community children. On



**Georgia Southern alumni gather at the home of a friend to reminisce about old times.**





**Delt undergraduates were selected as part of the Mid-American Greek Council.**

October 31st, we built a haunted house for children in a combined event with the Greek community from the Chicago area.

In sports, Gamma Beta took second place in a very competitive championship football game, 41-34. Brotherhood in the house has been revitalized by the creativity of Brother Mike Mills PC 2000. Weekly brotherhood events, as well as house barbecues and paintball have created an enthusiastic atmosphere in the house. We had an outstanding walkout to Western Michigan University. The brothers from Epsilon and Theta Upsilon Chapters showed us a great time.

Our third annual Faculty-Student Appreciation Dinner was a phenomenal opportunity for us to interact with our professors and fellow student leaders in a non-academic environment. Fifteen professors and administrators were able to witness first hand the impact that Delta Tau Delta has in our lives. This semester we built upon our good relations with alumni at our Alumni Smoker, thanks to the hard work of Parents and Alumni Chair Arun Prakash, PC 2000. Twenty-five alumni reminisced about old times and caught up on the new happenings of the chapter. Our house corporation recently voted to spend twenty thou-

sand dollars to replace the windows on two sides of the shelter. We also renovated our bar room during workweek, which has made it a great place for us to hang out.

Finally, we are very excited about the newest member of our house, Sammy, a German Shepherd and Terrier mix, who is named after home run slugger

Sammy Sosa. —*Duxton Daniels*

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The Deltas of Beta Upsilon are beginning another excellent and exciting school year at The University of Illinois. With great leadership and a strong work ethic, we have been striving for excellence in every area of fraternity life. Early this semester we initiated thirteen fine young men into our ranks each of which add many positive qualities to the chapter.

This fall looks to be another promising semester for our philanthropy. Nearly twenty men are participating in Adopt-A-School this semester providing valuable one-on-one time with local school kids in their classrooms. Our own "Great Pumpkin" also looks to be a success this Halloween. University sororities will decorate pumpkins for local trick-or-treaters and all the proceeds will go to the local Boys and Girls Club. It was a great time for all.

Academically, we continue to make great strides on campus. We have leaped from 7th to 3rd out of 52 fraternities here at U of I in only one semester. Through hard work, our chapter has earned a GPA of 3.18/4.0 above the All Men's Average and the All Fraternity Average.

The chapter has also been successful athletically this past semester. We are proud to say that we finished second in the "Frats at Bat" philanthropy softball tournament hosted by Delta Delta Delta Sorority. We are also looking forward to defending our title in the Delta Gamma philanthropy "Anchor Splash" and are trying for our sixth straight victory this year.

Most recently, we pledged 21 young men all of whom will be quality Deltas. Beta Upsilon had another great spring semester and this fall looks to be equally successful as well. —*Eric Jackson*

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The spring, summer, and early fall have been incredibly successful for Theta Phi. Last spring at the annual Greek awards banquet we finished up a great year by taking home the Michael D. Schermer Brotherhood Award. We also received 2nd place overall in the annual Greek week competition.

After finishing up a fine spring semester, our Vice President, Jerry Cooper, was selected to work at the central office as one of the summer interns. Jerry's experiences with the internship have been quite beneficial to him and our chapter. He worked along with the rest of the staff to make this year's Karnea one of the biggest and best ever. Besides Jerry we also had four members, including myself, at Karnea to represent our chapter. The four of us had one of the single greatest Delt experiences possible.

Coming off of a terrific Karnea experience we tried to transfer our enthusiasm into the rest of our members for fall rush. Our excitement helped the chapter to its largest pledge class to

date. We pledged in 12 young men that are eager to improve upon what has already started to become another great chapter of Delta Tau Delta. —*Kirk Poldek*

**Iowa**  
Omicron

Everything is going great here at Omicron Chapter. We started off a great fall with a strong new pledge class of 25 prospective members. In addition, Chapter Advisor Mike Manful came up with a lot of new ideas and goals for our chapter to grow to be even bigger and better. The deck on our house was extended along the south side. This addition looks beautiful and is working out great.

Our philanthropic event this fall included the women of Gamma Phi Beta, with members riding a teeter totter continuously for one week with the proceeds from pledges going to the March of Dimes Foundation.

Furthermore, our intramurals are excellent so far this year. Luke Ewanio won the intramural wrestling tournament. Through his journey to the top, he beat two members of Iowa's national championship wrestling team. In addition, we placed first in the All-Greek Scavenger Hunt. Our own Drew Rath finished first, breaking the record time set by our own Ken Dahl last fall.

We were very successful in helping out the local community. Tim Weiler and the Notorious Finae combined to sell the most magazine subscriptions in a contest to raise money for local Iowa City grammar schools.

Most importantly, we would like to send a sincere thank you to Executive Vice President Duane Wimer and Northern Division President Jim Russell. Your visit was appreciated and we are working to achieve the goals we discussed. —*Brendan Newman*



### Kansas State Gamma Chi

This semester has been one of the greatest at the Gamma Chi Chapter. With the incredible job on rush by Corey Christian, Jay Hohl, and Ryan Dugan we have ended up with a phenomenal pledge class of 31 great guys that are sure to do great things when initiated.

The new pledge class really got into the act by helping with the setup and tear down the giant pool that we built in the back on the basketball court. It is a very interesting sight to see an entire basketball court underwater. I assure you. We were blessed with great weather which made the swimming most enjoyable.

We also finished homecoming week with the very great women of Alpha Delta Pi. Thanks to our Homecoming Chair Josh Jones, we all had a great time. We were excited to take fourth place in the overall standings, especially considering the stiff competition.

Of paramount importance is the go ahead for the renovations that will begin in May 1999. This is a tremendous step forward for us. We could not have done it without the tremendous support of the alumni that helped in every stage of the process. The alumni that helped us

are too numerous to mention here except for some Deltas that have been absolutely integral to this long process.

Also of note, last fall we had a pledge vs. active football tournament, in which, going into it, the pledges were confident of victory. Ending with a 21-7 score, the actives' win is sure to humble them in the face of experience of those advancing in age.—*Morgan Bates*

### Kent State Delta Omega

Next year, the Kent State Deltas are turning 50! All brothers of Delta Omega and their families are invited to celebrate the chapter's 50th Anniversary. The celebration will begin on Thursday, June 1, 2000 and culminate on Sunday June 4th. Dave "Jake" Jakubowski ('90) and Bob Gasser ('54) are the chairmen for the event. They are currently looking for brothers who would also like to assist in the planning for this grand jubilation. To join the committee, or just get information, please feel free to call Dave at 1-800-216-6550 or (440)842-0723.

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The brothers of Chi Chapter have again

been busy. Time has been spent repairing damages done to our lodge following the summer break and rekindling our associations within the social community, as well as that of academia. Chi continues to be a part of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program, as well as other community welfare projects. This past October, Chi Chapter had the opportunity to run a haunted house for a day. We were responsible for creating and maintaining a Halloween atmosphere for the children of the area. Fall was also a time of widespread athletic participation for Chi, both at the varsity sport and intramural level. Members of the men's soccer team unfortunately prepared for an early departure from the post-season as Kenyon as Kenyon was in danger of posting its worst record in a dozen years. On a brighter note, the Kenyon swimming and diving team began its season with members of Chi composing the core of the squad as they looked for their 20th consecutive national championship. The closest comparison to the swimming and diving legacy is Chi's intramural juggle which continues to wreak havoc within the college athletic community.

—*Eric Hakeman*

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It says it all when we kicked off the past school term by celebrating the 4th of July at our chapter located in the beautiful city of Flint, Michigan. This only set the tone for what would be an awesome social semester for the brothers at Epsilon Iota A. As a new event, we brought weekly swing lessons to the house. Our Cooler California party was arguably the best party this term at Kettering University. We have also thrown several mixers with

the local sororities of Kettering and the University of Michigan.

We had a very successful rush this term fielding 21 outstanding pledges. So far these guys have shown their determination by turning out a much higher percentage than the membership at our Adopt-A-Highway philanthropy event. The pledges have also decided to undertake the remodeling of our laundry room as their pledge project. Good luck to these men as they endeavor towards Delt Brotherhood.

On the field, we are in the running as strong contenders for the Greek Cup. Our softball team made it to the softball championships. We had a strong presence in the Five-on-Five basketball tournament and in the Soccer League making it into the playoffs for both. Our swim team also took home the Swim Meet championship. Next term we will try to capture the cup through our volleyball, basketball, and the water polo teams.

Congratulations and good luck to our Senior III's that have graduated this term and are entering the "real world." Our VP Stefan Osterburg is the new IFC president and Conner Bates is the new Vice President of the Student Body. Kyle Oberlee and Joe Montrosse also won respective positions in Kettering's Student Government as Freshman and Senior Representatives. Last but not least, kudos to our house mom, Deanna, and her husband, Bill, who recently had Kayla Jean Lorraine. We look forward to another stellar school term in January.

—*Thuong Huynh*

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This past summer our chapter spent an excessive amount of time planning



Kettering B Deltas after their executive retreat.





**Kettering A Delts made it to the soccer playoffs.**

and preparing for the fall. We had the difficult task of improving on last year's twelve awards we received at the Northern Division Conference in Dayton, OH as well as maintaining the Highest Delt Chapter Grade Point Average. This year, we are continuing our focus on some basic foundations of a strong chapter: rush, brotherhood, academics and leadership throughout the campus and the community.

While making the preparations for rush, we found that a good rush starts with a strong brotherhood. Last term we initiated six new members who are becoming a vital part of the chapter. We also inducted a new pledge in the second week of this term. With a strong brotherhood, we can expect a successful rush.

Last year we beat our philanthropy goal by five hours per man. This year we hope to improve on that impressive mark by continuing our present community projects as well as taking on new forms of service. As a great beginning of the year, Todd VanTongeren won over \$1,000 at the All-Greek Inner Beauty Pageant that will be donated to the charity of our choice. Our current philanthropy plans include Habitat for Humanity, Adopt-a-School, Discovering Kettering University, and

Flint's Jingle Bell Run for the Arthritis Foundation.

As leaders on campus, our chapter had at least one member participate in each of the 28 different school clubs. We also had 14 positions in campus clubs includ-

ing IFC Secretary, IFC Judicial Board chair, Order of Omega president, Tau Beta Pi president and HKN vice president. Our intramural sport teams did a great job for us last term including winning the "R" tourney volleyball championship.

At Kettering's convocation our chapter showed that we are among the best on campus. We took home the Dean's Cup for the fourth straight year as well as the Chapter Excellence Award. The Dean's Cup is an award that goes to the best on campus for their efforts in philanthropy, membership education, risk management and campus participation as well as many other factors.

Brother Mike Kapusky, president of the chapter for '97-'98, took the '97-'98 Outstanding Leadership Award and the Outstanding President Award. Our advisor, Brother Arlan Rathke earned the Outstanding Chapter Advisor Award. Arlan has been there for the brothers quite a bit over the past few years, and it's about time he got the recognition he deserves. Congratulations to Brother Mike and Brother Arlan for the recognition of their hard work.

Right now we are putting last year behind us and focusing on the future. We are building on the past, challenging each member to

make their terms at Kettering better for the community, campus, ourselves and Delta Tau Delta. We would also like to congratulate our housemother on the birth of her new baby girl.

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Last quarter was very productive for the brothers of Zeta Beta Chapter. We came back from summer break to find our house had been totally remodeled. Our head of house and grounds had worked all summer long to finish this big project. We were able to get it done before homecoming when a lot of our alumni returned.

Rush was the best that it had been in a long time. We came away with over one-third of the guys that went Greek. We are very proud of our new pledge class and we know that they will take this chapter to new heights. In the month that we've been back we have already completed several philanthropic activities. We are still working with children at a nearby school and we cleaned up the streets around the school for homecoming. We also put on a flag football tournament for the sororities and any other women's teams that were interested in participating. We hope that everyone has a great semester. We look forward to seeing many of you at the next Southern Division conference.

—Allen Lowe

**Lawrence**  
Delta Nu

As we entered the rush period at Lawrence, we were optimistic about the pledge class that we would be bringing in, both in quality and quantity. Numerous rush events took place and more were scheduled throughout the term. Paintballing was a

huge success and weekly rush dinners were so packed that there was no room to sit in the dining hall. Overall it was a long term but we definitely got off on the right foot.

The year began by reviving an old tradition—the moving of "the rock." For the past ten years or so it was a block of concrete sitting on the front lawn of a rival fraternity. About a week before school began, a few activists moved it onto our property where it sat until homecoming week when the rival fraternity stole it back, keeping it past the deadline of midnight of the Friday before homecoming, dictating that no one else can touch it until next year. We at least stirred up a little of our university's history.

Getting off to a great start last fall also meant that we continued to build a respectable name on campus. Our participation in community events included a coat drive around the neighborhood on Halloween and Adopt-a-School. This event is four times every week and members from our chapter go to an area middle school for tutoring. On campus, two brothers attained presidency roles—Richard Fichter for IFC and Robb Reff for Community Council. We currently have 13 athletes for the fall and winter term and are excited for what the future may hold for us.

—Chad Waller

**Lehigh**  
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The brothers of Beta Lambda Chapter had an excellent semester. Jerry Telgheder, '99, finished his term as chapter president, as did the rest of the current Executive Committee members. Ryan Faulkingham, '99 also prepared to turn over his post as IFC President. The



chapter continued its commitment to academic excellence, finishing third overall for Highest Fraternity GPA. Two brothers, Jason Clemens, '00, and Drew Durian, '01, represented the chapter as members of ROTC, and Kenny Castellano, '01, joined Chip McAteer, '00, and Kevin Post, '00, as important members of the Varsity baseball team. Also, Mike Franklin, '01, entertained the campus twice a week with his popular radio show.

On Saturday, October 24, Justin Foster, '00, worked with alumni to organize the First Annual Kathy Szczepkowski Memorial PHA Benefit 5K Walk to contribute to the Pulmonary Hypertension Association. There was a great turnout by both the undergraduates and alumni and over \$2,500 was raised for this excellent cause. As part of our Adopt-a-School program, brothers continued to contribute two hours each week by volunteering at the local Bethlehem Boys and Girls Club.

We encourage anybody to visit the award-winning Beta Lambda Web page, maintained by Jon Zanooff, '00. Up to date information about the chapter is found here and resumes of the brothers are available on the interactive composite. Lastly, our current rush goals are well

on their way to being met as Jay Stone, '01, and Mike Scala, '01, are our dedicated rush chairmen. The chapter hopes to recruit ten new men for the spring semester.

As always, the brothers welcome any communication from our alumni and we hope to see many of you soon.

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The fall semester has given the chapter a great new direction. Renovations to the shelter continue with donations from the membership and alumni. Repairs have been made to the roof and the several of the walls have been sheet rocked and repainted.

In addition to the physical changes to the house, many other changes have occurred including increased respect from campus sororities. The chapter exchanges with Zeta Tau Alpha, Kappa Zeta, Chi Omega and Delta Zeta. Our large fall party returned with Baton Rouge Headliner Chris LeBlanc, followed by a rush convocation in November.

The chapter traveled to Epsilon Alpha for the Auburn-LSU game to assist with their rush efforts. Our membership is also becoming active on the LSU IFC with one of our members being elected to the IFC

Judicial Board. Our alumni newsletter this semester has met with great success bringing alumni back to the shelter for the first time in years. Five alumni stopped by within ten days of mailing the newsletter.

The chapter is looking forward to spring semester and a great spring rush. The chapter plans to send at least five members to the Southern Division Conference. We have also recently received a new Resident Advisor from Mu Chapter at Ohio Wesleyan University. RJ has made himself at home and has started to work with the outgoing officers to make a transition to the new executive board in the spring.

—J. Chris Jones

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Epsilon Upsilon enjoyed some wonderful times the past six months, beginning with our Brown Bag Series in April. The luncheon brought together college and town leaders at our shelter to chat about community service. The hour-long event was a huge success, and it led to several service projects toward the end of school. Another luncheon is now in the planning stages.

Also, at the end of school, the undergraduate chapter began a prize for the Most Active Member and Most Active New Member. The first brothers awarded were



Delta Sigma Undergrads and alumni at the Founders Day celebrate 50 years on the Maryland campus.

Matt Joy, Most Active Member; and Matt Dole, Most Active New Member.

The summer found many brothers resting from academics, but working hard. In August three undergraduates—Mike Roseman, Eric Langenfeld, and Matt Dole; two alumni—John Hartshorn and David Frick; and Chapter Advisor Bob "Fergie" Ferguson attended Karnea. The week was an incredible experience for everyone. We were proud to include a Resolution honoring Fergie for his many continued years of service and support on the Karnea Resolution slate.

But, by far the most outstanding moment of our past six months was our thirtieth anniversary celebration of being on campus. The three day event found many alumni returning to 219 Fourth Street. All the alumni shared their stories of times past, and hopefully have great new memories of the weekend. The highlight was a banquet during which Marietta Mayor Joe Matthews presented the chapter with a proclamation establishing October 15, 1998 as Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, Epsilon Upsilon Chapter Day! The undergraduates want to express thanks to our house corps, alumni mentors,



LaGrange Delts after their executive retreat.





**Five living Founding Fathers returned to Maryland's 50th Anniversary celebration.**

and all alumni who support our efforts for their thoughts and ideas and all the time they put in on our behalf.

One announcement for any alumni interested is that our web page is up and working. It has been established for quite a while, and is a great resource for those who want information about our chapter. The address is: <http://www.marietta.edu/~dels/> Please check it out and sign our guest book.

Looking ahead, the new semester is a busy time for our chapter. The new officers are installed, and the transitions which come with that period are in the planning stage. We hope to improve on our already solid base. Epsilon Upsilon wishes good luck to all Delta Tau Delta chapters in the new year! —Matthew S. Dole

#### **Maryland Delta Sigma**

At the University of Maryland, Delta Sigma concluded a spring semester equally impressive in its historical significance and accomplishment. On April 24th, Delta Sigma celebrated 50 years of fraternal excellence. House Corporation Member Hank Doyle and Vice Presidents Todd Oppenheim and John Gibson organized a festive weekend, which included an extravagant alumni banquet on Friday, followed by an

open house and brunch on Saturday. At the alumni banquet, distinguished guests included five of the original Charter signing members, Tom Mennie and Tom Hughsted,

our Eastern Division President and Vice President, and the Hon. Richard Jamborsky who gave the keynote address.

Mennie presented the undergraduates with a Proclamation from the Arch Chapter commemorating our 50 year history, during which we initiated over 950 men.

During the spring '98 semester, Delta Sigma was recognized for its value-driven work and dedication. At the Eastern Division Conference, we received an unparalleled eight awards, being recognized for Excellence in Meeting Rush Goals, Delt 2000 Programming, Adopt-a-School, Exceeding the All Male/All Fraternity GPA, Community Service and Campus Involvement. Delta Sigma was also proud to receive the two most coveted awards for individual effort: the Eastern Division's Treasurer of the Year, Michael Mulheron, and the Eastern Division's President of the Year, Thomas Ryan.

On campus, Delta Sigma won three of the seven prestigious IFC Annual Awards: Excellence in Risk Management, Excellence in Membership Recruitment and Excellence in Judicial Policy and Self Governance. We also received the Balfour New Member Award, which is the highest honor at the University of Maryland for the new member education

and retention. During Greek Week, the brothers of Delta Sigma won 2nd place in sports, 2nd place in spirit and 2nd place overall.

Within the chapter, committees worked towards modernization and refinement. The Executive Committee began by completely revising our *Bylaws*, which had not been updated since 1991. Academic and recruitment chairs established two scholarships for incoming first semester freshmen. Our web chair instituted our first Delta Sigma web page:

[www.inform.umd.edu/Student/Campus\\_Activities/studentOrg/dtd/main.html](http://www.inform.umd.edu/Student/Campus_Activities/studentOrg/dtd/main.html)

Year-round recruitment introduced 14 young men to our revised pledge program with all 14 being initiated. Brotherhood collections and financial security were also improved through the addition of a collection agency by our treasurer. Finally, 11 undergraduates enrolled in a two-credit Executive Board Class and President Randall Burkholder was also in a three-credit President's Class. These classes educated our brotherhood and inspired a shared vision of Delta Sigma excellence.

During the fall semester of 1998, Delta Sigma was active on campus, in the shelter and with alumni. On campus three Deltas are enrolled in a two-credit Recruitment Class. Many other undergraduates are on the IFC, Student Government, club sports teams and are members of various clubs. In the shelter, steps have been taken to improve our living conditions, ranging from the restoration of our slate roof to the addition of new Chapter Room and Library carpets to complete internal painting. An Undergraduate Study has also been started to assist with the investment in our first Delta Sigma computer which was funded by donations.

Alumni involvement began

with our newsletter, the *Delta Sigma Times*, which invited all alumni and their families back for homecoming. At our homecoming tailgate party, masses of Delta Sigma alumni shared their fraternal experiences and knowledge with the brotherhood.

The undergraduates would, once again, like to thank all alumni for their enthusiasm and continued dedication. With your support, Delta Sigma will continue to strive for success.

—Randall P. Burkholder

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This semester marks the first group of Delta chapter actives to live in the completely renovated Delt shelter. We had a big electrical fire last Christmas, and the house needed to be completely gutted and redone. Thanks to the House Corporation leadership of B.J. Kroppe, Allan Lutes, Matt Paroly and Mark Wayne, the transition into the newly reconstructed house has been smooth and successful. The shelter is beautiful, including completely redone bedrooms and bathrooms and a fully equipped Men's Lounge in the basement. We couldn't have pulled through the tragedy of the fire without the constant support of all the Delta Chapter alumni. The actives would like to give many thanks to those who contributed their time and monetary donations to help us get back up on our feet.

Deltas have been excelling in every area of fraternity life this semester. We had a strong rush, bringing in a good, strong, cohesive group of new members that will lead the Delta Chapter into the next century with pride and strength. The social calendar was packed full last semester including our annual Tahiti Party with Alpha Delta Pi sorority during which



the shelter was turned into an island paradise for a night. Athletics are as strong as ever right now as we are currently third in the fraternity intramural athletic league. Our athletic accomplishments to date include first place finishes in track and field and cross-country as well as strong performances in soccer and tennis. We are looking to win football and wrestling, which would put us in first place for the semester.

Brotherhood has been very tight this semester, as we have partaken in such Delta Chapter traditions as our Trip to Nowhere in Ontario, Canada, and our biannual Walkout, which is to see the fiercest and oldest football rivalry in the country between Michigan and Ohio State this year in Columbus, OH. Hand in hand with brotherhood are the strong philanthropic commitments that the Michigan Deltas have made to the Ann Arbor community this year. We have started the Adopt-a-School program with Angell Elementary School. We have orga-

nized bell-ringing to raise money for the Salvation Army. We also have many events planned for next semester including an American Red Cross blood drive and a dunk tank to raise money for a local children's hospital.

One of the high points of last semester was the homecoming bash we had after the homecoming football game against Indiana. Many Delta Chapter alumni and their families gathered at the shelter for a giant barbecue. Deltas of all ages were there, and everyone had a fun time remembering the old stories and hearing the new ones. The party climaxed in an active-alumni wiffle-ball game. Unfortunately, records of the final score of the game were lost in the shuffle and we will never know who actually won the game (just kidding, the alumni won, 13-8). All in all, it's been a great semester for the Michigan Deltas, and we hope to keep it going throughout the year. —*D. Kohen*

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This semester has shown a lot of growth at the Epsilon Nu Chapter. We started the semester by bringing in sixteen new pledges for the fall. This is our largest pledge class in recent history.

With the addition of these sixteen men our chapter has grown from 28 people to 38 in just one semester! This is just one way in which we have grown. Our physical house is growing as well. At homecoming ground breaking ceremonies were held for the construction of a new expansion onto our existing shelter. This expansion will allow us to house twenty more men. We continue to grow as leaders on this campus as we begin preparing for the annual St. Pat's Cudgel competition. For those of you who don't know what a cudgel is, it's an uprooted tree that has been hollowed and decorated. These trees are carved all year long by all of the fratern-

nities on campus and this year we hope to come home with the green...errr...gold. As usual we are in the top five fraternities in grades and for the first time in a while we are in the top five in recruitment. We hope to grow in our philanthropy this year too. We have plans for a neighborhood barbecue where all of our neighbors can come over and have a nice dinner with their neighbors and the Deltas. Also planned is our 'Vienna Road Clean Up'. This is where Epsilon Nu hits the streets with bags and sticks to pick up all the garbage that has collected on the mile long stretch that leads to our house. These events are bound to be good, however the best of them all would have to be our annual Haunted House. Each year we turn our backyard into a terror-filled maze and this year will be perhaps the best yet. We plan on making the maze larger and scarier utilizing some of our eight acres of land. We also have planned some games for the younger more easily frightened kids upstairs. This growth shows how strong we are at the Epsilon Nu Chapter and we plan on continuing our success.

—*Daniel Woodcock*

**MIT**  
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The past term has been an excellent one for the Beta Nu Chapter. We started things off with a successful fall rush with nine enthusiastic new pledges to show for it. We were especially pleased by the high turnout of alumni who came by during rush to help out, the most ever. In addition to rush, the chapter has also continued to be active on campus, in sports, and in the community.

On campus our presence is imposed by our newly-



With Michigan's beautifully restored shelter back in business there is nary a trace of the devastating fire which blackened its halls.



elected Undergraduate Association President, Brother Paul Oppold, who has already been able to double the funding for undergraduate activities and is now actively involved in designing the new dorm on campus. Also occurring on campus, is an intensified recruitment effort to find new pledges year-round led by Rush Chairman Stuart Jackson.

Beta Nu brothers can be seen in a range of varsity sports this season including basketball, tennis, cross country, football, hockey, and crew. Brother Michael Parkins could be seen leading his nationally ranked Cross Country team as both captain and top performer. In Basketball, Brother Klint Rose serves as starting point guard and captain of the winning varsity team. Beta Nu Deltas are also active in intramural sports, competing in more than seven different sports.

In the community, we are visible in our volunteering for the Boston Area Food Bank and the Boston's City Year Program. Beta Nu Deltas could also be seen performing for a sorority sponsored talent

show for Alzheimer's Research. The chapter also plans to have a Faculty and Neighbor Formal Dinner in order to maintain our excellent relations with those people.

Delts from Beta Sigma Chapter are often seen around as we open up our shelter to them for rush and chapter events. We enjoy their presence in our house as well as opening our house to all Delts who wish to visit. Beta Nu Chapter looks forward to another term of excellence and wishes all other chapters good luck in their endeavors. —*Jeff Daniels*

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The fall '98 term was a huge success for our colony. We rushed very hard and had a record-breaking pledge class of 16. The new guys are great and have a lot to offer our colony. Also, last semester, we prepared and submitted a formal response to the school's recognition requirement checklist. Relations with Muhlenberg's Administration are going well, and we're looking forward to

official recognition from the school in the very near future. Our Adopt-a-School program is, as always, going strong. If all goes as planned we hope to log over 200 community service hours by the end of the semester. Homecoming weekend was also a great source of pride for us. Troy Urquart, a junior, was voted Greek God and we entered our second annual Delt float in the homecoming parade. Also, senior Jeff Brydeinski was on the Homecoming Court and Senior Jason Hartman played in the homecoming football game—a huge Muhlenberg victory.

Work continues on our chartering petition. We have, revised and proof-read and are patiently awaiting our final copy from the printer. Also, a big thanks to Chapter Consultant Chris Wisbrock. He has been a big help so far and is a great guy with whom to work. —*Tony Powell*

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Theta Kappa

The brothers of Theta Kappa started the year in a positive fashion. Rush was relatively slow for our chapter

but in the end we were proud to welcome twelve new brothers into a new life of excellence. Our first major accomplishment of the school year started out with our chapter's third straight homecoming competition victory. It was a festive and fun-filled week where we were able to enjoy a busy week and put together yet another triumphant achievement for the Delt house.

To cap off a wonderful homecoming week, we celebrated the 5th Anniversary of Theta Kappa Chapter and held our first annual Founder's Day, where many Theta Kappa alumni were able to make their way back to Kearney. We also had the pleasure of welcoming Brother Rock Clinton all the way from Texas A&M-Commerce to present a wonderful speech after the Founder's Day dinner. All of us here at Theta Kappa would like to send a colossal thank you and show our deepest appreciation to Dr. Clinton for taking the time and giving us the honor of listening to him speak. We were also enlightened to see the alumni that displayed their support and pride at the first Theta Kappa Founders Day. Thanks again, brothers!

Our philanthropy chairman had a busy year to say the least. We were active in many different philanthropic events including Adopt-a-School, ARC bowling, Adopt-a-Highway, Honey Sunday and fundraising for the Battered Women's Society. We also kept our tradition in academic excellence by receiving the second highest GPA on campus with a 3.0.

Overall, the brothers at Theta Kappa started the school year in a very productive and successful manner. Hopefully, we will remain focused and continue our young chapter's growth and development. We would also

## UNC Finds Adopt-a-School Fulfilling

In just two hours a week, Delts at the University of Northern Colorado are changing the lives of community youths. Four years ago, Tim Moore, a senior elementary education major from the UNC chapter, started the Adopt-a-School program at Cameron Elementary. The program matches college students with kindergarten through fifth grade students experiencing social, academic or family problems.

"Every day you go to that classroom you know you're making a difference. You see that smile and it makes your day," Moore says. The program resembles the Big Brother Big Sister program. It includes 15 members of the fraternity and 15 members of Delta Zeta sorority and this year has had the biggest turnout ever, said Stephen Schmitz, a senior journalism education major and program director. "I thought it was an excellent way to find out if I wanted to be a teacher and it is a great way to help the community," Schmitz said. The child Schmitz is working with is having problems adjusting socially and subsequently is having problems with schoolwork so Schmitz comes in to play football with him and help him study. "All the kids want to play football and they end up getting to know him (his student)," he said. Each elementary student has different needs so each college student can select a child they think they can help. The teachers select the kids with the most need and give a short profile of each student to the volunteers to select from. "It benefits everyone. The students who need extra attention get it, the teachers get extra help and we get to have a positive influence on these kids," said Mike Cragan, a senior social science major. He said another positive outcome of the program is the school gets the equivalent of an extra teacher or two a week when one-on-one hours are counted up.

Cragan said all students are welcome to join the program, not just the ones involved in the sorority or fraternity. This year there are even a few volunteers from the UNC track team. Cragan said it is hard to tell if you're having an influence on some kids. It probably takes a few years to see a change. With others, he said, "You can see a big difference. Some kids really come out of their cocoons." —*Ryan Sloops*





**Missouri's chapter participates in one of the Fraternity's many Deltas Talking About Alcohol training programs.**

like to wish our Delt brothers all across the nation the best of luck and may all of you continue to be committed to lives of excellence.

—Casey Schmeeckle

#### Nebraska-Lincoln

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The men of Beta Tau continue to strive for excellence, and are determined to lead the University of Nebraska Greek system into the new millennium. We have been working hard this semester to improve our house in all aspects. This improvement began with our new pledge class. Our 33 member freshman class is one of the best on campus, and they have been very valuable in boosting house morale. They have set high goals for themselves and are working hard in academics, intramurals, and involvement.

Our shelter has received many improvements lately as well. New landscaping, including a new flagpole, has greatly improved our shelter's appearance. On the inside of the house, many improvements have also been made. We performed a lot of repairs to all areas of the house, and acquired new living room decorations and new dining room tables. In addition, plans are on the

way to completely re-wire our phone and cable system. This new system would create a very modern internet system that will be accessible from each room in the house. Academically we continue to lead the Western Plains Division, and rank 2nd among all UNL fraternities. We have several members who are applying to professional programs in medicine, law and business. In addition, our 2nd annual Faculty Banquet was a success, and we are continuing to gain respect from professors in all disciplines.

On campus, Deltas had a large influence in many areas. Our house had two members who were on the Homecoming Court this year. Also, Deltas continue to be involved in many student government positions, honor societies, and student organizations. On the intramural side of campus leadership, we are doing the best we have done in four years. We rank 2nd in the fraternity intramural standings, and have goals to move to number one.

Our annual philanthropy,

Mud Tug, was a huge success once again this semester. We raised in excess of \$1000 for our Adopt-a-School partners, Clinton Elementary School. We are also continuing to work for such programs as the YWCA take a break program, Big Brothers/Big

Sisters, NHRI, and Highway Clean-up.

Last, but most definitely not least, our social activities this semester have been outstanding. Parties like "Just Happy to Be Here" and "The Blue River Bash" have been a great chance for us to relax and meet new people.

Our brotherhood has never been stronger here in Lincoln. We are very proud of our house and what it stands for. We wish all our brothers across the world the best of times, and remind everyone to never forget the memories. —Brock LaSure

#### North Dakota

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The men of Delta Xi have had an exciting year so far. Our annual haunted

house with the Pi Beta Phi lasted for two nights and we raised around \$1,400 to be donated to the Big Brother/Big Sister program at the local YMCA. Last year we started a Toys for Tots drive and gathered over 170 toys. This year our goal will be to reach 250. We had our fall formal on October 10. It was an exciting evening because Northern Division President Jim Russell honored us in being our keynote speaker. Unfortunately, our Educational Foundation President Bruce Gjovig stepped down this year. He will be greatly missed.

While our new member numbers last year were not as high as we had liked, this year we have a grand number of 22! Sadly, we are saying good bye to many seniors; 24 will be moving on.

This year is shaping up to be a great one, and we hope the same for our fellow brothers.

—Derek C. Micko

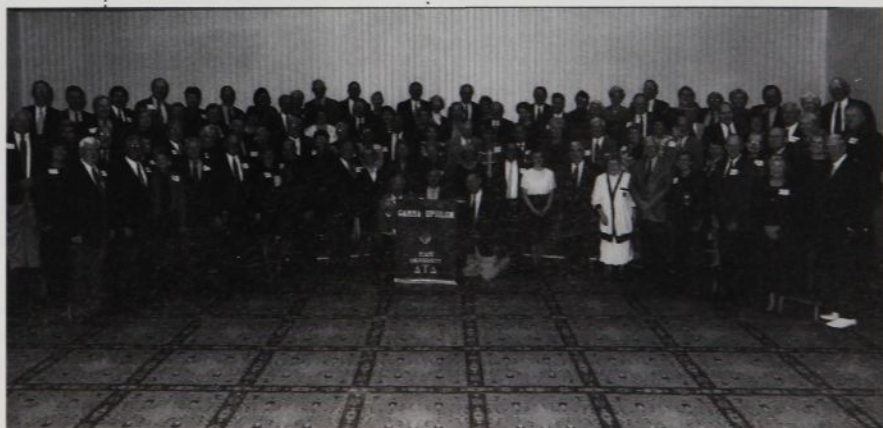
#### Northern Arizona

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This past year was an exciting one for the founding members of the NAU Delt chapter. We worked very hard on our charter petition and look forward to our initiation in February. We are very proud and pleased with the efforts made so far.

We had two members attend Karnea last summer.

**Careful planning ensured a strong turnout at Miami of Ohio's Alumni Reunion.**





## Delt's Memory Honored with Shelter Memorial

On the weekend of October 31, Robert Roush, First Vice President of the Fraternity was invited to attend homecoming festivities at his own chapter, Epsilon Zeta, at Sam Houston State University. It was a red-letter day in the chapter's history, as it became the first of the Fraternity's 130+ chapters to name a Delt shelter in memory of a deceased brother at the request of a philanthropic gesture by another brother. The late **Joe Malcom MacKenzie**, *Sam Houston State '60*, (he was destined to be a Delt with a name like that) was one of the Esquire Founders of Epsilon Zeta, the first men's Greek fraternity on the Sam Houston State campus, in January 1960. Joe died prematurely of cancer last year and his former roommate and pledge brother, Ron Mafrige, who was with Joe when he passed to the Chapter Eternal, wanted to recognize the life of exemplary service to family, career and community that Joe led. Ron graciously retired the mid-five figure debt on the first mortgage on the shelter and added an escrowed sum for maintenance in return for having the Delt shelter named the Joe M. "Butch" MacKenzie House. This selfless act of brotherhood touched all that were there when the cornerstone was undraped by Joe's widow, Dianne, and his two sons. Next, Roush presented the proclamation on a plaque that had been beautifully crafted by the Central Office. The plaque is forever to be hung in the Joe M. MacKenzie Delt House so all will know what was done at Homecoming '98.

The Proclamation said, "On behalf of the Arch Chapter, the Epsilon Zeta Chapter wishes to recognize one of its late brothers, Esquire Founder Joe M. MacKenzie, and commend his former roommate, Ronald P. Mafrige, for four decades of loyal service to the Fraternity and for outstanding brotherhood in retiring the debt on the Epsilon Zeta Delt shelter. Whereas Brothers MacKenzie and Mafrige were two of the Esquire Founders of the Epsilon Zeta Chapter, the first men's Greek fraternity on the Sam Houston State campus in 1960 and, Whereas Brothers MacKenzie and Mafrige exemplify those desirable attributes of a Delt alumnus, especially in the area of campus and community service; and, Whereas Brother MacKenzie has passed to the Chapter Eternal and whose memory is being honored and preserved by having the Delt shelter named after him; Therefore, be it resolved that this day, Saturday, 31 October 1998, be remembered by all future Dels who pass through these portals in Huntsville, Texas, as a day when Delt Brotherhood was its finest."

Roush concluded his remarks by reminding the crowd of over 150 members, dates, parents and alumni that what they were doing to improve and preserve shelters in Austin and all over North America was not just to provide a place where students could be housed, but to prepare that "safest" shelter wherein they could swear sacred oaths to live lives of excellence and where they could be mindful of what our Ritual says to remember that others follow—who for generations to come will pass through these portals. "Caring about today's youth and tomorrow's, too, is real brotherhood, brothers," said Roush, "An example of this is Harry Thiele, the chapter brother who first rushed me in 1962 was there, as was his young son, Steve, pledging in the 72nd pledge class since his dad pledged. Such is the circle of Delt life. God, how I love it!"



Left, Joe MacKenzie's widow, Dianne MacKenzie joins Ron Mafrige at the dedication of the Epsilon Zeta shelter to her husband's memory.

They brought back a lot of valuable ideas and were inspired to see Delt chapters from around the nation. Last spring, we participated in Greek Week for the first time. We partnered with the women of Phi Beta Phi and had a great time competing in various events. Our men made a great showing. Our colony has already taken an active role in the university community. This past spring, as well as last fall, we participated in The Big Event, a citywide service day. Last Halloween, we lent help to a local haunted house and in November we worked election booths for Kid's Vote, an event that allowed elementary students to cast votes in the upcoming election.

Fall rush proved to be a great experience for our colony. We pledged six new members and got our name out into the Greek community. Active recruitment has been an essential part of our work towards chapter installation and we are continually bringing in valuable men to help found our chapter. We had our bid night party in partnership with Phi Delta Theta and had an awesome time.

As the semester ended, we finished up the requirements of our petition for initiation. We had set a goal of recruiting 15 new members by Christmas and, by the beginning of November, were more than halfway there. We look forward to the approval and completion of our colonization process and thank all of the members who have worked so hard to get us where we are.

—Paul J. Peterson

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Thus far, this continues to be an amazing year for Theta Omicron. The semester started out ecstatically for us with a new university presi-





**Nebraska Delts after one of their many clean-up efforts for the Adopt-a-Highway program.**

dent who, as fate may have it, is Brother Hank Brown, former member of the University of Colorado Chapter. We were very excited about this!

Our rush program this semester came together with a new-found sense of excitement that carried us through one of our best rushes ever. We rushed thirteen great men who we feel will benefit our chapter greatly. Our Epsilon pledge class is currently working on our annual fund raising event, Greek Goddess, which benefits the Greeley Women's Shelter.

The philanthropic aspect of our chapter has been a busy one of late. We have participated in many American Cancer Society fund-raisers this semester as well as lending a hand in "Affair in the Square" a local charity fund raising event. We also lent our muscle to Habitat for Humanity, the UNC Lab School, and to Heath Jr. High where we put on our annual haunted house with the women of Alpha Sigma Alpha. Homecoming this year was an eventful one. We celebrated homecoming with the women of Alpha Sigma Alpha who helped us place third in the homecoming parade float contest. Along with the homecoming festivities we had an alumni tail-gater before the football

game where we were glad to see all the alumni that came out to support us.

We had our best ever Adopt-A-School kickoff with Cameron Elementary School this semester. We have fifteen members of our chapter involved in Adopt-A-School this semester and, as always, we run and facilitate the Adopt-A-School program and open it up to the whole campus so that more young children can benefit from the program.

Our chapter has always excelled in campus leadership. We have many members in leadership positions around campus and these are just to name a few. Brian Davidson is on our Student Representative Council where he is the Student Trustee, Ryan Mayeda runs the University Program Council, Matt Cook is heading up the United Way book drive on campus, Jeremy Simons is the Executive Vice President of IFC, and Brian Allhouse is the IFC Sports Chairman.

Intramural sports this semester on campus took a turn for the better now that IFC is hiring referees to officiate the games. Our chapter has made a great showing this semester in every sport we have participated in and we hope to retain the Greek

Cup this spring.

The men of Theta Omicron would like to thank all of our alumni for their continued support and interest in the chapter. We would also like to give a heart felt thanks to our Chapter Advisors Larry Swanson and Tom Edwards for their unparalleled support and advice. —*Jerod Carroll*

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This year has been an exciting one for the men of Beta Pi. In addition to the many activities that we are involved in throughout the year, fall quarter was a very busy time. Our annual philanthropy, the PJ Races, was a huge success. We raised close to \$5,000 for Camp Heartland, a summer camp for children with HIV. Also, we continued to be involved with Adopt-a-School. We expect to have a super rush with 25 new pledges in the winter. We have done some great things with the shelter—refinished the great room floor and bought new chairs for our chapter room. We also continued our intramural dominance with a football championship. We also would like to acknowledge Jon Whitcher, '01, for completing the Chicago Marathon. —*Bradley Cook*

**Ohio**  
Beta

The men of Beta Chapter had a busy summer and fall quarter. Beta Chapter initiated four new members this fall and had another successful rush, bringing in 12 new pledges. Paired with the women of Chi Omega, alumni turnout during homecoming was greater than expected. We thank all of those attending and look forward to seeing you again on Founders Day, April 17.

Socially, Beta Chapter recently went white water raft-

ing in West Virginia followed by our date party, "Christmas in November," later in the quarter.

We finished second in UFC football, competing in the all-campus tournament, followed by defending our three-year title in IFC soccer. Beta Chapter also finished above the All-Men's and All-Greek Average with a 2.88 cumulative grade point average.

The end of fall quarter represented the conclusion of terms for President Shawn DeRose, Treasurer Sean Savage and the rest of the Executive Council. Thank you for a job well done.

**Oklahoma**  
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Once again, The Delta Alpha Chapter kicked off the fall school year with a lot of success, accomplishments, and enthusiasm. In August, the members moved back into the house which received major remodeling over the summer. The improvements were made possible by donations and the house corporation. The Delta Alpha Chapter also had great success in fall rush. Due to the great work of the rush chairmen and all the members, the Delta Alpha Chapter signed fifty-four quality pledges, meeting

**Nebraska Delts with one of their Adopt-a-School buddies.**







**Nebraska members after their philanthropic run effort.**

100% of our rush goal. With the house full to its maximum capacity, the Delts have raised the chapter GPA to a 3.0 which included eleven 4.0 averages. This improvement won Delta Alpha Chapter the John Venable Award for greatest academic improvement.

Delta Alpha Chapter has also had tremendous involvement in various community activities. These include homecoming, Greek Week, OU Cousins program, Adopt-A-School, and other philanthropy activities including a Christmas party that provided gifts for children of low income families.

Just recently, the Delt house hosted its annual Dad's Day weekend. The event was a huge success and allowed the fathers of the Delts as well as alumni to come and enjoy the tradition the Delts have established on the University of Oklahoma.

The Delt house also was given the opportunity to visit with Delta Alpha Alumnus Pat Ryan, the US attorney that prosecuted Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols. Mr. Ryan gave a presentation, a question and answer session, and time to visit with the membership.

Finally, the Delta Alpha Chapter has been involved in a fund raising campaign which will be used in phases to renovate the shelter. These contributions will be

invested into a chapter that has proven itself as one of the best houses on the Oklahoma campus.

—Michael Leinen

#### **Oregon State Delta Lambda**

The brothers of Delta Lambda are excited about the up and coming year. After the house went through an extensive member evaluation and reconstruction we now have a total of 18 members. This fall rush we got a total of eight new pledges. Their names are Scott Kelley, Ryan James, Josh Dunlap, Yosef Monus, Jeremy Barber, Jeremy Haynes, John Phillips and Scott Wissbaum.

All of us are working hard to build back this chapter. We combined our efforts on informal rush with a goal in mind of 20 new pledges by the end of the fall term, followed by 20 new pledges for winter and spring term. We continually had tremendous support from our alumni as they have formed an Alumni Supervisory Committee. This committee has helped us rebuild not only through their support and involvement but by raising money for our shelter improvements.

We are glad excited about all the opportunities that lie in our future. —Russ Gold

#### **Ottawa Theta Theta**

Fall semester was a busy one for Theta Theta. With brothers working straight through the summer into September, it was hard to catch a break. Nonetheless, September began with the chapter moving into its new shelter, an eight-bedroom house, close to campus. The time and effort put into our new home just to make it livable was incredible, but certainly paid off in the end.

No sooner had we moved

into the shelter than it was time for Orientation Week. Once again, Theta Theta was involved in coordinating the week as brothers acted as Frosh Guides to help the first-year students adjust to their new surroundings. Special mention must be made to two brothers who coordinated our annual Shinerama Campaign for Cystic Fibrosis. Congratulations to Brothers Mike Howard and Chris Blais who helped raise over \$10,000 for a very worthy cause. It is also worth mentioning that this was the fourth year out of five that a Delt has organized the event.

As we settle into our daily routines, we continue to prove that we are philanthropic leaders not only at the University of Ottawa but for all Greeks in the city. Led again by Philanthropy Chair, and last year's Delt Man of the Year, Pete Greenhill, Theta Theta sponsored a child in South America through the Christian Children's Fund and continues its Adopt-a-School program with Queen Mary Street School. In September, Ottawa Delts took part in the AIDS Walk to raise awareness for AIDS research and also did a food drive for a local homeless shelter.

October was marked by a month-long effort to raise funds for the local chapter of the Canadian Cancer Society. We are proud to announce that we were able to donate

over \$600 to a cause that has deeply affected our chapter.

With so much work, there has also got to be time for play. This year's Greek Olympics in Ottawa were met with success by the Delts as we won several competitions and finished the weekend with the most Sportsmanlike Team Award. Events included football, air hockey, foosball and Twister. Social Chair Eric Lapierre also put the finishing touches on this year's Halloween Havoc Party which was a big hit.

We were proud to announce the results of our recent fundraiser for the replanting of trees lost in the Sandy Hill area of Ottawa due to the January ice storm. Overall, the night was a great success with a large turnout and a good time had by all. The total funds raised, with all going to the Mayor's Task Force for Re-Treeing Ottawa, came to more than \$530, surpassing our goals by \$150.

We look forward to the Eastern Division Conference in Allentown in February. We would like to take this opportunity to invite any and all chapters to come up and sample Canuck hospitality.

—Kevin Machin

#### **Pittsburgh Gamma Sigma www.pit.edu/~delts**

Here at the University of Pittsburgh, the brothers have been striving to maintain the dominance that has



**Kearny Delts after a recent sorority mixer.**



prevailed over the years. Rejuvenated by Karnea and boasting a newly renovated Chapter Room, Gamma Sigma began fall semester on the right foot.

Functioning as a cohesive unit, our brotherhood came together for our first endeavor of the semester—rush. We recruited the best men on campus and are excited about the enthusiasm and outstanding qualities of our 16 pledges.

Academically, Deltas received the second best GPA for campus fraternities. Several of our members were also inducted into the Gold Key National Honor Society and Omicron Delta Kappa. Gamma Sigma is continuing its strong presence in all campus arenas. Our chapter is represented on the Student Government board, football team, soccer team, Allocations Committee, IFC and is anticipating the election of the 12th Delt out of the last 22 Student Government Board Presidents at Pitt.

Greek Odyssey is in full swing as our brotherhood is dedicated to a first place victory. We have been canning at Steeler games, concerts and rush hours. For the second year in a row, this philanthropy benefits the Free Care Fund of Children's Hospital.

The shelter is looking as good as new due to extensive renovations. The Chapter Room received new carpeting, ceiling tiles, wallpaper, and reupholstery of furniture. The exterior also received a facelift through impressive landscaping in the front. Special thanks go out to our generous alumni, house corporation members and house and grounds committee for making it happen. In closing, I would like to invite you all to visit our web site, selected as the Fraternity's Site of the Month last November. Tell us what you think!

—Brian Capone

**Purdue**  
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As the world approaches the twenty-first century, it is not difficult to see why the men of the Gamma Lambda Chapter are always needing to exercise change. Anti-Greek biases in the media constantly bombard us, the cost of insurance increases (seemingly exponentially), and as the world around us prepares for the next millennium, we undergraduates must also change in our preparation for that world.

However, it's not these changes that we must endure that makes Gamma Lambda so great. It's the constants that keep us on the up and up, even though we are faced with the same problems that the entire Greek community faces, and the problems that Delta Tau Delta faces as a whole.

First, and always the most important, is the consistency of the brotherhood we share. Our brotherhood committee always finds exciting things for us to get together, from movie night to foosball tournaments. However, from my observations living in the house, the real brotherhood occurs when groups of us get in someone's room and talk, tell stories, laugh, disagree, and ask each other for help. I know that there will never be another time or place in my life where this kind of brotherhood will be possible.

Another major constant is the condition of the shelter itself. We are always striving to make our house look better, and this year, the "new side" addition to our house had carpet laid down for the first time since it's birth in 1969. Hopefully, our new mailroom will also be completed soon.

Of course, one constant that we may need to improve on is that of our actual

grades. Although we always fare very well in the fall semester amongst the All Fraternity Average and the All Men's Average, our spring semester grades are always significantly lower. Our academics chair is always working on ways to remedy this situation, as we implement new programs such as having academic teams of three brothers compete for a three hundred dollar prize.

Another constant we'd like to note is our involvement in philanthropic events, like Adopt-a-School and our own Powderpuff Football tournament, which raises money for the American Heart Association...or our constant excellence in athletics, both interfraternity and university sports...or our rushing techniques, considering the fact that we almost doubled the number of brothers living in the shelter this year.

Finally, although we don't really talk about social too much in *Rainbow* reports, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Arch Chapter for not imposing Prohibition on us. [Yet.—*The Editor*] Even in these times of media scrutiny of alcohol in fraternity houses, we must remember that we are undergraduate students preparing for the world. If we are not mature enough to control alcohol when we are here, then Delta Tau Delta should teach us that responsibility. We all appreciate the effort that Delta Tau Delta makes with programs such as *Deltas Talking About Alcohol*, instead of just giving up on us.

Where we go from here is still anyone's guess, but with the constants I have seen living here in this shelter, I know that we are going forward into the next millennium at full speed. Of that, we all are very proud.

—Bob Mihocik

**Quincy**  
Crescent Colony

On November 25, colony status at Quincy University was withdrawn. In his letter announcing the unfortunate action, Director of Alumni and Undergraduate Expansion Matt Frazier cited Article XI, Section 4 of the Fraternity's Bylaws which state, "A group will cease to be recognized as a colony of Delta Tau Delta when membership declines below 15 undergraduates."

He added, "This decision is not reflected of the quality of men at Quincy University. On the contrary, I believe the men have represented the Fraternity honorably. As you



**Northwestern Deltas enjoy a moment of brotherhood.**

know, we must stand in integrity with the By-laws and rules of the Fraternity as voted by the membership at the biennial Karnea and enforced by the Arch Chapter. It is our intent to encourage you to maintain communication regarding your success in spring recruitment. I would expect that you will re-petition for colony status once you have surpassed the 20 man requirement.

**RPI**  
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This fall has been a great one for the brothers of Upsilon Chapter at Rensselaer. We began this school year with an exceptional rush. With 24 members, our pledge class was the second largest on campus, and one of the largest classes



in recent chapter history. We are very excited about the implementation of our newly revamped pledge program and look forward to initiating the entire class.

Every brother that comes through Upsilon Chapter realizes that the utmost goal at our institution is academics. To this end we implemented a new academic program designed to help those brothers who may be falling behind. This program is quite comprehensive and we expect great results because

of it.

Upsilon Chapter is concerned with more than just the well being of its members. With one of our members being the IFC Vice President of Philanthropy we are also very involved in our community. We have been involved in many diverse community service projects ranging from planting flowers at a local park to assisting with a Field Days event for regional elementary school students.

School is more than just

work, and we at Upsilon also know how to have fun. We actively participate in IFC sports competitions of all levels and have several varsity athletes within our chapter. We are also proud to say that one member of our chapter has been crowned "MR. RPI." This is a prestigious title given annually based upon academics, talent, and personality.

We recently held our annual alumni weekend and would like to report that it was highly successful. Not

only did it raise money for capital improvements to the shelter, but it also put us in touch with many alumni whom had lost contact with the house. With the aid of the Central Office we were able to greatly expand our alumni database. We are thankful to all of our alumni for their support of Delta Tau Delta. This semester is shaping up to be a significant one for Upsilon Chapter, and the future is looking bright.

—Timothy Lyons

**San Diego**  
Theta Zeta

The Theta Zeta Dels did well this year. Beginning with intramurals, a tie for second place put us in the playoffs for flag football. One of our star players, Pete Mendiola helped get us here by scoring an average of three touchdowns a game. Our most cherished win was beating our Lambda Chi Alpha rivals with a last second interception to win the game.

Recruitment last semester was mediocre with a total of two pledges to count. Our efforts are primarily focused on spring semester this year because of the school's deferred rush program. Our chapter initiated an awesome plan for spring and we are already seeing results that are in line with our goal of 20 pledges. With strong support and cooperation from the chapter and the great leadership of the recruitment team, we will accomplish this goal.

We held our annual Haunted House for local children. With the help of the Alpha Dels Pis, everything went off without a hitch. It was an exciting time to watch the kids having so much fun. Some other events included our second place finish in Greek Week and an increase in our chapter GPA from dead last to third overall.

Our annual Charter Ball, held November 6 in Las



## Pittsburgh Alumnus Wins Highest Greek Award

**Martin "Tim" Sheerer, Pittsburgh '59,** (center with plaque) was awarded the Sigma Chi J. Roger Glunt Award for the 1998 academic year. The award acknowledges alumni dedication to the University of Pittsburgh and Greek Life. Through the past 25 years, Sheerer has served on Gamma Sigma's House Corporation including the last ten years as president. Mr. Sheerer has been instrumental in assisting the undergraduates in the daily operations of running the chapter as a business. His personalized service to the undergraduate executive board proves effective in the daily operations of the chapter.

Sheerer holds much pride in the Pitt's Greek System and believes that if an individual gives to the system it will give to them. Stemming from this belief, Sheerer has always served as a mentor to all undergraduates; providing assistance in finding internships and employment upon graduation.

With the rise of more stringent regulations on fraternities in general, Sheerer has counseled undergraduates on the dangers of alcohol and the repercussions of drinking from a legal aspect. He has also urged undergraduates to combat these and other obstacles by taking leadership roles in the fraternity while stressing how beneficial these roles will prove later in life. Taking several roles as an undergraduate himself has paved the way for many more Pittsburgh alumni.

Sheerer is an active member of the Golden Panthers and is highly supportive of the University in general. Perhaps the most crucial role he currently plays at the University from a Greek perspective is on the University Housing Committee. In this forum Sheerer represent the House Corporations of all fraternities at Pitt and reminds the University of the commitment the chapter has made by moving from Bayard Street to University Drive. Martin W. Sheerer is an outstanding Greek Alumni from the University of Pittsburgh who bleeds blue and gold. His commitment to the University and the Greek system are unparalleled and deserve the special merit of the Glunt Award.



Vegas, was a big event to celebrate our chapter's founding and everyone had a great time. Lastly, our infamous DTAA intern, Bryan Weatherup, finished his internship for the fall semester and returned home for the spring. We look forward to having him back in San Diego! —Chris Niles

**Southeastern Oklahoma State**  
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Thirteen alumni returned to SOSU. For the Parents Day cookout, the chapter made a "Studio 54" float. This year's rush program was the most creative the campus had ever seen. For our *Waterworld* event, the chapter took rushees out on lake to ride jet skis. For the *Top Gun* event, we took rushees flying over Lake Texoma.

For the *Days of Thunder* party everybody went go-cart riding. For the "Animal House" theme we showed *Animal House* and then had an alumnus speak about what Delta Tau Delta is all about.

Theta Nu has the highest GPA on campus among fraternities, placed first in IFC sports last spring and, at the time of this report, are still ranked first.

For our philanthropic event, members visited

Stringtown Prison to bring and serve refreshments to prisoners in the African American Culture Club.

—Robert H. Young III

**South Carolina**  
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On April 4, 1998, in the Gressette Room of Harper College, fifty eight men were initiated into pledgship as Founding Fathers of the Theta Eta Crescent Colony for the recolonization of Delta Tau Delta at the University of South Carolina in Columbia. Expansion representatives Ryan Snow, Kris Troha, and Matthew Frazier handpicked these men from a pool of over one hundred and twenty prospects. To date, our colony is sixty-three men strong.

This semester, we are working hard to establish a good base for service in the Columbia community. Our Adopt-A-School program is coming together nicely. We have chosen our school, met with the teachers, and have even gotten involved with the kids. For instance, we recently hosted a Haunted House at the school for the kids. They really seemed to have a great time. We also have plans to coach a Little League baseball or basketball team in

the spring.

Involvement on the USC campus this semester has also been important to us. With us being a new organization, it was vital to establish good relationship with our fellow students, professors and other organizations. We have taken this campus by storm! We have involvement in almost every club on campus and recently placed 2nd, along with Delta Delta Delta Sorority, in our homecoming competition. We are ready to make a difference at USC.

As a new colony, we look to other Deltas who can guide us in the right direction.

Jason Joseph, our Founding President says his experience as a Delt has had its ups and downs, but [he has] come to realize the importance of living up to the standards set by the original eight founding fathers. Truth, courage, faith and power are our fundamental principles and it is our determination as a Crescent Colony to live our lives by these principles.

—Daniel Kirkley

**South Dakota**  
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The members have been busy this fall with many house and campus activities.

Rush this fall went very well. We pledged fifteen new men each of whom has the potential to become a great leader in the Fraternity as well as in the community.

This year we are paired with the women of Alpha Xi Delta and the men of Sigma Nu. Our first event was building a float for our homecoming parade.

On October 27, our kitchen was renovated. We would like to thank the alumni who made this possible by donating \$6,000 to get new cupboards, flooring, and a new refrigerator. The kitchen was the only room in the house excluded from the

renovation of 1995.

This past fall we also started a new philanthropic event, a band-fest, to coincide with National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness week. We sponsored this event with the Program Council, but plan on doing it on our own next year. The band-fest featured four area bands. The main feature was the band "Groove Juice" which is composed primarily of Deltas.

Delta Gamma members Austin Eich and Jesse Kelley competed in a national debate tournament held in Dayton, Ohio. Austin placed first while Jesse took fourth.

Currently we are placed fourth in intramurals. With football coming to a close three on three basketball is now in progress.

We also had a number of Deltas from the University of Nebraska-Kearney come visit for a weekend in October. During their visit we had a football game between the South Dakota Deltas and the Kearney Deltas. It was great to be able to hang out with brothers from other campuses and find out what life is like on other campuses.

To celebrate our 75th anniversary we will be having a banquet over the first weekend in November '99. It will coincide with the State vs. U game. —Tim Eckart

**Southeastern Louisiana**  
Epsilon Phi

Fall '98 was one of the most exciting semesters in the recent history of Epsilon Phi. Things got underway with an exciting trip to Kansas City, where five of our undergraduates and two alumni representatives had a blast working on Sid Gonsoulin's Karnea Sergeant-at-Arms Committee. Thanks for the opportunity, Sid, and congratulations on your outstanding award, officially recognizing what we already knew.



**Ohio Wesleyan Pledge Brothers of Past International President David Hughes gathered in Kansas City for his Karnea farewell.**



If we excelled in any one area last fall it was rush. We believe that we had a jump on other fraternities with summer functions, including several trips to New Orleans Zephyr baseball games and a joint rush barbecue with the newly formed Epsilon Phi Alumni Association. Three Deltas participated in the Rho Alpha program where fraternity members disaffiliate from their respective chapters and work together to rush new members into the Greek system. Furthermore, for the first time ever we awarded three Epsilon Phi Leadership Scholarships to worthy incoming freshmen. By the end of the semester we had initiated twelve outstanding new members, all of whom are already contributing in significant ways to our chapter. In fact, of the seven new Executive Board officers for next year, three are brand new initiates. Not content with such success, the chapter held a rush dinner the last week of the semester so that we could generate some interest among possible rushees over the Christmas holidays.

In other news, on the academic front we began the semester having placed second on campus in grades for the previous spring.

Community service was a strong point; in addition to Adopt-a-School, we participated in the New Orleans Revlon Walk for Breast Cancer, Deltas-Do-a-Thousand for the Boys and

Girls Club, and one of our brothers captained the I.F.C. team in the American Cancer Foundation's Relay for Life. Finally, a few of our brothers participated in the campus wide "America Reads" program. Two of our brothers were elected I.F.C. officers and three of our new members also served as Junior I.F.C. officers. Homecoming at Southeastern saw the Deltas win the week-long homecoming activities—the first time that a fraternity has ever won this prestigious award.

Finally, two of our brothers were selected to be University Orientation Leaders for 1999.

All in all it was an incredible semester and spring promises to be even more exciting with the 30th Anniversary Rainbow Formal on March 27. —*Pat Horn*

**Southern Mississippi**  
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The 1998 fall semester has become one of the most successful semesters that Zeta Chi has seen in years. The semester began with a formal rush program giving Zeta Chi their first four pledges for the semester. Through the course of this semester the brothers have recruited twelve more pledges bringing their total to sixteen which exceeds their prospectus goal for the semester.

After the victory over East Carolina by Southern Miss, Zeta Chi alumni, family and friends enjoyed the newest addition to the Zeta Chi shelter, a 50' hand-crafted, bi-level, wooden deck, during the homecoming festivities that followed the game.

The months of November and December include Zeta Chi's annual garage sale host-

ed in part with The Association of Office Professionals benefiting the United Way. Planning has already begun for Zeta Chi's most successful event, their annual Cystic Fibrosis Corporate Sports Challenge. To finish off the semester, the men of Zeta Chi looked forward to holding their annual Christmas Formal event. This brought the fall calendar to an exciting and successful close. —*Jason M. Hurd*

**Stephen F. Austin**  
Zeta Psi

On January 11, the Fraternity's Arch Chapter voted to suspend the Charter of Zeta Psi Chapter for alcohol policy violations.

Earlier this month, the Fraternity investigated the chapter's operations after a freshman student, who had recently accepted a bid to become a member of the chapter, was hospitalized with a blood alcohol content of .44. During the course of the investigation, the chapter acknowledged that it had provided alcohol to minors and violated fraternity and university policies in this regard.

"Underage drinking and other forms of abuse will not be condoned by the Fraternity," said International President Dr. Tom Huddleston. "Delta Tau Delta has enjoyed a 12-year partnership with Stephen F. Austin State University, and it is my sincere hope that we will return to this campus with a revitalized chapter that strengthens learning and contributes to a meaningful collegiate experience."

The university also placed the chapter on a two-year suspension. —*News Release*

**Syracuse**  
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This fall at Gamma Omicron has been an interesting one. The first week back was spent cleaning

up and renovating the shelter. We have 56 brothers preparing to make a run on the Chancellor's Cup and the Hugh Shields award. This is going to be our year.

On Labor Day we were hit by a mean little tornado that turned Syracuse University upside down along with the city. There wasn't any major damage to the house, some water damage and trees downed in the yard. Unfortunately the parking lot didn't make out so well.

Everyone parked here had at least a smashed windshield and one brother's car was totaled by a large tree and a telephone pole. We were without power for a week so many of us decided to "get out of the dark" and go to Ann Arbor, Mich. for the SU/UM football game. About 20 of us hopped in cars for the eight-hour pilgrimage. A big thanks to the Deltas of Michigan. They took good care of us even though we spanked them in the football game. It was a good networking experience and we're now planning on hosting them in the rematch at Syracuse.

We completed fall rush, pinning nine sophomores, a great number considering that only 70 men signed up to rush 12 houses. In just six weeks, the time allotted by the Greek Office at SU, the pledges will be initiated.

Other events included a brotherhood white-water rafting trip, alumni banquet, bid day and initiation parties and homecoming in November. That is all and all is well from Gamma Omicron at Syracuse University. —*Brian M. Luce*

**Tennessee**  
Delta Delta

The fall of 1998 brought a new sense of brotherhood, as we reflected back on a successful formal rush.

**Southeastern  
Oklahoma Deltas  
took rushees flying for a spectacular event.**







**The Delts at Sam Houston State gather in front of the newly christened MacKenzie Shelter.**

Determined and hard-working, the acquired pledges will surely be a great asset, bringing with them both leadership and a desire to help their new home, Delta Tau Delta, reach its potential. We looked forward to homecoming and were excited to participate in all the activities and competitions that go along with the week-long project. We competed in intramural sports including football, soccer, volleyball, and basketball. We were excited to participate in different mixers and social functions with various sororities on campus. As far as shelter improvements, the chapter put forth great effort in making improvements to both the outside and the interior. We also continued our participation in the Adopt-a-School program by helping out teachers with students at Dogwood Elementary. Overall, the fall brought great excitement and anticipation for the future as we here at Delta Delta continue to grow. Already, we are actively working on rush for the spring, and have several lock-ins. —David Sales

**Texas@ Austin**  
Gamma Iota

The brothers of Gamma Iota would like to extend our greetings and report continued success. With the fall semester now over, our chapter was busy with the contin-

ued planning of our house renovation project, as well as maintaining excellence in rush, philanthropy and academics. Gamma Iota continued to be a distinguished example of Delta Tau Delta. Our legacy of leadership advanced with our substantial representation within the university IFC, the continued annual Gamma Iota leadership retreat, and the sending of our largest group ever to Karnea. Gamma Iota continued to be a highly regarded member of the UT community and upheld the long-standing Delt tradition of life-long brotherhood.

The long awaited groundbreaking of the chapter house renovation project was just around the corner and the fundraising campaign had been met with great support from the chapter alumni and undergraduates. The undergraduate chapter would like to thank the alumni who generously donated money to the project and to everyone who worked so hard to plan, design, and fund the needed renovations. The months to follow will be filled with excitement and anticipation for the project's commencement.

Our membership recently benefited from the initiation of 20 outstanding young men, in addition to welcoming a new fall pledge class of 48. We owe Rush Captains Trey Penny, Steve Hobbs, Trent Erikson, and Rush

Chairman Thomas Morton a great deal of thanks for the outstanding job they did. We are excited about educating such a large group of young men who will soon become distinguished members of our fraternity.

Under the leadership of Philanthropy Chairman Tim Gross, Gamma Iota has extended its tradition of service to our surrounding community. The Austin Adopt-a-School program continued to help underprivileged children become more successful in school. We have supported these efforts for years and strive to continue this support in years to come. Our members took part in the opportunity offered by the HOSTS program to build a positive influence on the lives of young people and the feeling that came from helping others to succeed has increased volunteer participation by Texas Delts. In addition to the HOSTS program, Gamma Iota again volunteered time to the Austin Feed the Homeless Drive which helped the less fortunate citizens of our city enjoy free meals during the holidays.

The academic success we experienced during the spring semester continued through the fall. Scholastic Chairman Peter Duggan continued to excel at keeping Texas Delts among the top fraternities on campus. Our new tutoring program and organized study participation provided members with the opportunity to receive extra help with their studies. Gamma Iota experienced another landmark scholastic achievement by honoring six outstanding members with academic scholarships, each worth \$500. The importance of education has never been more apparent at Gamma Iota.

The successes achieved at Gamma Iota can be credited to the leadership of this past year's officers. Under the

guidance of Chapter President Adam Krug, Gamma Iota accomplished milestones of improvement and initiated standards that will be followed for years to come. As we look to the next year, I am confident that we will continue to grow and improve as a successful organization with the upcoming officer elections. Our chapter proudly bears the coat of arms of Delta Tau Delta and strives to be a leader of excellence and tradition. —Jason Fox

**Texas A&M-Commerce**  
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The brothers of E.H. have had some eventful times this past semester. We pledged 11 quality men ranging in majors from music to business. Of all the things they were taught as a pledge class, the one lesson we feel was the most important, was to teach them how to be great brothers, not great pledges.

We did fairly well in intramurals placing 2nd in basketball and racquetball, and placing 1st in softball; winning best fraternity team. We also had an outstanding philanthropy event that benefited Commerce High School, and when it was all said and done, we happily gave \$1200 total to various programs within the school.

When the fall started, we renewed our vows to this fraternity, to ourselves, and to our chapter that we are committed to lives of excellence, and committed to each other. Our brotherhood is

**Theta Nu Delts provide a touch of class and moral support as a brother makes a memorable proposal.**







**Stevens Tech members participate in a DTAA training program.**

strong and will only get better, because we believe in Delta Tau Delta.

Last fall, we pledged 15 of the best men that went through the rush program, and we look forward to calling them brothers. Intramurals are always fun this time of year. We are very competitive in football, beating last year's defending champions, and we expect to give our Greek opponents a run for their money with the other sports.

We are looking forward to another great spring with our new members, and our new pledges. We continue to stick to our roots for our inspiration and our dedication. The brothers here at E.H. wish the best for all of our brothers out there.

—Josh Card

#### **Texas Tech Epsilon Delta**

We completed fall rush and, due to new university requirements, only 330 men entered the rush process. With a dedication to excellence we obtained 49 men to create our new fall pledge class—the largest pledge class on campus, and definitely the best.

Big news was the capital campaign to overhaul and rebuild our lodge. Kent Hance, '65, is the campaign chairman and John T. Brown, '64, is vice chairman. The campaign is being professionally directed by the Delt Educational Foundation.

A feasibility study, including personal interviews by the Foundation, indicate that our alumni will be very supportive of the campaign. We are getting great support from our alumni. John T. Brown has taken the initiative to start a new alumni

association. The response to the first membership solicitation has been excellent. John asks that if you've not already done so, please send in your \$25 annual dues.

Epsilon Delt's has initiated a new drug free policy which has been embraced by all members and pledges. Our policy is, "If you do drugs, don't apply here." We hope it becomes the model for other chapters throughout the Fraternity. The chapter is assisting handicapped citizens of Lubbock by installing ramps, handrails, etc at their homes and collected canned goods for the Lubbock Area Food Bank's Christmas Food Drive.

Epsilon Delta Chapter is looking forward to a great new semester and promising new beginning. Although academics is our most important priority, we still find time to have fun with an outstanding social calendar. Finally, the Epsilon Delta Chapter of Delta Tau Delta would like to give a hardy thanks to our alumni. Without their help and guidance these past two semesters we would have been lost.....THANKS! —Jeff Katz

#### **Villanova Zeta Theta**

As the fall semester drew to a close, the brothers of Zeta Theta could look back with a great feeling of accomplishment and pride. We had another successful recruitment last fall and

accepted six new brothers, due in large part to the tireless efforts of Recruitment Chair Greg Flett.

Jimmy Hamilton did an admirable job running the Greek Halloween Party for children from the Villanova area. The event hosted hundreds of children and their parents.

David Schnitz, our philanthropy chair, worked selflessly with the Alpha Phi sorority to make our Phiasta Bowl flag football tournament a huge success. The Phiasta Bowl is the second largest philanthropy event on campus and raises thousands of dollars annually.

It is an interesting time here as the Founding Fathers begin to bid farewell to Villanova and prepare to depart into their professional careers. A special token of gratitude should be made to three time President Jason Amoroso and Treasurer Adam Flett whose leadership and persistence conceptualized the future of the Villanova Delt's. Gradually the leadership of the chapter is being transferred to its younger brothers. We are confident that their enthusiasm and dedication will provide a bright future for Zeta Theta. —Steve Di Rodo

#### **Virginia Beta Iota jbsyd@virginia.edu**

The 1998-99 school year was marked by changes around the shelter. Due to the generosity of the Educational Foundation and some fine work by the house corporation, the brotherhood secured a substantial loan to complete much needed house renovations. Ranging from refinished hardwood floors to new bathrooms to a metal-roofed porch, the shelter has taken on a new look. This should prove to be an asset as spring rush approaches. To share in celebrating the renovations, Mike

Deal and Duane Wimer visited the shelter over homecoming weekend to watch the Cavaliers thwart San Jose State. A catered dinner and brunch were a few of the activities highlighting the weekend.

In athletics, senior Kevin Roe made quite a name for himself leading the intramural football team to another perfect season. You can see the face of senior Chris Williams on ESPN lifting three cheerleaders as he roots on the football squad. Other brothers have taken on athletic activities ranging from club soccer to club volleyball.

Following tradition, a large portion of the brotherhood has taken on extracurricular activities. Some new initiates joined the prestigious University Guide Service, while others such as Todd Johnson are serving on the Board of Trustees. Junior Hunter Ferguson has continued his service, serving as alumni chairman of both the IFC and Beta Iota. Upcoming philanthropic events include our traditional Bowl-a-Thon to raise money in benefiting breast cancer, as well as building houses for Habitat for Humanity.

With formal rush being shifted to spring, we gave out three bids during informal rush last fall including Andy Salembier, brother of a former Beta Iota president.

If you are in the Charlottesville area, please stop by the renovated shelter. I'm sure you'll be impressed with changes around the house. —James Sharpe

#### **Wabash College Beta Psi lisherj@wabash.edu**

The brothers of Beta Psi have had yet another successful year. This last semester we initiated one new brother, Brian Riechner. The Delt shelter has complet-



ed renovations provided by the college and is in great shape.

Beta Psi is very proud of our campus standing. Academic excellence has continued with our house's GPA ranking in the top three year after year. Our community involvement is increasing. We have participated in the Adopt-a-Highway, tutoring programs, and are beginning the Adopt-a-School program. Deltas here at Beta Psi are major players in campus leadership. We are proud to have the student senate president, editor of the paper, IFC vice-president and treasurer, APO president, captains of three varsity sports, Spanish club president and treasurer, as well as last year's freshman of the year.

Beta Psi is widely involved in athletics. Currently, we have athletes in every varsity sport here at Wabash. Our football team is 7-0, and the soccer team, with 8 of 11 starters being Deltas, are looking to win their conference this year.

Brothers are also involved in organizations such as Glee Club, Jewish Student Union, Malcolm X Institute, German Club, French Club, Psych Club, Model UN president, Pre-Law Society, etc.



**1st VP Bob Roush presents awards during Gamma Iota's Parents Weekend.**

We look forward to another great year and continued success. We also encourage any Delt alumni to stop by and see our fine chapter.

—James Lisher

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It's been a busy fall for the Deltas of Gamma Mu. We welcomed a pledge class of 17 men to the shelter and all were excited to start upon their new journey. Things were busy from the beginning of the semester as our brothers were involved in numerous activities ranging from intramural football and basketball, pumpkin carving with the women of Delta Delta Delta, and helping the Zetas with their Crown Cup philanthropy. Our own philanthropic event, Miss Greek, was expected to surpass last year's proceeds of \$68,000 for the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. During the summer, we had four brothers attend Karnea and we were all excited to share their new information and enthusiasm with us when they got back. Our annual Handcuff Dance was another great success as it proved a great way to relieve some of the stress from our school work.

Everyone here at Gamma Mu is looking forward to a successful winter quarter as we continue to live lives of excellence.

—Eric Sweet

**Washington State  
Epsilon Gamma**  
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During the past semester we, the men of Epsilon Gamma, have been keeping quite busy. We have been studying hard and are

pleased to be among the top five fraternities in grades and are striving to be number one by next semester. Although academics is our main focus, many of us found time to participate in clubs and intramural sports. Last semester we had over 85% of our chapter involved in intramural sports and had several members in club sports as well.

We also participated in various activities on campus and within the community. We had an intensive Adopt-a-School program in which we tutored junior high school students four days a week. We also had an Adopt-a-Highway program near our shelter, which we made ourselves responsible for keeping clean.

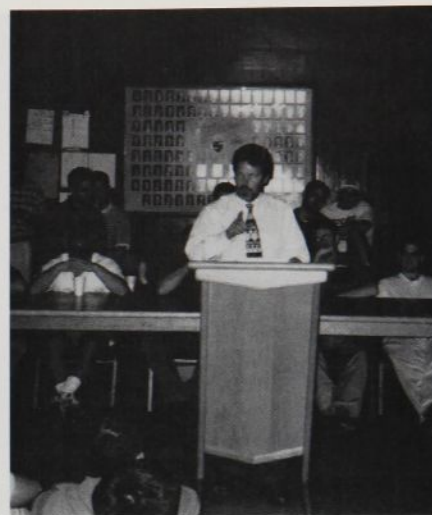
In the near future we will once again be riding our bikes from Pullman to Seattle. We will be riding to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House and hope to raise several thousand dollars again this year.

We had a great formal rush this year and are pleased to say that our numbers are higher than they have been in several years. We are confident that our chapter will continue to succeed and that we will reach new heights in the years to come. We have enjoyed the past semester and are looking forward to the future and the challenges it will bring.

—Jay Garrett

**Washington and Jefferson  
Gamma**  
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The longest-running Delt chapter in continuous existence, Gamma Chapter has firmly established itself as a leader among fraternities on the campus of Washington and Jefferson College. As the largest of the ten fraternities with thirty-seven actives, W&J Deltas are visible in nearly every facet of



campus life, with a hand in nearly every organization on campus.

Brother Joe Kimmell serves as president of the Pre-Health Society, while Brother Joe Bachman serves as president of the Pre-Law Society. Brothers Brian O'Korn, Jerrod Kucharski, and Jesse White also serve as officers in these organizations. Brother Jon Soltz is currently student government vice president along with Brother Brian O'Korn, who is student government secretary. Brother Jesse White is General Manager of WXJX, the campus radio station, with Brothers Brad Sobolewski, Josh Rager, and Greg Thurman on the station's Board of Directors.

However, Gamma Chapter does find time to do more than work. We have "persuaded" several sororities to break tradition when it comes to parties, including Halloween's "Weekend in Hell" with Kappa Alpha Theta and an incredible homecoming with Delta Gamma.

Under the direction of President Pete Marcoline, Gamma Chapter has taken major steps in nearly every area of house operations. We have gotten our Adopt-A-School program underway, and are planning to dedicate

**Texas  
Chapter  
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the chapter.**





**A group of  
Texas Tech Delts**

our Academic Resource Center to Brother Alfred P. Sherriff III (founder of the Delta Tau Delta Educational Foundation), during a ceremony with his family as well as the President of the College. We are the only Greek organization with such a facility, complete with four computers with Internet access, studying areas, and complete academic files. We felt it appropriate to make this dedication now, with 1999 being the 50th anniversary of Brother Sherriff's graduation from W&J.

There can be no question that Gamma Chapter is a leader in the Greek community of Washington and Jefferson, and we can only hope to continue on living lives of excellence as we have been for the past 138 years.  
—Jesse J. White

**West Florida**  
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As the fall semester progressed, we made plans for Buffett Fest, our annual charity beach party. All of the proceeds went towards our philanthropy, the Save the Manatee Foundation. Although Hurricane George pushed the date back more than once, the brothers were focused and intent on making it all happen.

Having adopted a school this past summer, the brothers

have gotten a good sense of service for the community. We still give tours of UWF's nature trail. We do other volunteer work around campus and thrive to be involved. We are currently in the process of adopting another school, and we hope to continue

spreading our service throughout the community.

A majority of our chapter this fall consists of a diverse group of new brothers. They continue to grow and mature, making their mistakes, but learning along the way.

The older brothers guide them with watchful eyes, instilling the values of life-long learning and growth that will make them good Delts. —Chris Bui

**Western Illinois**  
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Fall semester proved to be a successful one for the men of Zeta Lambda Chapter at Western Illinois. Our chapter has taken steps to grow and become a stronger leader in the Greek community as well as in the city of Macomb. With the installation of a new Executive Board, led by Tom Brown as president and Gary Feagans as vice president, our members have continued the solid Delt tradition on this campus.

The semester was highlighted by an excellent rush led by Rush Chairs Drew Adams and Matt Hubert. The chapter was able to acquire a good number of young men who look to step up and lead us into the future. Rush was followed immediately by our 22nd

Annual Big Wheels philanthropy. Every year, Big Wheels, which was named "Most Unique Philanthropy" at the Southern Division Conference last February, raises money for the senior citizens of Macomb. Led by Philanthropy Chair Bill Callahan and with insurmountable support from Mayor Tom Carper, the city of Macomb, and the students here at Western, Big Wheels was a huge success. This year we were able to present the senior citizens with a check for \$2,000 at half time of our homecoming football game. To show their appreciation, the senior citizens invited the entire Zeta Lambda Chapter to the Macomb Senior Citizens Center for dinner. At the senior center, we were able to see the benefits of our donation.

Fall semester also gave our chapter a chance to improve the condition of the shelter. With the help of our house corporation, led by Pat Botterman, J.D. Mason, Mark Dorn, and Ed Bourke, and with the monetary support of our alumni, we were able to receive a new roof on our house. The new roof, along with improvements made to the interior by our members, will keep it in shape for years to come.

Our chapter continues to strive toward all-around excellence. With our strong involvement in the community and on campus, we have been able to carry on the tradition of Delt excellence. We would like to congratulate our graduating seniors and thank them for the great measures they took in making Zeta Lambda the chapter it is today. We look forward to continued success in the semesters to come and wish all Delt chapters luck as they strive toward the commitment to lives of excellence.

—Matthew T. Hubert

**Western Kentucky**  
Epsilon Xi

Fall semester was rather good to the brothers of Epsilon Xi. It started with one of the best rushes we have had in the past couple of years. With the help of Rush Chairman Aaron Miller, we were able to get fourteen new pledges. We also had the pleasure of initiating seven men.

Last semester also brought us various achievements on campus. We received first place in the annual Kappa Delta Shenanigans contest and completed a successful regular season in flag football by going 6-0. One other big project we faced last semester was our annual homecoming. Once again, we had a good showing on campus, but it could not have been done without the help of Ian Campbell and Homecoming Chairman Brad Mohr. The brothers also put on our annual Halloween party for the children at Warren County elementary schools, a project we always take very seriously. We are grateful for the chance to participate in the Adopt-a-School program.

—Dennis Wheatley Jr.

**Western Michigan**  
Theta Upsilon  
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Receiving our charter last February was a proud yet humbling moment for us all. As a whole we learned a lot about each other, other chapters and what it means to be a Delt. Over the summer our chapter held its annual summer canoeing retreat on the White River. We also conducted E-Board and Administrative Committee retreats on Central Lake. James Linton and Jeremy Meier had the honor of attending the Delt Leadership Academy at



Bethany. The following month, Linton, Eric Rumsey and Dean Seales represented Theta Upsilon at Karnea. It was our first encounter with Karnea and was truly an amazing experience.

Delts at Western are starting traditions and setting the example for other organizations on campus to follow. We placed in the top three in grades, intramural sports and philanthropy hours. Our members are active in campus organizations such as club hockey, lacrosse and waterpolo and honor societies such as Mortar Board, Gold Key, Order of Omega and Keystone.

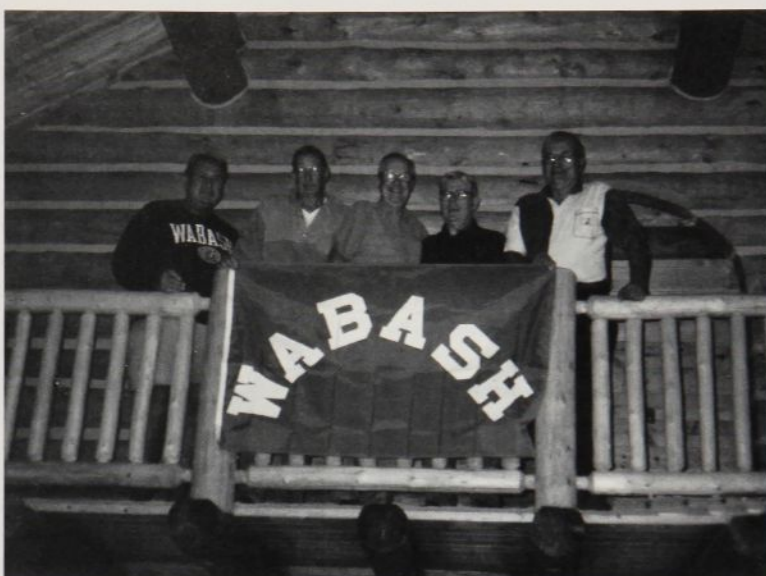
We kicked off the school year with our first annual Valley Volleyfest. The Volleyfest is a volleyball tournament held at the freshman dorms on campus. The event served to welcome students to Western Michigan as a recruitment tool and to make new friends. Rush Week consisted of several exciting events including guitarist Little Ricky Westfall, a Delt carsmash and a Dune Buggy rides provided by Ben Bierlein. Our recruitment continues to improve as our members become more experienced. The move into a shelter on Fraternity Village Drive, a hotbed for Greek orga-

nizations, increased our visibility and recruitment power.

Theta Upsilon's dedication to philanthropy events has also continued. We increased our participation in the Adopt-a-School program at Chime Elementary School, Into the Streets, the Halloween Riverwalk and Ministry with Community. Our fundraising committee hosted open ice hockey at Lawson Arena, a pumpkin carving contest and a campus chalk art contest. The Beta Pledge Class organized and held a Greek-wide 4-on-4 football tournament. The "Battle for the Barrel" tournament was very successful in its first year and is sure to be an annual event with plans to get even bigger.

Theta Upsilon also had the pleasure of hosting Delts from IIT on their chapter walkout. They joined us at the Albion shelter for a social gathering then stayed the weekend helping us with Into the Streets and the Riverwalk. We would like to thank both the Albion and IIT chapters for the chance to broaden our experiences with other chapters. It was a great time for all of us.

For the month of November, our chapter teamed into groups of four to prepare for



**Wabash alumni gather at the Housewarming of the Wabash Little Giant Lodge-West at Allans Park, Colorado, the recently completed mountain home of Jean and Jere Weliver, Wabash '56. The Welivers invited a number of their friends from their college days. Pictured are, from left, Don Caplinger, '57, Ralph Fenesy, '56, Robert Remley, '56, Stanley Matheny, '56 and Jere Weliver, '56.**

our Road Trip '98. Each team traveled to a different Delt chapter throughout the country, with prizes awarded for best pictures, stories and furthest distance traveled.

Most importantly, Theta Upsilon Chapter would like to extend our sincere thanks to Don Stone. He has served our chapter as a true friend, our first pledge educator and as chapter advisor. He is an inspiration to all of us. We wish Don and his family the best of luck. —Dean Seales

are willing to give their time and energy into bettering both Delta Tau Delta and ourselves. Our appointed executive members are President Dave Harvey, '00, Vice President Amit Mathradas, '99, Treasurer Sajjad Mamdani, '01, and secretary, Scott Ness, '01.

We are all very excited to learn and grow as a colony and soon reach chapter status with the help of Chapter Advisor Don Kindler.

—Scott Michael Ness

**Wittenberg**  
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Greetings from the Founding Fathers of Wittenberg University's Delta Tau Delta Crescent Colony. We are both honored and excited to join the family of such a prestigious fraternity. Although we are very new at fraternity life we are very eager to live lives of excellence and grow as a brotherhood.

We pledged fifteen men, all whom are devoted to the values of Delta Tau Delta and



**A group of Villanova Delts blend into the woods during their camouflage party.**



The guidance and direction that chapters are offering their members is faltering and causing a serious drop in membership for all fraternal organizations. For this reason the Resident Advisor program is a service that every chapter should seriously consider.

It is amazing to look back on the past two years and assess the personal gains that I have had, all of which stem from my experience as a Resident Advisor.

First, I have had the

with their chapters.

Chapters need someone who, in age, can relate to the members while maintaining a working distance from them.

Most housemothers cannot attend chapter or committee meetings and give structural guidance to the undergraduates. However, the Resident Advisor can do all of these things.

The Resident Advisor is an alumni member of the fraternity that has completed his undergraduate education.

But who has also had recent

Funded by the Educational Foundation, the program was, on most accounts a success. However, a lack of interest killed the program.

During the program's peak there were approximately 16 Alumni Resident Advisors working in various chapters.

Informally, this type of residential guidance began when the fraternity system started. It was not uncommon that an older member or alumni would live with the chapter in their house or dormitory. Often this man was a member of the faculty.

Kevin Snyder, a present Chapter Consultant, visited Gamma Pi in the last year and saw the results the R.A. program has had on the chapter. According to him, "The resident advisor program offers the chapter not only a worthwhile advisory and support system, but it also brings each member a friend who they can trust and relate to in order to ensure they are doing the right thing."

The Gamma Pi alumni recognized that the chapter needed a more responsible presence within the chapter. That is when they began looking for someone to move into the house.

According to Gamma Pi House Corporation President Dave Nagel the object was to hire a Delt who had graduated, and who had some experience with the rules and regulations that govern undergraduate members of the Fraternity. Gamma Pi's alumni wanted someone that could relate to undergraduate members in age and experience, but that could act as a mature and responsible role model to the chapter.

However, this was the first time in many years that the program was going to be used. There were no manuals or other forms of guidance to aid in its success. For that reason using the extensive alumni network in Iowa was key to the program's success.

Coming from a chapter that is only five years old and is still working to establish an alumni base, I was surprised at the number of alumni willing to help and offer their time to the chapter. I was not alone in the cornfields of Iowa.

The alumni established a number of goals that they hoped the chapter would achieve. I was never told how to do my job, or to achieve those goals. However, assistance and guidance were never withheld by any alumnus.

The goals were laid out in very general form by the alumni and given to me when I arrived at the chapter. There was a lot of room for movement, and to add in my own aspirations.

This is not to say that my arrival was well received on all regards. A large number of the chapter's members did not look favorably on the alumni hiring a live-in consultant to tell the chapter what to do.

I believe the chapter was pleasantly surprised. Their first surprise was that the R.A.'s job is to offer guidance and give direction, not to do the work for them or tell them how it was to be done. It was also surprising to the chapter that I was not there to bust them, or turn them in. I was hired to help them help themselves to become the best chapter possible.

When I arrived at the chap-

## The Resident Advisor Program— Opportunity of a Lifetime

BY MARTY FORTH, OTTAWA '96

chance to receive a great education with the financial assistance of the Fraternity while living and working with the members and alumni of one of this fraternity's oldest and most successful chapters.

Very few undergraduates or recent alumni have had the experience of living with a housemother. In fraternity houses the program has fallen by the way side on many college campuses. As a matter of fact there are now only eight Delt chapters that still employ these maternal guardians.

Undeniably, chapters need a mature presence that possesses an understanding of the rules and regulations that govern chapters, and the experience to help them with their problems.

Unfortunately, alumni advisors have their own lives and jobs that prevent them from spending more time

experience contributing to the successful running of a chapter.

The Resident Advisor is not a replacement to the Chapter Advisor or other alumni who work with the chapter. His function is to assist in the day-to-day functioning of the chapter. He lives in the house and adds a level of maturity to its overall operation by contributing a mature perspective during the chapter's discussions and decision making process.

During the 1998-99 semester two chapters, Gamma Pi at Iowa State and Epsilon Kappa at Louisiana State, both have Resident Advisors living with their chapters.

Historically, the Alumni R.A. program was introduced in the '80s as a method of ensuring the continued success of Delt chapters.



ter, the reception was less than joyous. Much like chapter consultants whom are often unjustly met with a large degree of fear and mistrust, I was treated with similar anxiety.

In my first two days at the chapter a total of three members talked to me. But that quickly changed. It was quite an adjustment to go from being a relatively worry free member of Theta Theta, to the live-in advisor of Gamma Pi—moving from member to being the unpopular and the tough guy.

I guess the largest surprise for the chapter was that I am a Delt just like them, and that I was there to help them to become a better chapter and better members. It would be nice to say that it was easy, nothing to it, however, that would be untrue.

"Alumni R.As are also more likely to role model good 'Brotherhood' by confronting individuals when their behavior is inappropriate," according to Scott Bates, ex-chapter consultant and present Division Vice President in the Western Plains Division. "Oftentimes, members are too afraid or feel it's not their place to confront one another."

As an undergraduate I was taught about our brotherhood, and the rules and regulations that govern us as members. I learned how to make my undergraduate chapter work and function. However, when I started with Gamma Pi the first thing I had to do was throw everything I knew about what worked at my chapter and relearn how to make it all work at Gamma Pi. This in

addition to learning how our American chapters do things, in comparison to Canadian chapters.

Admittedly, I suffered from some culture shock. Another skill that I learned was to give the information, but then allow the members to go out and reach their goals. It is no longer my responsibility to do everything. However, I am here to give them a push, an encouraging word, and brotherly support.

I believe that the biggest mistake that alumni members make is to tell a chapter what they must do. Forcing a chapter and its members to make a change is not the most productive way to encourage change. I have learned it is best to bring them into the understanding of what is best, but let them make it happen of their own free will. Educate them into the understanding then let them run with it.

You are wondering how can I get involved in such a program?

I encourage any member, recently graduated and pursuing further education, to call the Central Office and inquire about serving the fraternity as an Alumni Resident Advisor. It is the most educational, rewarding, and challenging experience that I have ever undertaken—one experience that I won't soon forget.

No one ever said that it would be easy, and it wasn't. But to look back and know that I helped individual members better themselves, that I may have bettered a member's fraternal experience and that I helped a chapter keep its charter

made it worthwhile. These are the most amazing feelings—knowing that I was a part of this experience, and this chapter.

According to Garth Eberhart, Assistant Executive Vice President of the Central Office, graduating Deltas often contact the Central Office requesting information on getting involved as a Resident Advisor.

"We will connect them with a House Corporation to work out the details of job responsibilities as well as room and board," said Eberhart.

Unfortunately, for a variety of reasons more chapters, alumni supervisory committees, and House Corporation have not used this program

more aggressively.

The money can be found, the resources are within reach, and the results are undeniably positive. Delta Tau Delta is truly committed to life long learning and growth of its members, and this program is a direct reflection of this.

If you are a part of a House Corporation or an Alumni Advisory Board and are considering hiring a Resident Advisor, contact the Central Office. They will refer you in the right direction to find the money and manpower needed to make your chapter a real success. The help is there, and it is time that we as an organization committed to teaching leadership start to utilize these resources. ■

## POSITION(S) AVAILABLE:

**Leader, Mentor, Facilitator, Friend.** Applicant should have BA or BS degree from university located in North America. Should be an initiated member of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, firmly based in the Fraternity's values. Should be a candidate for a graduate degree interested in pursuing studies at one of America's leading Land Grant Universities, Iowa State University. In the words of Gamma Beta Delta and Iowa State University President Martin Jischke, "Candidates desiring enrollment at Iowa State should be committed to our quest to be the best." The University offers graduate-level programs in many disciplines including engineering, the physical and natural sciences, business, agriculture, veterinary medicine and a variety of other areas.

The principal objective of the candidate's effort, in addition to advancing his personal educational experience, is to work with undergraduate and alumni members of Gamma Pi Chapter to optimize the "Delt Experience" at Iowa State. The selected candidate will be expected to live in the undergraduate shelter in the resident advisor's quarters.

Rewards for the successful candidate are, at this point, unknown, and, to some extent, negotiable, but at a minimum can be expected to include room and board for one academic year plus an educational stipend likely in the form of tuition assistance and/or educational materials of at least \$5,000.00.

Interested candidates should immediately contact Past International President and Gamma Pi Chapter Advisor Dave Nagel, office (515) 237-5367, home (515) 255-4409, and e-mail DLNANON@aol.com. Positions are also available at Indiana, Oregon and LSU. Contact the Educational Foundation for more information.



### Boise Valley Alumni Chapter

The Boise Valley Alumni Chapter (BVAC) meets on the first Wednesday of each month in the El Korah Shrine Club dining room in downtown Boise. The 4 November meeting chaired by Robert Zimmerman DM '52 and attended by Deputy President Patrick Day. Also present was Professor Michael G. Erickson of Albertson College who reported on the new colony at Albertson College. He is the chapter advisor and member of the School of Business. Also present was Joshua Brown, Vice President of the Colony and Chairman of the Recruitment and Rush Committee. Maurice Byrne DM '37 reported the death of Edward G. Iddings DM '38 at Healdsburg, CA. Ed served with the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture for 29 years and later with the USAID program in Nigeria and Zambia and with the international Executive Service Corp in Kenya. He served six years in WW II with the Infantry in France and Germany and one year in the Korean War. He retired as a Lt. Colonel in the Army Reserve Corps.

It is requested that alumni members of Delta Mu send in their E-Mail address to the BVAC Secretary whose address is mbyrne1914@aol.com. Other members attending the 4 November meeting were Lloyd Faylor, '51, Andrew Neilsen '49, Richard Moore '52, Frank Bevington '36 and Mark McCarroll '53. The Secretary also heard from John Ayers '39 by E-Mail, John resides in Las Vegas and plays golf twice a week. In Boise we are looking forward to the

Gathering to be held on 20 November when the Delta Mu House Corporation (Beta Chi Corporation) will give an update on the house and review of the impending renovation of the Delta Mu Shelter. The presentation will be made by Bob Meecham, Marshall Mah, Rich Hammond and Ben Berricochoa. The meeting is timed for the evening before the University of Idaho-Boise State University football game. Ben Berricochoa is president of the Beta Chi Corporation.

### New Orleans Alumni Association

Hello everyone! The New Orleans area alumni association would like to encourage any and all Delt in the New Orleans area to become involved in our activities. We have a group of very dedicated alums who are trying to make our alumni association the best in the country. This will not be possible without the support of a large body of participating Delt. If you are in the New Orleans area and would like to become more involved in the association please contact me. Getting involved will

be a great way to meet, socialize and network with your fellow Delt in the area. You can reach me at home at 504-328-3827, at work at 504-836-7080 or by email at SLUDELTA@AOL.COM or Miles.mgt@iname.com. Once again, I encourage all of you in the area to get involved. —Brian S. Miles

### Twin Cities Alumni Chapter

The members of the Twin Cities Alumni chapter would like to thank the steering committee of the Kansas City Karnea for an outstanding job in their hosting a fine outstanding event this past August. We are anxious to host the Karnea in 2000 and have begun preparation to handle the anticipated large group of undergraduates and alumni.

We are pleased that International President Tom Huddleston, appointed Ron Erhart, *Minnesota '59*, as the Karnea Chairman and John Blake, *Baker '83* as chairman support/operations. The Northern Lights Karnea-2000's main theme will be "The definition of excellence for a new millennium".

Also serving on the steering committee for Karnea-

2000 are David Johnson, *Minnesota '89*, Mark Roberts, *Minnesota '89*, Ned Gustafson, *Wisconsin '93*, Steve Hockett, *South Dakota '83*, Merlin Dewing, *North Dakota '59*, and Brett Hildreth, *Minnesota '89*. Special Thanks to Jim Bergeson, Minnesota, who is the CEO of Colle-McVoy and David Johnson, Minnesota, for designing and supplying the services in printing of the Karnea-2000 poster.

Alumni interested in helping with the Karnea-2000 should contact John Blake at 612-425-9770.

As we are planning for Karnea-2000 the Alumni Chapter is also involved in planning the annual Founder's Day celebration where we anticipate attendance to top 100 alumni again this year. We will also again host our annual golf outing in August '99.

For more information regarding the golf outing, please contact David Dumas at 612-535-9491.

We also extend congratulations to Beta Eta, Delta Gamma, Delta Xi, Beta Gamma and Zeta Eta on their respective awards during the recent division conferences.

—John E. Blake



Members of the Indianapolis Alumni Association joined the Arch Chapter during their recent meeting.



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