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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PARENTS OF OUR UNDERGRADUATE MEMBERS:

Delta Chi needs your help. More importantly, your son needs your continued guidance. As we are all keenly aware, our society in general is experiencing a crisis of values. Fraternities, and Delta Chi specifically, as parts of that society, must deal with this crisis as much as any other part should. It is our, and we hope your, sincere opinion that “fraternity” is uniquely qualified to help your son at an awkward time in his development. A time for many when they are away from their families for the first time, a time of self-discovery, a time of temptation, and a time of trial and error.

There are several concerns for your son that weigh heavily on your mind: scholarship, self-discipline, alcohol, sexual misconduct, hazing, and behavior in general. We’d like you to know that we share those same concerns. We have been working hard to emphasize high standards. The Basic Expectations of a Delta Chi, our new GPA requirements, our risk management policy, and free initiation of fathers and local businessmen to increase their level of involvement are specific examples of what we are trying to do.

How can you help your son? Sit down and talk to him about what is happening at his chapter/colony. Ask specific questions. What role does alcohol play in the chapter’s social functions? Is under-aged drinking occurring? Are illegal drugs being used or even sold in the chapter? Is there hazing going on? Is he involved? What has he done to stop it? What is the GPA of the group? Why isn’t it higher? Don’t accept the excuse that “There is more to college than grades.” Delta Chi has several chapters with GPAs over 2.7/4.0 and some with an average over 3.0/4.0. Ask about how women are treated and talked about. You might want to use the “Basic Expectations of a Delta Chi” to help discuss our values with him. Be aware that a “code of silence” often exists. Listen to what isn’t said as much as to what is said.

Visit the campus and meet his fraternity brothers. If they have a house, walk through the entire building. Is it acceptable to you? Are other parents involved? Is there a Parents’ Advisory Counsel? Are you willing to be a part of one?

Helping your son build a solid foundation for his future is worth our time and effort. Together we can help make the college and fraternity experience a truly worthwhile one.

If you are concerned about something, let your son and his fraternity brothers know it. If you wish to call me, our office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., CT, Monday through Friday. Our number is 319-337-4811. We would be more than happy to discuss Delta Chi with you.

We do care.

Sincerely yours,

Raymond D. Galbreth
Executive Director

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