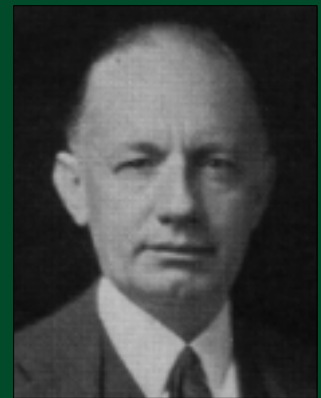


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National Interfraternity Conference Presidents

A Delta Chi At The Head of The NIC Table

Delta Chi has, once again, been notably honored by the election of one of its members as president of the National Interfraternity Conference (NIC), the representative body for 67 men's college social fraternities.

Upon graduation, **Gregory F. Hauser**, Michigan State '77 took a position with the Delta Chi Headquarters as a Field Secretary. From 1979-1985 he served Region VII as a Vice Regent, and was elected "DD" in 1985. He served Delta Chi in this role for two terms before being elected "AA" for the 1990-1992 term. In 1994, Greg became a Director of the Delta Chi Educational Foundation, and in 1996 he was inducted into the Order of the White Carnation. Needless to say, Greg has made a lifelong commitment to Delta Chi. He currently serves on the House Corporations of no less than 4 Delta Chi Chapters (including Michigan State, Connecticut, Cornell and Montclair). He has attended over 40 Regional Leadership Conferences and 11 International Conventions as either a delegate, speaker or attendee, and over the years has visited more than 90 of Delta Chi's chapters and colonies.

However, Greg's fraternal involvement and service has never been limited to Delta Chi. As an undergraduate, he served on the IFC as Vice President of Membership Recruitment and as Acting President. In 1987 he became a member of the NIC Law Committee where he became counsel of record and principal author for NIC briefs filed *amicus curiae* (1) in the U.S. Supreme Court, October 31, 1990, in support of petition for a writ of *certiorari* in *Tiger Inn v. Frank*, and (2) in the Supreme Court of Arizona, February 14, 1996, in support of the defendant's appeal in *Hernandez v. Delta Tau Delta*. He has maintained a profile of high distinction in the

Greek community as an NIC delegate, and through numerous speaking engagements which include the annual conferences of the NIC/AFA, NPC and NASPA, as well as at the conventions of other fraternities like ΒΘΠ, ΔΣΦ, ΘΧ, ΣΝ and ΑΤΩ. To his credit he also adds being a facilitator at the Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute and several published articles in many Greek related periodicals. Recently he has served as both Secretary and Treasurer for the NIC. Now, in this same interfraternal spirit, Greg will serve as president of the NIC for 1999.

In 1909, officers of twenty-six national fraternities gathered in New York City to discuss mutual interests. At this meeting the NIC was founded. The NIC acts as: (1) a clearing house for ideas, ideals, techniques and goals, (2) a service group of volunteer and professional fraternity men, (3) a coordinating agency for listening to and counseling with undergraduates, (4) a research arena for member fraternities and for universities, (5) a friendly association of its members, and (6) an educational adjunct serving its universities. Under Greg's leadership, the Conference will continue to translate these concepts into reality.

This is not the first time that a member of Delta Chi has given his time, energy and leadership to the NIC.

John J. Kuhn, Cornell '98 and "AA" 1906-1907 and 1917-1921, was president of the Conference in 1923. Kuhn was one of the outstanding members of our Fraternity. Twice "AA", and for many years a member of the old "XX", he was an eminent lawyer and a tireless fraternity worker. He was one of the founders of the National Interfraternity Foundation. It is in his memory that Delta Chi gives the Kuhn Award for interfraternal service.

Next to serve the NIC was **Charles W. Gerstenberg**, N.Y.U. '04, who took the presidency in 1930. In his acceptance speech, he stated a philosophy that is applicable to the fraternity world today when he quoted the late Edward Bok who said, "When I am under fire, I never defend." He urged all fraternities to have courage to face the facts and act

upon them. This is as vital today as it was in 1930. Gerstenberg was Chairman of the Board of Prentice-Hall Publishing, Inc. and is also one of the scores of Delta Chis who have been listed in "Who's Who in America."

The third Delta Chi to serve as president of the NIC, in 1938, was **Russell C. MacFall**, N.Y.U. '22. For many years, MacFall was a familiar figure at the Fraternity's Conventions, serving on various major committees. He was a practicing attorney, member of the firm of MacFall and Fishler in Ridgewood, New Jersey. He also served as a Director of the Educational Foundation until 1972.

The fourth of Delta Chi's NIC presidents was **Lewis S. Armstrong**, Washington '39, and "AA" Emeritus. Armstrong was a practicing attorney in Seattle, Washington, served on Delta Chi staff as a Field Secretary in 1940 and attended every Convention from 1940 - 1980. He also served as "CC" from 1954-58, "DD" 1958-60 and "AA" 1960-1962.

Greg's election marks the fifth time a Delta Chi has led the NIC. An honor unsurpassed in the Fraternity world, shared with Beta Theta Pi and Delta Tau Delta.

Remarks of Gregory F. Hauser, Delta Chi, at his installation as President of the National Interfraternity Conference, December 5, 1998:

Fraternity is my avocation; law is my vocation. The ultimate tool of a lawyer is language, and the ultimate repository of language is literature. In trying to find the words to express thoughts about the condition of the fraternity movement today, there is the possibility that literature can offer inspiration.

We might turn to Charles Dickens and A Tale of Two Cities: "It was the best of times; it was the worst of times." There is, unfortunately, little need to elaborate on why these may be for fraternities the worst of times. But, in some ways, they are also the best of times. In a time of such stress on families, our chapters' role as surrogate families is quite possibly more important than at any time in our history. Even those on campuses who are not our biggest fans will tell you that the strength and depth of the emotional ties among our members and of their loyalty to their chapters may well have reached a historic high. And these are times that cry out with a deep need for at least two other aspects of fraternity. In a nation that is desperate for leadership and a renewed understanding of the meaning of community, we are virtually unique in our role as the one set of organizations traditionally dedicated to developing leadership and an understanding and appreciation of community life among college students.

But, although we are needed as much or more than even before, fraternities are also failing in a fashion that forebodes fear for our future. It might well be that, sometime in the

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next century, somebody studying fraternities might find the most appropriate inspiration to be Edgar Allan Poe:

Once upon a campus dreary, while they pondered bored and lonely
Over many a quaint and curious volume of forgotten lore,

While they questioned, greatly wondering, suddenly there came a hearkening
Back to years of rushing, pledging, in those times of yore.

"Ah, it was the Greeks", they muttered, "livening this school and more.
Why is it they are no more?"

Indistinctly they remembered when the chapters still had members,
But each separate, dying house left its ghost and closed its doors.

Eagerly they'd wished revival — vainly they had sought survival.

In the books, legends they'd written — in Greek that's understood no more.

They had a life of love and learning, and pride they let out with a roar,

A pride now nameless ever more.

I could go on and on, with as many verses as Poe originally wrote, describing an even more depressing demise. I would rather, however, draw on a more optimistic but also challenging inspiration from Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, to whom I both give credit and offer my apologies:

Listen, my brothers, and you shall hear
Of brotherhood we hold most dear,
On the cusp of millennium, came alive,
Its spirit and ideals luckily revived,
Rather than the fate that many feared.

They said to colleagues, "If we stay this way,
Our chapters slowly emptying of real men,
Our houses a mess, our values betrayed,
Ours souls sold for satisfaction of pleasure's yen,
Our grades not just bad but really rotten,
Losing the men we wished we'd gotten,
Ready never to study but only to drink,
Respecting the law with no more than a wink,
Watching our image shrivel and shrink
Into a mire and morass of our own making
By brothers bent not on giving but only on taking,
With interest not in leadership but only in pleasure,
Belting bottles of booze in numbers beyond measure,
Paying premiums per man beyond toleration -
The cost of defending mounting litigation -
And losing advisors from advancing frustration,
Our founders would surely spin in their graves
If they could see what we see today.
Meanwhile our foes, on campus and off,
Filled with desire to see us die,
Armed with the reasons we've given them why,
Move against us with ever more success,
Our support understandably shrinking and soft,
Suspecting it's time to cut the tie,
At least 'till the Greeks clean up their own mess."

Then they gathered together in an attempt
To save the system in which they believed,
To plant for the future the saving seeds

Before the last of resources were spent.
"Let's begin," they said," by making it clear
Exactly what it is we hold most dear,
By stating plainly and without hesitation
The very highest and noblest of expectations.
It must be apparent that, to become one of us,
Meeting our standards is an absolute must:
A message to proclaim throughout two nations
And repeat until they begin to head
The words of the oaths they all have taken,
The commitment that now must be awakened
In this the time of our greatest need.

We'll need to use both the stick and the carrot
To rid us of miscreants but still reward merit;
To ask some to leave, we can't be afraid
If our integrity is to be saved.

We've watched the system for too long bleed
To shrink now from the difficult deeds,
A bearable burden if bound together we bear it."
For it was always crystal clear to them all
That together they'd rise or together they'd fall,
That if any were to have a future of glory
They'd all have to preach much the same story.

The chief problem, of course, was alcohol,
Drowning their spirits and fueling their fall;
The studies and statistics were simply stunning,
Eager media spread the bad news to all,
Giving foes new fuel but setting friends to running.

"How can we dry the whole system out

An honor unsurpassed in the Fraternity world, shared with Beta Theta Pi and Delta Tau Delta

When even freshmen drink enough to cause serious gout?"

The keys were, first, to try to understand
Why an entire generation across the land
Felt the need to drink so much and so often,
And, second, to get their resistance to soften
To the idea that the law must be respected
Even if not by the members accepted.
But they also had to overcome their unspoken fears -

Oft said aloud by the officers elected -
That breaking the drunken habits of many years
Could leave our chapters utterly unable
To explain fraternity or reasons to rush,

Painting the picture with an unfamiliar brush,
Trying to escape a decades old label
Of "Animal House" and escape from reality.
Could they actually convince an entire society
They'd substituted for sledge a sincere sobriety?
But the ultimate answer: No choice but to try,
Or the product they had ever fewer would buy,
Leaving only the drunks in their beer to cry.
And they had to accept that some chapters
would close:

To make a souffle, you have to break eggs;
Dealing with crime, you have to break legs;
You must cut back the bush for a prize-winning rose.

To try anything else, it was simply too late.
They had to give up the faint vain hope

The pendulum would swing, if they could just wait.

To acknowledge the victory by the members of MADD

Made some of them angry, some of them sad,
But with their vision cleared, they began to cope,
Taking tough actions, taking their fate
Into their own hands and ceasing to mope.

To dry out their houses, they seized on a date
Held out as a bacon of a new era.

The difficult part was convincing the actives,
So they thought and they tried different tactics.

Some met with success, some met with failure,
But more and more opponents hung in their own rope.

With their allies on campus, they made common cause,

Whoever's members or students, health and careers were at stake;

Their joint determination gave the nay sayers pause,

Made clear they meant business, whatever the pain.

The system was vetted, until there remained
Only those genuinely willing to make

A commitment to live as the founders envisioned,

In a community of men living to learn
And hewing with heart to an age-old vision:

The right to wear letters must be earned.

You know the rest. In the books you have read
How by bold example they were led,

How their creativity in different approaches

Overcame the doubts and pessimistic reproaches,
How the numbers went down but then came back up,

How it became brotherhood, not beer, in the victory cup,

How the houses were cleaned and the grades improved,

How they became known for class rather than crude.

So into the new millennium
They marched towards a future of success and pride,

Having laboriously resowed their values wide,
Brought in the scholars, thrown out the bums;

Their rituals regained their meaning of old;
With enthusiasm advisors returned to the fold.

Social they were, and social they remained,
But responsibility made for a whole new game.

They accepted that leadership inevitably meant
To obey the law, every last one.

Was this dramatic turn-around heaven sent?
No, only by real pain and hard work won.

We have all heard much of the Y2K problem, and the "Y" holds a deeper symbolism for fraternities as the century draws to a close. We are now at a fork in our road, and there are two routes to travel. Shall we drive by default towards a disaster that only the dark vision of Poe can describe, or shall we ride by choice towards a future existence, so that, at the end of the next century, there will indeed still be fraternity men to pass judgment on us. It is in our hands to make that choice. Is it in our hearts?

CAMPUS SCENE

ALBERTA

The first set of exams have passed us by up here in the True North Strong and Free. Strong being the key word as we once again rank first in the rush numbers on campus. With 15 associates we're looking great! We had good participation in on-campus events at the Kappa Alpha Theta Run for Ronny, Alpha Gamma Greek Games and our boys are all set for the Delta Gamma Anchor Splash. We also enjoyed a frightful Halloween exchange with the Pi Phi's. All in all things are right on track!!

AMERICAN

This past semester has been an exciting one. The semester began with a brotherhood retreat which culminated in a day long game of paintball, which, though heated, proved to be a great bonding experience for all those who participated. We also extended bids to five associates of the Pi class. This semester has also included our Founders' Day brunch, with over 100 brothers and their families in attendance, including many DC area alumni returning to continue the bond.

Next semester we are looking forward to another strong rush as well as the beginning of the KEY Program in our chapter. We are looking forward to a strong intramural program which has already seen success this semester with reaching the soccer semi-finals and currently standing undefeated in football.

APPALACHIAN STATE

At the convention, we were presented with nine awards, with one being the President's Cup. This could not have been done without the hard work of both our brothers and our alumni.

Habitat for Humanity is still a top priority and we sponsored the "Sigma Nu Game Ball Run" to Wake Forest with proceeds going to the American Cancer Society. We have 26

associates. Many brothers are still involved in student government, IFC, and other leadership roles on campus. We held our 2nd annual Delta Cup golf tournament which we hope to see continue in the future. We are in second place for all university points, and we look to finish ahead of everyone in Greek Week this year. We are also one of the pilot chapters for the KEY Program.

BALL STATE

Our seven year old home looks new again. Brothers have renewed their appreciation for making our house the best on campus. When you first step into the house you automatically see the new wallpaper, tiling and the chandelier. The foyer has an elegant look that is enhanced by new furniture provided by Fred Reese. The worn down halls have all been repainted and recarpeted. The upper levels of the house are simply impressive.

The basement also shows a new look. The faded walls have been painted, and proudly boast the letters and other decorations which complete the look. The social room has also been painted and re-decorated with a hanging television, a newly felted pool table and wall decorations. In addition to the improvements in the common areas to the house, the individual

rooms are looking the best they have ever looked. Brothers have taken a great pride in their home and their fraternity.

BEHREND

We have made a strong effort to become more involved and visible at Behrend. Three of our brothers have been elected to senator positions on SGA and we intend on taking over a position on the IFC in the spring.

During orientation week this semester, we held our first annual soccer tournament. We had a good turnout, considering it was our first attempt at holding such an event.

At the start of the semester we have 18 brothers in our chapter. Rush chairs Mike Merski and Chuck Heid organized two strong rush events to help out with our recruitment needs, the first was our second annual D-Chi Pig Roast, which was held on campus. The second was a barbecue at our house along with basketball on the newly installed hoop. We inducted four associates. Our annual Parent/Alumni Weekend was held recently. This year, parents and alumni enjoyed some basketball, a fantastic spaghetti dinner cooked by our brothers, and an auction to help with the purchase of our house.

We are also involved with PR/Philanthropic events, most

recently our adopt-a-highway cleanup and the Trail of Treats for Halloween. We have also received a recognition award from the Second Harvest Food Bank of Erie for charitable efforts over the last year.

CENTRAL MISSOURI

November was our local's 30th anniversary. We held a celebration with numerous brothers attending, young and old. Many brothers united for a city cleanup project that was much appreciated by local citizens. We have just activated nine men and are preparing to defend our Greek Week crown for the second year in a row. We also hosted the 1999 Region IV Regional Conference on February 19-21st.

CHICO

Once again we have raised the bar as the brothers, with the help of alumni Al Richardson and Mike Parker, set out this summer to keep Delta Chi on top by giving the house a face-lift. New fences, sod, cobblestone and paint were added and another room was totally renovated with the hopes of having a great rush and building upon the pride which already resounds throughout our brothers. Rush was the best it has been in five years. The Alpha Gamma class was pinned as a strong 31 member

American Brothers show their spirit.



group. Soon we were all jammin' at the Del-tiki luau, which filled our backyard-paradise with brothers and alumni alike.

Within the Greek community we have been a dominant force. Our chapter holds the most IFC positions with Scott Bogues as president, Dan Farmer as secretary, and Matt Deruter as sports chair. In the Order of Omega Beau Conway holds the position of president and the treasurer is Mike Cody.

In the sports arena we are keeping with tradition in our effort to once again bring home the coveted Greek Cup. Currently all of our teams are preparing for the playoffs looking to bring home a first place.

The brothers are looking forward to our annual White Carnation Ball being held again in Lake Tahoe.

CONNECTICUT

Last fall we accomplished many important things. For service and philanthropy events, we volunteered at the Red Cross blood drive, our school's career fair, and Habitat for Humanity. For CPTV, a Connecticut public service television station, we helped raise thirty-five thousand dollars. Also, combined with Kappa Alpha Theta, we raised money for Lisa Berg who has cancer. In intramurals we won the 1998 basketball, softball, and soccer championships. We were runners-up in flag football and indoor volleyball.

We would also like to ask everyone to come and check us out at our new website at <http://vm.uconn.edu/~deltachi>. You can email us directly from this site so please send any comments or questions.

We are proud to announce that we are relocating to a new house in the spring semester at 1459 Storrs Road. We are planning to host a barbecue on May 8, 1999, to have alumni get together and see the new house. More details will be sent out about the house and barbecue and any other pertinent information will be posted on our web site. In conclusion, we would like to thank John Tunila for his help in acquiring the new

house, and all the alumni who came out to support us at homecoming.

DAVIS

We moved to a new house last summer. Plans are underway to help feed the less fortunate for our community service project. We started recruitment with several sororities exchanges, which helped set the tone for the weeks ahead. Several alumni, local and distant, have kept in contact with us and have been instrumental in maintaining our ABT.

paring to induct one of our most impressive classes thus far. Grades are up as a result of increased application standards at ECU and more selective rushing. We are also in pursuit of permanent living quarters.

Overall, we have done nothing but improve. The future looks to be a bright one! We have seen an increase in alumni support over the past year and encourage other alumni to get involved.

FLORIDA

We have reached new highs and lows over the past few

enrollment for both semesters. Our numbers rank among the top at Florida. It has encouraged a higher level of brother support and has helped our position on campus.

GEORGIA

Sam Hodge, a founding father, represented Delta Chi in the Homecoming Court and won King! He is a former University mascot, "Hairy Dog," member of the Round Table, Block and Bridle and carries a 3.5 GPA!

GEORGIA TECH

This fall has been an excit-



Lawrence W. Clarkson, DePauw '60 was DePauw University's 1998 Old Gold Goblet Recipient. He's pictured here with Executive Director Ray Galbreth (left) and Order of the White Carnation member George Obear, DePauw '30 (right).

EAST CAROLINA

We recently won the Chancellor's Cup and the Most Improved Fraternity Award. This summer we completely renovated our central gathering location in hopes of attracting potential pledges and to make living more comfortable. Renovations included painting, cleaning, putting down tile floors, and manicuring the yard.

This year many of our brothers hold prestigious student leadership positions. Brothers are taking the campus by storm as the producer of WZMB, editor of *The East Carolinian*-the school newspaper, resident advisors, Student Union chairs and much more; our fraternity has become extremely well-known and respected. Currently we are pre-

months. First, we regret to report the loss of one of our associates, Alan Epstein. The brotherhood shows its respect and love by helping the family set up a scholarship fund, holding a memorial service at the University, and initiating his father, Murray Epstein. We all miss Alan, and we live in the great memories he leaves behind. Anyone interested in contributing to the Alan Epstein Scholarship Fund, please contact the "D", Danny Aguiar.

We are running a new alumni initiative program that has currently increased alumni support by more than 200% over the past year. A new newsletter, an outreach program, and a new philosophy have driven the chapter to this new height. Lastly, the associate program has reached a new pinnacle of

ing time for us. We enjoyed extraordinary success in rush, and began the year with 25 associates. We also opened the quarter with an expansion project on the back deck of our house, and have enjoyed the extra space at parties and the homecoming festivities. Speaking of homecoming, what a celebration it was! After a week of events and competitions, we held a barbecue luncheon on game day and cheered our team on to victory. We had a wonderful time meeting or reminiscing with many of our alumni, as we had one of the largest turnouts for homecoming ever.

Other events that made up part of our fall quarter include our annual semi-formal dance at the Wyndham Gardens Hotel. We also participated in



The Founding Fathers of the Fullerton Colony outside of the Southern California Chapter's house after initiation.

TEAM Buzz Community Service Day, a campus-wide day of service. We had over 40 brothers and associates work for service projects such as restoring an old house, painting, and landscaping. Our chapter plans to continue our commitment to philanthropy and service throughout the rest of the year with projects benefiting Atlanta-area homeless shelters and other volunteer efforts.

HUNTSVILLE

We are currently setting up a scholarship program with three scholarship packages. The three packages consist of \$5, \$10, and \$20 donations to the chapter for each brother receiving a 3.00 GPA or higher. The benefits of these packages will directly benefit the brothers of the chapter. The brother with the highest semester GPA will have their dues paid for from the money raised. The second and third highest semester GPAs will have half their dues paid. To prevent the same people from winning all the time, no one brother can win these awards consecutively. All remaining money from the scholarship program

will go to assist in purchasing study materials for the chapter. If this program does well we may possibly be able to offer a tuition assistance program. Last year, we had 445 recorded service hours. Approximately 200 hours were spent on NASC and 190 hours on Kids Kingdom. Other hours were spent on Children's Miracle Network and a canned food drive for the North Alabama food bank.

IDAHO

We began the fall with 18 associates to fill the house. After rush the house received a much needed new roof. Thanks to the ABT and the Housing Board with special thanks to **Dick Shisler '57** and **Dave Rudeen '77**.

Philanthropy has been very successful this year with a blood and bone marrow drive, Habitat for Humanity, Pi Beta Phi Arrow Challenge (we won!), Christmas for Kids, and the Oxfam Hunger Benefit. The associates gathered to rake leaves in the fall and earned over \$250 for Sojourners Alliance. We started the intramural season with a heart breaking second in football and slipped to fourth by spring.

We have been busy organizing our 75th anniversary celebration, to be celebrated this fall. We hope that it will be our largest gathering ever.

ILLINOIS

This year started with our annual Alumni Golf Outing. Approximately 65 alumni attended along with at least 55 actives. We would like to thank all the alumni who attended. A special thanks to Scott Reed and others who helped make this year's outing a success.

One of our philanthropies this year involves going to a Chicago Blackhawks game. We supply 15-20 guys to volunteer to help sell raffle tickets during the pre-game and the first intermission. This is a great opportunity for the guys to have fun, help others who are less fortunate, and raise money for the house.

We have a group of 23 associates. Delta Chi has remained one of the top chapters on campus. We would like to thank our alumni for setting this standard and encourage them to stop by for a visit anytime.

ILLINOIS STATE

We began the fall with a fun and exciting homecoming. We

placed second over-all in the homecoming parade. Alumni attendance during our annual PIG roast was phenomenal. We have also been active in every Greek philanthropy on campus. Perhaps one of the most memorable is placing first in Pi Kappa Alpha's Fireman's Ball. We also placed in the annual Mud Volleyball competition hosted by Tri-Delt and Alpha Gamma Rho. After having great success at all the other events, it was time for our chapter to host our own, Crazy Karoke Philanthropy which benefited a local charity for children. We received media support from local television and radio stations and newspapers. Overall community support was the best the university had seen in years for a Greek organization. We received compliments from university administration and the Greek advisor.

Michael Rimdzius was elected vice president of public relations on the IFC, and **Tom Miller** was initiated into the Order of Omega.

Probably one of the most exciting details of the Fall is acquiring a new chapter house. After living in a "temporary" home this year in the transition process, we plan on moving into our new abode in the fall of 1999. May our house stand as proud as the chapter it shelters.

JACKSONVILLE STATE

Once again, we are off to a great semester with 30 brothers and 16 associates. We are glad to welcome two new houses to the Circle, making a total of five. Greek life is on the rise due to the involvement of our brothers and alumni.

We have held several well attended functions throughout the semester. Our Annual Kimball Classic Golf Tournament brought back many of our alumni for a great day of brotherhood activities. A 30th Anniversary Homecoming Celebration honoring our Founding Fathers returned over 35 alumni and their families for a great day of events. Thanks to all who participated.

We continue to excel in all areas of collegiate life. We are currently tied for first in the All

Sports Awards, and are hoping to once again bring home the trophy in the spring. We continue to hold important elected positions throughout the campus and are continuing to strive for excellence in the realm of academia.

JOHNSTOWN

We are happy to announce that the university reinstated our recognition this fall term and we are excited about what the year has in store for us.

Despite poor weather, over 30 alumni and their families attended the homecoming festivities this year. The weekend was highlighted by our annual pig roast. We recently concluded an alumni weekend in which several alumni stayed at the house. Activities included a cookout, horseshoes and dart tournaments, and a chance for the alumni to get acquainted with our associates. Other social events include our annual inter-Greek Halloween mixer followed by the fraternity bowl football game with the Acacia Fraternity.

Philanthropy activities included a summer fund raiser we conducted to raise money for a local charity; Johnstown Food for Families. We also have several dates scheduled to help build houses with Habitat for Humanity.

KANSAS STATE

This has been a semester of change for us. We have successfully transitioned into one of the best houses on campus. This couldn't have been done without the hard work of the alumni and actives during the summer, where they remodeled much of the interior of the house.

Not only have we been busy adjusting to the house, we also had a great time participating in homecoming with our partners, Kappa Alpha Theta and Alpha Gamma Rho.

We had one of the largest and best Founders' Days to date with two members of the Order of the White Carnation attending, **Chris Johnson** and **Jimmie Underwood**. There were also representatives from the Missouri and Kansas Chapters.

Rush is showing steady improvement, we initiated 13 members this fall and our

spring class has 13 and is growing steadily. The fall class went on their sneak to Chicago, stopping off at the Illinois Chapter and had a blast with the brothers they met.

The Kansas State Delta Chi Educational Foundation which was started last year has already raised \$14,000 and has a goal of \$20,000 by 2000. This money is used for scholarships for undergraduates attending K-State.

We continue to show improvement in intramurals, we are ranked higher than we ever have before in total points. Our volleyball and soccer teams both made the playoffs with the soccer team barely missing the championship. Again this year, **Charles Harriman** has become the All University Champion in horseshoes, winning back to back championships.

We are proud of our progress and are determined to be the best on campus.

KENT STATE

For those who haven't seen it in a while, our house is bound to be a pleasant surprise. We have, in the past year and a half, replaced the red wooden siding with beige vinyl siding. We have also torn out the ancient red carpet in the main room and hallways and replaced it with a gray pattern carpet. Along with that, we are also tiling the basement, which means no more cement floors down there! Other improvements include windows, doors, and the removal of the old, dilapidated chimney.

Last semester, **Brian Brennan**, our current "C," won a \$150 scholarship from the IFC for having the highest grade point average among all of the pledges/associates in the entire Greek system!

For homecoming we made a great Mardi Gras float and had a barbecue with all of the parents and alumni. This was the perfect chance to show off all of the repairs that the house has undergone. Everyone who came had a really good time.

Last, but certainly not least, we have had quite a productive rush this semester, yielding fifteen associates!

KETTERING-A

We have just finished up another fantastic winter rush and are looking at a class of seven to ten guys. We have also just received our charter! Now that we are a chapter, we are starting to readjust our goals to reach even greater heights!

We would like to thank our ABT and Housing Corp members for all the hard work and effort they have donated to Delta Chi. Special thanks to **Brian Barrie**, **Steve Schneider**, **Bob Nichols**, and **Mike McCleary**, our "BB."

In February we held our second annual Semi-Formal dance. Several of our brothers have been and are continuing to be active in Student Government and IFC.

KETTERING-B

We have become a competitive force on campus, receiving our first award from the university: The Philanthropic Programming Excellence Award for our many contributions in the community. Some of these include: painting a house for Adopt-A-House, Mott Park Clean-up, sorting cans for the

dressed up the fraternity brothers in dresses and bathing suits. Contributions made by each fraternity on campus were donated to the charity of the winner's choice.

We have shown great involvement in intramural sports. We have created our very first competitive league football team. Our first competitive league volleyball team took fourth place, and **Keiran Butterfield**, **Marcus Wild**, **Ryan Grimes**, and **Jason Hinton** earned our first Greek Cup points in swimming, by taking third out of eleven fraternity spots available. Our house has been improved with the installment of a donated network infrastructure by **Nick Pranis**, the addition of a shed to make room for our study room, and a new sign in front donated by **Larry Brooks**. We had our first Alumni Golf outing and plan to continue the tradition.

We gave out white carnations at our second annual Sweetest Day Flower for our Sweetheart event. We continually are involved with the sororities, serenading them and taking them to dinner. After such an exciting chartering

Illinois State's Homecoming Parade float placed second out of 70 organizations.



Food Bank of Eastern Genessee County, donating money to Links for Charity with Alpha Sigma Alpha, setups for the Flint Mayor Luncheon, and The Very Special Arts Festival. During Greek Week, we had two competitors in the Inner Beauty contest. This is where the sororities got together and

banquet, we are ready to take our campus by storm.

LIVINGSTON

We began the quarter with a campus-wide picnic at the house. There were over 200 people in attendance, which included new students, parents and university officials

and 50 plus alumni who came or called to say congratulations on our huge comeback.

We celebrated Founders' Day at the Cotton Patch where it is permissible to cover the walls with graffiti, which we did! We had a great turnout and **Smith Boyd** was our guest speaker.

Our house became the "Haunted House on the Hill" for Halloween. This is the second year we have put on a haunted house for the community, with proceeds benefiting the Kay Stone Benevolent Fund. It was a great success.

By mid November, our 18 members had accumulated 92 hours of work on philanthropic projects.

We celebrated Homecoming the weekend of November 7th with a massive turnout, with alumni returning from all over. We had live entertainment, and a huge street party in downtown Livingston, followed by more live entertainment back at the house.

LONG BEACH

During the summer, we collaborated with SOAR to present several scholarships to incoming freshmen. We distributed applications at all SOAR sessions, reviewed and scored hundreds of applications received, interviewed the finalists in their homes and presented the scholarships at SOAR II. The funds were raised by contributions from our alumni. Five finalists were awarded book scholarships and **Nathaniel Buck** received a \$1,000 grant.

Featured in the Fall/Winter issue of the University's *InTouch* magazine were **Justin Ramirez**, the Chapter's "C" and **Jonathan O'Brien** '91, ASI president in 1990-91.

LOUISIANA TECH

Spring ended on a good note as we took third place in Greek Week, first place in coed Greek Week with teammate Alpha Chi Omega, and donated \$200 to pediatric AIDS research. We also had a successful summer with rush parties in Baton Rouge and New Orleans that produced six associates. Five brothers made it to St. Louis for the Convention and returned with six awards.

Work week kickstarted an outstanding rush effort with brothers painting the entire house and planting shrubs. We pinned 15 associates to begin the fall. Our social calendar was top notch again with Swamp Party, South of the Border, and our infamous Last Days of Pompeii toga party. Our Homecoming/Founders' Day Banquet was a success with guest speaker **Fred Hammert**, OK '60, former "AA" and president of the Delta Chi Educational Foundation. Many alumni, guests, family and friends were also present.

We have been active in philanthropies, including a catfish fry for Ruston Junior Auxiliary, volunteer work for DART (domestic abuse resistance team), road clean-ups, and a "Halloween Haunted House" with proceeds going to DART. Brotherhood events have included movie night, weekend paint-ball, big

brother/little brother campouts, and an associate member retreat to Plaquemine, LA. We finished the fall with an undefeated basketball team, MASH with Phi Mu and a great Halloween party.

We thank our Alumni of the Year, **Kenneth Gobble** '95 and **Keith Snook** '96 for their hard work and service.

MANKATO

With the induction of two new members and seven initiates on the way, we have had a great turn around. Our goals this year were to double the chapter's size, increase alumni relations and continue the development of our housing plans. We are well on our way to doubling the chapter membership and on November 14th we had our 6th annual Brotherhood Dinner, which had a great turnout of alumni.

Our housing committee has been working on options for a new house. We are always looking for additional help or any suggestions that anyone can offer our chapter to assist us in reaching our goal of building or purchasing a home.

MARYLAND

This year we placed third in homecoming with much appreciation going to the sisters of Delta Phi Epsilon and the brothers of FIJI. Alumni turnout at the Homecoming tailgate was one of the best. Thanks a lot guys, especially **Tony Krikoriantz** for his generous donation. We lost a heart breaker in intramural basketball, placing a close second.

Success in finding a central structure seems to be imminent and in the mean time, rush went very well.

"A" **William O'Connell** was inducted into Order of Omega. ABT is doing well with much thanks due to **Jose Rodas**, **Mark Van Doren**, **Dylan Hatch**, and **Dave Cloutier**. Any D-Chi interested in helping, please contact ABT president **Dylan Hatch** at dhatch@onsite-inc.com.

We're trying our best at tracking down our alumni, so please respond to the current "E", **Lawrence Graham** at cracker@wam.umd.edu.

MASSACHUSETTS

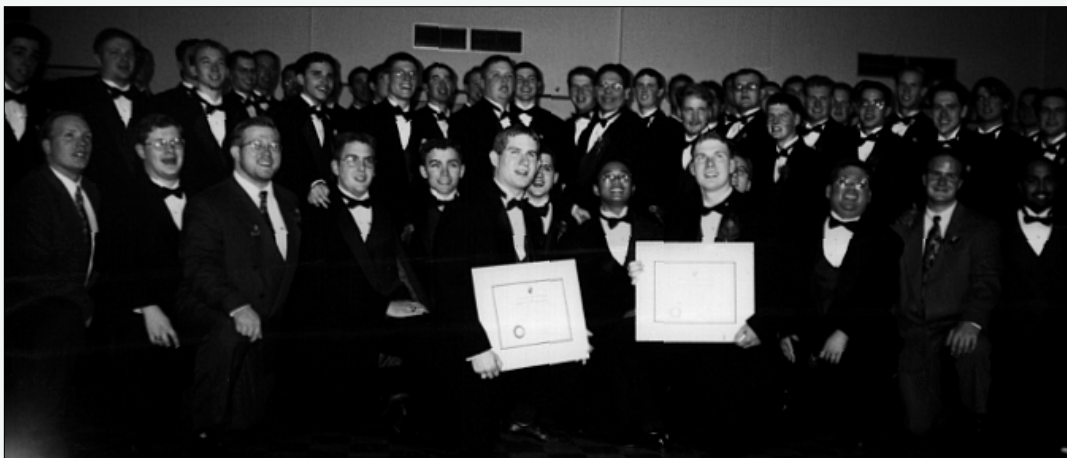
This fall we have participated in many philanthropic projects, had a good rush, a great alumni weekend and continued success in intramural sports. After having won our second Olympus Cup last year we are well on our way to a three-peat, with the continued success of our football and soccer teams. Alumni weekend was a great time with many alumni returning. After the school's game we had a barbecue and our annual alumni-brotherhood football game in which the alumni got lucky and pulled out a close one at the end. We came in first along with our homecoming partners in the float building contest.

We participated in many philanthropic projects such as raising money for the homeless through the Salvation Army Adopt-a-Kettle and Shelter Sunday.

MISSISSIPPI STATE

We began the fall by pinning 21 associates. During formal rush, we proudly exhibited our recently refurbished chapter room floor, one of several house improvements we have made. At the beginning of September, we celebrated another milestone here in Starkville with our 35th Anniversary Reunion that saw over 50 alumni in attendance. The weekend included a banquet at the nearby Statehouse Inn, a luncheon at the house, and a scramble golf tournament. **Dan Gibson**, '87, mayor of Crystal Springs, MS, served as the keynote speaker concluding a period of storytelling and reminiscing by several alumni.

Kettering brothers from both sections at their joint chartering banquet.





Maryland brothers with their Delta Phi Epsilon and FIJI homecoming partners.

The end of October once again meant the coming of our annual Haunted House which raises money for the Sheriff's Boys' and Girls' Ranch. This year, we brought back our Spookfest costume party to kick off the activities. Although we cut the Haunted House down to two evenings from three, we still will be able to donate more than we ever have in the past. Much help was contributed by members of Zeta Tau Alpha in putting on the show.

MISSOURI

There was lots of construction at the house over the summer. Alumni **Chris Blanchard** and **Paul Michalski** helped replace a bathroom floor and replaster the J. Nick Gray Room. We have participated in GAMMA week and "A" **David Foster** was arrested for a mock DWI. We ran a football from Lawrence to Columbia with brothers from the Kansas Chapter and we traveled to the K-State Chapter House Dedication and Founders' Day Banquet. We also had our annual Hayride with AEPi and Beta Sigma Psi as well as Alumni Weekend.

MONTCLAIR

Not only did we succeed in winning our 8th Greek Week Championship out of our nine years in existence, our flag football team finished with a perfect 13-0 record—defeating all possible opponents by the whopping 20 point mercy rule. We are anxiously awaiting the start of what is expected to be a competitive basketball and

softball season. In addition to intramurals, we frequently partake in random pick-up games with other fraternities. We still remain undefeated. Regardless of the outcome though, the games are usually celebrated as a symbol of Greek pride and unity.

We designated Monday as official brotherhood night, involving activities such as bowling, football, and wrestling.

This April we are planning to have an Alumni Picnic and a Parents' Night to catch everyone up with our events and happenings. We are also pleased to announce the construction of our chapter's webpage and the production of an Alumni Newsletter. Our strong brotherhood and desire to acquire knowledge is what keeps us so tight.

NEW MEXICO STATE

At the top of our list of successes is our chartering on October 17th. At the banquet, we were proud to welcome "CC" **Scott Klinefelter**, "DD" **Bill Humphrey**, Region II Regent **Mike Woolbright**, parents, alumni, and other guests including dates and graduated founders of the Colony. The event was rewarding for us in that we not only witnessed the birth of a new chapter of Delta Chi, but also finally reached one of the goals we had been working toward for so long. Along with our change in titles, we also made strides in other areas of campus leadership and chapter operations.

The fall began with 23 signed bids for rush, and went

on to have us win our division in the homecoming parade, obtain the most improved grades on campus, have the highest associate member GPA in years, and begin the process to acquire a house in the near future. We were additionally honored to initiate **Eric Holt**, **Willie Marquez**, and father of a past "A" **Don Field** as alumni. We enter spring anticipating further success in rush, as well as a strong showing in Greek Week that will hopefully bring home the gold for Delta Chi.

NORTH DAKOTA COLONY

We have earned the respect of others on campus by what we have achieved. We have won events such as the Greek sing during homecoming week and upset many other houses in the Fraternity World Series. We have made strong appearances in many other Greek events and continue to show our dedication. We have built good relations with other Greeks on campus and plan to thrive as a chapter in the future.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS

For Homecoming Week, we paired with Delta Zeta and placed second among all Greeks. We finished second in volleyball, second in College Bowl (Academic Bowl) and third in Yell-Like-Hell (Cheerleading Event). Consisting of 57 members and 19 associates, we've managed to participate in several community service events. We stuffed envelopes for the United Way and two of our members ran in a 6K run for cancer. Our philanthropy this semester was sorority football. Seven sororities competed as two Delta Chis paired up to coach each team.

We held the second highest grade-point average among all fraternities for spring 1998. Around the house, we installed a new front and back door and are currently completing our newly furnished computer lab. It contains three computers and one printer with e-mail access through the university, word processing programs and access to the internet.

NORTHERN IOWA

We have more than doubled our membership. Over the summer, the roof was replaced. Right now we are in the process of locating funding to side the house in vinyl and replace many of the windows.

Homecoming this year saw the return of many alumni. During the past year we won several awards as we participated in all Greek functions on campus. Once again we will hold our traditional 24 hour Teeter Totter marathon.

Many alumni have made donations to help make so many dreams come true. We are happy that we have such good relations with our alumni.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

We pinned six freshmen this fall. In October we held our annual alumni weekend with a barbecue and softball game.

We were involved in several philanthropic events that included the March of Dimes Jail and Bail, and donating pumpkins at the local hospital. Intramurals has been successful and we are in the soccer playoffs. We have moved locations and it is a great improvement.

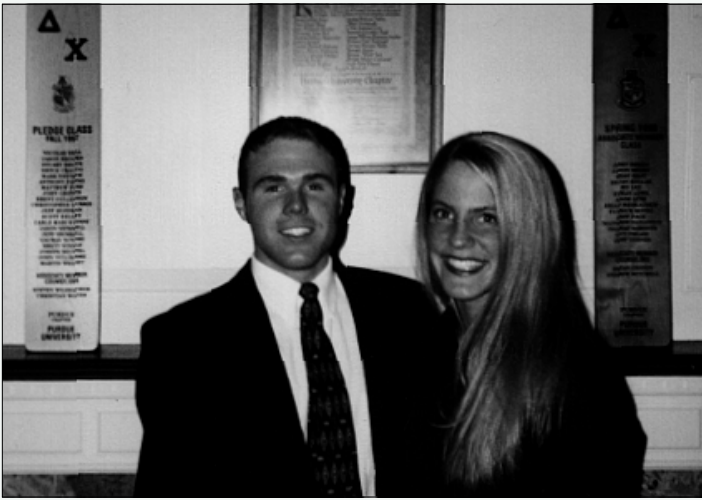
NORTHWEST MISSOURI

The year started with a campus mandated structured rush program. It was quite a shock to the system, however we now have 19 associates, which is the second largest class on campus. Intramurals have also started out quite well. We opened up the season by winning the softball championship and are on the road to win football as well.

We are preparing for some major house renovations. The stucco wing will be removed and we are also recarpeting much of the house, including the entire second floor. Other house improvement projects are also currently underway, setting the stage for a "refurbished" semester.

OHIO STATE

Every year the week before the football game, Ohio State holds the Homecoming competition. Along with various social activities, there are several activities each fraternity



Purdue Homecoming King Chris Gurrie and Queen Heidi Fernandez of Kappa Alpha Theta.

must do. After winning the competition for eight years in a row, Ohio State coordinators wanted to make it easier for other fraternities to win so they had three different activities. The first one was a community service project. At least 50% of the house had to help Habitat for Humanity build houses for the homeless. The second event consisted of getting as many members as possible to go to "Buckeye Blast." This was a pep rally for the football team. They had several guest speakers including Sinbad. After the first two events there were two other fraternities tied with us for the lead. The final and biggest competition was making a float for Saturday's parade. The entire Greek system put in a great effort, but in the end Delta Chi's float was judged best. We were pleased with winning Homecoming for the ninth year in a row and with the publicity we received. We made the news on two television stations, were featured in the school paper and were announced as winners at the game.

OLD DOMINION

Ron Villanueva, one of our Founding Fathers, has been appointed by the governor to the Board of Visitors here at ODU.

We have been busy preparing for hosting the Regional Conference. There is a lot to plan and accomplish but we are going to make this one of the best. Our community involvement has included a Halloween event for the children at Norfolk Zoo,

taking a part in Project Share to help the needy, and giving a hand at local churches when assistance is needed.

Our pledge class is strong and our alumni have helped us tremendously. They play an important role in our well being.

OREGON COLONY

After more than 25 years, Delta Chi is back. After an initial recruitment period we have 19 outstanding Founding Fathers. Recruitment will carry on throughout the year with a goal of having at least 40 members move into the house next fall.

We are currently setting up our ABT, House Corp. and "BB" positions with interested alumni. This spring we are planning our first alumni weekend and look forward to meeting alumni in the area.

We made an immediate impact on the campus scene by having an exchange dinner with the Pi Phis as well as a triad with another fraternity and sorority. We have fielded strong intramural teams and are hopeful for great results.

We also visited the Oregon State Chapter and got to know our brothers there.

OREGON STATE

We have shifted our focus in rush from a formal system where the bigger houses with more money get the most guys to an informal system where the hardest working houses get the most guys. House repairs are always underway, and our big item this term is to try to

get our dishwasher fixed. We just finished running a new water line to our kitchen.

We are excited about the recolonization at Oregon. We will now have a chapter closer than four hours away. Several of us were able to participate in an associate member ceremony for the new brothers at U of O.

OSHKOSH

This fall we participated in numerous philanthropies, including security at the Youth Co.'s Annual Haunted House and hosting the all-Greek Holiday Giving Tree. We also established a scholarship for the area high schools' most outstanding college bound male student. Together with our ABT, we are looking to purchase some land to use for our associate member retreats and other brotherhood events. The interior of our house has been completely redone and we hope to tackle the outside portion when the weather allows.

We have reclaimed high ranking positions on both OSA and IFC. Along with all of the sororities, we are excited about the first Delta Chi Barnyard Bash. Athletically we have won all inter-fraternity contests of the past semester and hope to continue our dominance of the Winter Carnival Games. Most importantly, we have been repeatedly complimented on the strength of our brotherhood by others. With this standard set, we can only grow stronger.

PURDUE

At convention, we claimed seven national awards including the Award of Excellence. We ranked 14th out of 47 fraternities last semester in grades. Also, 18 of our brothers were on the Dean's List. Our house is currently at capacity with 69 members living in. We have been busy with various philanthropies including, Delta Delta Delta Frats at Bat, the Alpha Phi Golf Tournament and Alpha Chi Omega Frisbee Fling where we placed 2nd in each, Phi Mu Capture The Flag and Pi Beta Phi Arrow Games in which we placed in the top 5. During Greek Week, we were paired with Phi Mu.

Members are also involved in the IFC, Skull and Crescent

Honorary, Phi Eta Sigma and Alpha Lambda Delta Honoraries. Fall rush resulted in 20 associates. We have moved up to Division I of the intramural sports league as a result of size, consistent participation and competitiveness. Socially, we have had various social functions with sororities and the annual Barndance but, our band party topped off our semester. Homecoming Weekend was a huge success. Alumni who came back enjoyed a hog roast before the game. Then, the alumni in attendance witnessed a first for us; one of our brothers was crowned Homecoming King! **Chris Gurrie**, '01, was crowned Homecoming King during half-time. This is truly a great honor and we are ecstatic that Chris was selected.

RADFORD

Fall saw us take many steps toward winning the President's Cup. We have a goal of 24 hours a semester of community service for each brother. We showed our school spirit by winning the first ever Spirit Cup. We won this by donating more than 400 cans of food to the homeless.

Our intramural teams have been showing improvement and we are not far from taking first place. We are now focused on our first Alumni Golf and Softball Tournaments in late spring. We are hoping that this will be a good time for the alumni and brothers alike, and will allow us to get to know each other better.

ROWAN

One fund-raiser that we do is a beauty pageant with the sororities. We sponsor this in our student center and charge admission at the door. The events of the pageant contain swimsuit attire, casual attire, dress attire, and a talent segment.

The next fund-raiser was an on campus Halloween party. The students had to wear a costume and there were games for the students to take part in and prizes to be won. By sponsoring this event we didn't just raise money, we also promoted an alternative way to have fun by making this an alcohol free event.

At Christmas time we go to the local children's shelter and donate toys to boys and girls who are less fortunate. We all get together for this event and personally go to the shelter and give our time to these youngsters to make their holiday brighter. We call this project "Chi Christmas."

At Homecoming this year we teamed up with Tri Sigma and built a float the night before the parade. We stayed up all night and worked on a skit for the float and put it all together by eight in the morning. We took second place in the Greeks. For this event we also invited the alumni to join in the fun and meet the associates.

Our flag football team won the President's Cup and has been invited to play in a tournament in Maryland.

Mike Boyle has taken his time to create a web page. The web page keeps brothers informed about upcoming events and is also an easier way to keep in touch with alumni. The web page site is http://users.rowan.edu.edu/boy16102/DX_H.HTM

RUTGERS COLONY

We are proud of our five new associates. We are also proud to announce that we have raised our GPA drastically. Seven brothers have obtained a house closer to campus this year and we are making our presence felt at Rutgers. Our colony is aiming high and committed to reach our goal of chartering in the near future.

We take pride in our community service and recently volunteered our time at a local soup kitchen to help our community's less fortunate. We also have taken a big part in a campus wide philanthropy project called S.L.A.M.

We are on solid ground financially, thanks to our fund raising efforts in conjunction with Six Flags Great Adventure.

We now have a new web page located at <http://www.eden.rutgers.edu/~mikeparm/DELTA CHI/index.html>. The brothers are also participating in intramural soccer, football and basketball this semester and Delta Chi is on its way to the play-

offs in football. One final note, the brothers have spent a lot of time establishing Delta Chi at Rutgers and we are proud of our accomplishments and hope the glorious moment of chartering will prove once and for all that-- Rutgers Delta Chi is here to stay!

SACRAMENTO

After a successful rush this fall we initiated eleven members, bringing our numbers to 50. Fall was full of events and activities that strengthened our brotherhood even more. We successfully held our 15th annual Founders' Day Formal at which the brothers truly appreciated those alumni who were able to attend. In intramurals we finished first in basketball with a victory over Sigma Chi in the championship. Additionally, we are in first place and out of competition's reach in the running to win the overall championship. Our semester finished with a hugely successful Masquerade party.

We are proud of **Martin Munoz's** being elected IFC vice president. We would also like to welcome our newly elected ABT officers **Casey Cunningham** and **Keith Knocks**.

SOUTH FLORIDA COLONY

We have a strong presence among the Greeks and in Student Government as well. We are the only Greek organization with at least one member in all branches of Student Government. **Randy Moss** is Chief of Staff for the Executive Branch, **Chris Cook** and **Eric Steinbach** are Supreme Court Justices for the Judicial Branch, and **Bevan Edwards**, **Sammy Kalmowicz**, **Rob Mackay**, **Dan McAvoy**, and **Tim Scott** are Senators for the Legislative Branch. **Sammy** is currently Senate Vice President and **Dan** is Statutes Committee Chairperson. **Bevan**, **Tim**, and **Rob** are all members of the Student Concerns Committee in the Senate.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI

We started the fall with 16 associates and initiated them in November. Spring rush is looking promising with several verbal commitments already in place.

Our annual philanthropy, Delta Chi-Esta, along with our

bi-annual blood drive has proven to be quite valuable for the American Red Cross.

Our social calendar has also been full. A mixer with Pi Kappa Alpha and each sorority on campus was eventful. For Homecoming we joined with the men of Sig Ep and the women of Gamma Phi Beta in the week long festivities and float building. This in addition to having several alumni in attendance at our fall costume party for Homecoming, making it that much better. We topped the semester off by taking third in Tri-Delta's Frats-at-Bat.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

D-Chi definitely has exploded back onto the SC scene! Rush this year, headed by **Jon Warr**, provided us with 18 associates. These members come from around the country, and once again we have the most diverse class on the Row. They have already been to Delta Gamma twice to perform choreographed renditions of Gloria Gayner's "I Will Survive" and the Kingsmen's "Louie, Louie." The great *Animal House* classic was even performed with the help of our live house band.

Once again, we hit the books hard and landed a 3.05 for the spring 1998 semester. This was good enough for 3rd on the Row. The high man on the academic totem pole was **Evans Hanson**, with a fantastic 3.91. We are pressing onward to become the best on the Row this fall.

Our annual Haunted House for area youth was a huge success with over 500 children and parents coming by. The women of Alpha Chi Omega helped us out with the Halloween Haunted House, as well as participated in homecoming activities.

November 1, 1998, we initiated over 30 members at our new Fullerton Colony. Regent **Mike Woolbright** and Director of Programming **Corey Shigematsu** were both present and we now have a promising group of men at Fullerton.

TARLETON

In fall rush we picked up 15 associates. We held a five dollar prom mixer with the Alpha Gamma Deltas. We also had a week long mixer with Delta Zeta, because we built our homecoming float with them. We received third place. Many alumni turned out for homecoming. Our Toga Party was a great success and we are looking forward to our Boots and Boxers party later this year.

We continue to work on our philanthropy with canned food drives and a successful adopt-a-school program.

TEXAS

This past fall rush efforts yielded a class of 14 and we are looking forward to a successful spring rush.

This fall also brought a solid ABT with many enthusiastic alumni. Through the help of the ABT we were able to bring a new sense of confidence in



The Rowan brothers display their brotherhood.

our growing chapter. One of the largest accomplishments was the move from our house since the days of it rechartering to our new, renovated house. The ABT worked diligently in negotiating the terms of our move, and we are proud of our new home. It is substantially larger and has plenty of land next to it, thus providing a great opportunity for growth. We were proud to hold our first Parents/Alumni Weekend at the house, where parents and alumni alike shared in a wonderful barbecue followed by the football game. The alumni, parents, and our chapter are in the greatest spirits and our enthusiasm knows no bounds.

Our social calendar included our annual Cupids Arrow Party, 'Last Night in Pompeii' party, and the White Carnation formal. We also mixed with several sororities, and look forward to a packed spring schedule.

TEXAS A&M

We celebrated our tenth anniversary with events including a golf scramble Saturday morning, billiards Saturday afternoon and a dinner and awards banquet later that evening. The event was successful with over 70 alumni attending to get back in touch with their brothers. The highlight of the banquet was a video that compiled ten years of pictures

and video clips that brought back many good memories. Special thanks go out to all the alumni who contributed both money and time to make this such a memorable occasion.

In September we had the 9th Annual Powder Puff Classic where eight sororities played flag football to raise over \$1,000 for the Brazos Valley Deaf Council.

For our social calendar we went on our 10th annual D-Chi Downs date party to Louisiana for horse races and dinner. We also had several mixers.

Over the past year we have participated in many activities throughout the Greek community. In September we played in the ADPi Playday where we took second in both flag football and basketball. We also participated in the Delta Zeta 5k run to the Dixie Chicken.

Our best news, though is the plan to start building a house on the newly formed Fraternity Row near campus. Currently we are saving and raising funds to start the project.

TRI-STATE

We started the fall with 21 brothers living in-house, making both of our houses full. We held elections for "BB" and would like to congratulate **James Loomis**. We also congratulate **Trent Unterbrink** and **Tyler Boger** on receiving the

Borelli Family Leadership Award with "distinction."

We have been working to improve relations with our school's administration. We held our 4th annual Faculty Wings Night, where we gave our guests tours and a small presentation to inform the faculty of our involvement and accomplishments. We also held our first ever Parents Day. Both events were huge successes. Planning has already begun for our Alumni Weekend which will be held April 16-18. We plan on a large banquet to celebrate our 30th Anniversary.

At about halfway through the semester, we are almost at our goal of 300 hours of community service. Because of this, we have raised our goal to 500 hours of community service for fall. Please visit our website at www.tristate.edu/organ/deltachi/dchi1.htm.

UNLV

As our third year on campus begins, we are looking forward to a successful year. We received our charter on November 14th and our associate class of 24 were charter members as well. We have already had two successful fundraising events, a bachelor auction and a car wash where we raised over \$5000.

Already having the three top positions in the Student Government, we had a brother win the Urban Affairs Senate

position and another brother won the position as Assistant Director for Entertainment and Programming. This year is shaping up to be a great one.

VALDOSTA

After attending a successful national convention, the brotherhood headed into fall with a motivated and goal-oriented agenda. Our first order of business was fall rush spear-headed by **David Roberts**. We pinned 30 men, making it the largest class on campus. Following rush was our Founders' Day/alumni weekend. With a great showing of alumni, including our 1st president **Ronald Gilliard**, we awarded outstanding alumni certificates to the following for their time, wisdom, and dedication: Dr. **William Cribbs**, **Phil DiPetro**, and **Chuck Dunmon**.

In intramurals, we once again showed our athletic roots. We won the men's division in flag football and the Delta Chi "b" team placed second. Both teams attended the state tournament at North Georgia College and both had success as they advanced to the quarterfinals.

As we approached the colder months of winter, the brothers participated in a clothing drive for our local Salvation Army. With great success last year and a positive start to this year's drive, we hope to make this an annual service to our community.

VIRGINIA TECH

We had a prosperous annual event called Tri-Chi. Proceeds were donated to the Make-A-Wish foundation to benefit terminally ill children.

Two brothers were elected to IFC; **Chris Winn**, as NPHC/PHC liaison, and **Justin Brod**, Judicial/Risk.

Athletics have always been important to us and we are happy to say we are in first place in the IFC yearly tournament.

Within a few short weeks most of our alumni will be back on campus to attend our second annual golf tournament. Plans are still being made but hopes are high for an even better weekend this year. Also, a date is being set for the first ever Jannelle Road Jam.



Texas Brothers in front of their new house.

WASHINGTON

We had a strong quarter athletically in the fall, starting out by rolling through the competition in intramural football and advancing all the way to the semi-finals before finally losing our first game. Next, **Travis Hall** was hired as a student coaching assistant in the football program. Finally, **Travis Duty** made the basketball team as a walk on. He's already played in a couple of games and is expected to see even more playing time next year.

Another area of promise during the first quarter was our recommitment to academics. After a less than flattering GPA during the spring we have rebounded. Our scholarship chairs estimate that our fall GPA should be anywhere between a 3.0 and 3.2, which is a dramatic improvement.

The final area of major pride has been the physical improvements made to the house. With the help of our parents' club we were able to purchase new carpets and couches for our living room. Now, without doubt, we have the nicest living room in the Greek system and that includes sororities. Also with the help of the parents' club, we are going to redecorate the guest bathroom on the main floor.

WEST VIRGINIA TECH

In September some brothers took part in the Heart Association walk. During homecoming weekend, **Don Ellis** was elected Mr. Golden Bear, the first ever for our chapter; also during homecoming, we won first place for the Spirit Sign Competition. Although October was a wonderful month, it doesn't compare to November.

On the thirteenth of November, we celebrated our fifteen-year anniversary. However, the celebration took place on the seventh at Glades Springs Resort in Beckeley, WV. There was a large turn-out for the celebration which included a formal dinner and dance, followed by endless stories.

WESTERN CAROLINA

Prior to this fall, we made arrangements with housing to all move onto the same hall in

one of the dorms. The purpose of this was to help bring the brotherhood together, which it did. The other purpose of this was to use it as a rush tool. This semester I am proud to say that we brought in eight gentlemen, and all but three are living on the hall. We now have 24 members and are still on the rise. Our alumni are proud also to see the good rush and the type of men that we have added. We are also thankful for the donations and the pledges per initiate that they have contributed.

Alumni Weekend/Homecoming was great, we had about 15 alumni visit. It was great that the gentlemen who have recently joined got to see what it was like a few years back when these guys were in. They witnessed true brotherhood. The guys thought that the stories were great, they never thought that so many things could have happened to one guy. I would like to send a thank you out to the alumni who attended homecoming and to say, "Don't be strangers in the future."

WESTERN ILLINOIS

We started off the semester by volunteering for the Macomb Balloon Rally for the second year. We helped set up and take down the air balloons. We then put on our annual philanthropy, D-Chi-Athlon, which raised \$700 for Muscular Dystrophy.

At the end of September we took first place in Phi Kappa Theta's Dragon Boat races. We accomplished this by coming out of the losers bracket and winning six consecutive races. We continue to do well in intramural floor hockey and football.

We are also proud of our scholastics, third on campus, and our rush this semester, second on campus. We have had some fun brotherhoods this semester, paintball and attending a minor league hockey game.

WESTERN MICHIGAN

Our recent move to Fraternity Village Drive has proved to be a great decision. Things were hectic at first, but after some good planning and help from Leadership Consultant **Tom Carroll**, we are back on



UNLV brothers shown with brothers from Omega Psi Phi.

the solid path of rebuilding our chapter. This fall we had our most successful rush in recent years, initiating eight men.

Community service once again is a source of pride. We hosted our eighth annual Powder Puff Football Tournament in which nine sororities competed. All the proceeds from the tournament were donated to the American Cancer Society. We also participated in philanthropic fund-raisers organized by IFC/NPC and other campus organizations.

On the athletic side we are successfully striving towards gaining a respectful position. We are entering the intramural soccer playoffs and started competing in intramural volleyball.

We would like to thank two of our outstanding alumni, **Tony Oberdzinski** and **T. J. Rivard**. Their moral support was a key factor in starting a successful year.

WHITEWATER

Our grades are up, brotherhood is up, and we are having the time of our lives. We have remodeled the chapter room and we won both homecoming trophies two years in a row.

With one-third of the cost being covered by each of the ABT, Housing Corp and the chapter, we are remodeling the chapter room and turning it into a study room. The room would consist of a couch, chairs, desks, lamps, rug, and even blinds on windows and doors. The room is already

non-smoking and drinking so the quality of the furniture should stay excellent. We thank our alumni who have contributed extra money towards this cause and urge them and anyone else to come in town and take pride in this room. It shows off all of our awards, our accomplishments, our hard work, and our strong support.

Homecoming was a pretty heated battle among the organizations and Greeks this year. Every year the Greeks battle it out for the Champions Trophy and the Spirit Cup. Winning one or the other takes a lot of hard work and it is a complete honor. The year before we had won both trophies and we were looking to win them both this year. Due to hard work, brotherhood, and an inner passion to prove we are the best, we won both trophies again!

The chapter as a whole is stable and growing slightly. About 45 members are in Whitewater and we expect around 50 by the end of the school year. Financially we are fine but are looking for ways to raise more money so we can finish the chapter room and move on to another room in the house.

Our philanthropy will be over 1000 hours again with our name being recognized in the community. We hope that any alumni who wish to come back do just that. One could contact us by email at DeltaChi@uwvwax.uww.edu.

ALUMNI CHAPTERS

NORTH TEXAS

The North Texas Alumni Chapter has been jump-started and is once again having regular meetings. For information, contact **John Gioffredi** at (214) 739-4515 or email to johngio@webtv.net.

Our next event is a Dallas Stars Hockey watching party Tuesday, March 23rd at the new Granada Theater in Dallas at Beltline Road and Prestonwood. Come renew fraternal bonds and cheer on the Stars!

The Experience of “A Gift Worth Thousands”

by **Larry P. Audlehelm**, Iowa '71

The ripple touched shore nineteen years after the stone had been tossed. It touched shore when I called **Jeff Chapman**, Iowa '79 and said, “The pledge pin you gave John has been retired.” Jeff said, in an emotional voice, “What great news!” It was the final call made to three long time Iowa Chapter brothers. The first two calls had elicited a similarly emotional and excited reaction.

My family talks about the things we do, for good or ill, being like stones thrown into a stream. The stone creates ripples. One cannot be sure when or where those ripples will touch shore, but touch they will. The sentiment comes directly from my father in law, Dr. **Walter Zukof**, Iowa, who “adopted” my wife after high school graduation and then helped her through college. That’s another story.

John, was born prematurely and was at high risk for several weeks. When we brought him home, three undergraduate brothers were waiting on the front steps. **Jeff, George Hiller**, Iowa '82 and **Steve Goldstein**, Iowa '82 carried John to his crib and returned with a pledge pin affixed to his jersey. Since they wouldn't be there when John went through rush, they were going to perform their duty early.

That pledge pin stayed in my possession for the next nineteen years. There was never a moment when its location was in doubt. When John decided on Kansas for his undergraduate education there was an assumption among my Delta Chi friends he would automatically join the Fraternity. My answer, to their great consternation, was that I had taken a path which had meant a great deal to me. There was no reason to automatically believe John would walk the same road. I hoped he would, but those choices were his.

When John made that decision, the pin went to Lawrence by way of delegates to the Region IV Regional Leadership Conference. Then Regent but now “CC” **Scott Klinefelter**, Northern Iowa '76 had asked me to come to the Conference and lead a workshop on Rush and Recruitment. I concluded the presentation by encouraging the members present to expand their idea of recruitment to include alumni. I told the story about the pledge pin

and gave it to the Kansas delegates. After all that time, the pin given to my son when he came home from the hospital was now going to be placed on his chest by his Big Brother, **Patrick McGiffert** during the Associate Member Ceremony.

While packing for the trip to Lawrence, Julie (my wife, John's mother) said, “You've been dreaming about this day since the doctor said, ‘It's a boy.’” Correct sentiment but the timing was off. It was my good fortune to live in the same community as my chapter after graduation. From my initiation in 1968 until moving across state in 1980, it was my privilege to attend every initiation at the Iowa Chapter. I had been present for the initiation of every Iowa Chapter brother for

over ten years, including the three young men on my front steps. I had been dreaming about this event for years.

John has had an exceptionally fine academic career. He was recruited to Kansas on academic scholarships and chose to live in an academic residence hall first semester. He soon realized that the academic environment was good but the social atmosphere

was lacking. He had been invited to join Delta Chi during the summer but deferred until second semester. When he became an associate member, the level of excitement among my many friends began to build. His grandfather, an alumnus initiate, ordered a Centennial Badge for his initiation. **Mike Carroll**, Auburn '71, **Bob Hamlin**, Iowa '86, **Scott, Phil Yang**, Abracadabra '80, **Ray Galbreth**, Missouri '69 the Headquarters staff and many more began counting down to initiation. Even John's sister, Emily, who declares absolute disinterest in such irrelevant matters as fraternity initiation said, “Tell the scholarship boy congratulations when all this stuff is over with.” Fraternities get a bad rap in the media. Sadly, the reporting is all too often accurate. In my time, fraternities were criticized for being elitist snobs. It wasn't true, but that was a better reason to be despised than the current charges against us. There is no clever spin to be put on the drunken, loutish behavior en-

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KEEPING IN TOUCH

ALABAMA

Born to Brother and Mrs. **Terry O. Davis** '94, a son, Connor O'Neal, on July 18, 1998. Terry is a Mechanical Engineer for Production Automation, Inc.

AUBURN

Born to Brother and Mrs. **Bill Barnes** '80, a son, Alexander Thomas, on October 6, 1998.

BEHREND

Russ C. Campbell III '95, married to Michele Gruendel on October 2, 1998.

CLEMSON

Born to Brother and Mrs. **Brian Perch** '91, a daughter, Madison Victoria, on December 22, 1998.

EMBRY RIDDLE

Steve Cloyd '97, married to Jolene Reese on October 17, 1998.

FLORIDA

Born to Brother and Mrs. **Mark Fisher** '85, a daughter, Emily Marie, on January 5, 1999.

FREDONIA

Jay Fike '97 married to Melanie Barber on July 11, 1998.

Ron Reimer '97 married to Lynn Weisswange on October 3, 1998.

FROSTBURG

Jeff Pasternack, married to Dana Buksbaum on June 20, 1998. Jeff owns Dynamic Physicians Management, a service organization for physicians in the DC area.

GEORGIA TECH

Brent Bryan '93 is an account manager for the health care segment in central Florida for Collins & Aikman Floorcoverings.

Born to Brother and Mrs. **Rob Gonzalez** '93, a daughter, Madeline Grace, on November 1, 1997.

Joel Scott Poythress '94, married to Tammy Elaine Marcellus on August 1, 1998.

IOWA

Benjamin Gulick '98, married to Dawn Agnew on October 17, 1998.

LIVINGSTON

Born to Brother and Mrs. **Joe Sprague** '96, a son, Kolby Jay, on August 23, 1998.

FAREWELL & PARTING

These men have lived amongst us for a time, and we have been honored to call them Brothers. Now they are gone and we bid them a fond farewell at this parting.

Will Edwards '98, married to Jennifer Wood on July 18, 1998.

LOUISIANA TECH

Dan Hollingsworth '87, is the Mayor of Ruston, LA.

Stan Tolman '88, is the minister for Campus Crusade for Christ at Louisiana Tech.

MISSISSIPPI STATE

Dan Gibson, '87, mayor of Crystal Springs, MS, has announced his candidacy for governor of Mississippi.

Born to Brother and Mrs. **Tony Barkley, '90**, a daughter, Catherine Elizabeth, on August 18, 1998.

Born to Brother and Mrs. **Bryan Maxwell, '91**, a daughter, Mayci Hannah, on May 11, 1998.

Born to Brother and Mrs. **Chris Hester, '93**, a son, Christopher Ethan, on July 30, 1998.

Born to Brother and Mrs. **Scott Gee, '97**, a son, Brody Mitchell, on June 22, 1998.

Born to Brother and Mrs. **T.M. Martin, '97**, a daughter, Kennedy Paige, on August 12, 1998.

Patrick Launey, '98, is a Second Lieutenant in the Air Force.

MISSOURI

Mike McElroy '92, married to Kimberly Tackett on September 5, 1998.

Matthew Lucas '98, married to Jessica Adams on June 6, 1998.

NORTHERN ARIZONA

Adam L. Weyne '93, married to Lisa Louise Harris on June 14, 1998.

Born to Brother and Mrs. **Courtney B. Williams '93** a son, Christopher Geordan, on October 20, 1998.

NORTHERN IOWA

Joseph F. Vitu '93, married to Colleen Pope on October 17, 1998.

OKLAHOMA STATE

Born to Brother and Mrs. **James Bleeker**, a son, Ryan James, on October 10, 1998.

SMU

Born to Brother and Mrs. **Michael Seitz '84**, a son, Timothy Edward, on December 28, 1998.

SACRAMENTO

Avedis Gavvavian '94, married to Kerri LaRocca on September 14, 1998.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI

Born to Brother and Mrs. **Larry Pleimann '85**, a

daughter, Jenna Maria, on September 4, 1998.

Born to Brother and Mrs. **Gene Findly '95**, a daughter, Kolbe Renee, on July 14, 1998.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS

Gavin E. Pehl '93, married to Vanessa Coleman on January 10, 1998.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

Born to Brother and Mrs. **Joe Hill '90**, a daughter, Abigail Baxter, on December 15, 1998.

WEST VIRGINIA TECH

Billy Kidwell '97, married to Nora Kessler, on July 25, 1998. Billy is an Electrical Engineer for Eagan McCallister Assoc. in Lexington Park, MD.

WESTERN CAROLINA

Robert A. Bisnar '93 married to Lisa Sinsel on August 22, 1998.

WESTERN ILLINOIS

Born to Brother and Mrs. **Joseph Petric '92**, a son, Anthony Robert, on August 20, 1998.

Lee D. Sachs '94, married to Mary Rebecca Henry on August 15, 1998.

WESTERN ONTARIO

Nizam M. Walju '93, married to Tamra Thornton on July 18, 1998.

WINDSOR

Born to Brother and Mrs. **Kevin Williams '84**, a son, Marcus, July 7, 1998.

Born to Brother and Mrs. **Chris Williams '91**, a daughter, Alix, July 28, 1998.

Gifts made to the Delta Chi Fraternity (*) or its Foundation in honor of another individual either living or deceased are encouraged. Such a gift, by increasing our ability to serve others, brings special meaning to the tribute.

In Memory

Marsh W. White Penn St. '20
by **Paul Bohlman** Ohio St '70
by **Michael Carroll** Auburn '72
by **Ray Galbreth** Missouri '69*
by **George Obear** DePauw '30
by **Jimmie Underwood** Kansas '51

Joseph F. Lacchia NYU '27 & Michigan State
by **Paul Bohlman** Ohio St '70
by **Michael Carroll** Auburn '72
by **Ray Galbreth** Missouri '69*
by **M. Gary Monk** Auburn '65
by **George Obear** DePauw '30
by **Jimmie Underwood** Kansas '51

Paul C. Stegall Auburn '57
by **Douglas M. Harding** Auburn '57

ABRACADABRA

Keith Leonard
Harold Wright, September 24, 1997

ALABAMA

Henry S. St. John '27
Claud E Hornsby, Jr. '35
Lawrence F. Gerald '39
William L. Waller '43
Billy S. Isbell '46, July 24, 1998
Philip C. Benefield '70, November 18, 1998

ARIZONA

Homer W. Holt '23
Charles E. McGovern '53, March 1997
Lawrence O. Nelson

CENTRAL MISSOURI

Keith Knowles '86, January 1, 1995

CHICAGO-KENT

Carroll Stallings '32

CORNELL

Robert Sunshine '56
Prentiss Hays Heck '60

DEPAUW

D. Gregg Lidikay '34, April 15, 1995
James Barber '47, March 2, 1998
Patrick Kirk '79, October 30, 1997
Howard Smith '86, December 1, 1997

FLORIDA

Carl Durrance '31, April 3, 1998

FLORIDA STATE

Lon Seay, September 12, 1998

ILLINOIS

Robert D. Bjork '32
Eugene Bauer '37

INDIANA

Norbert A. Parker '36, December 15, 1998

IOWA

James Moore '26, July 13, 1998
William S. McDowell '30
Donald M. Angus '40

IOWA STATE

Arthur E. Mollin '32

KANSAS

O. R. Cram '40, October 20, 1998
Harold Johnson '40, October 1996
Larry J. Gray '58, June 22, 1997

KANSAS STATE

Vincent M. Whitaker
November 14, 1998

MIAMI

Lester L. Nickels '33

Albert C. Foreman '45, September 28, 1998
Arthur D. Wohl '57

MICHIGAN STATE

Joseph F. Lacchia January 21, 1999
William S. Britton '36
Joseph S. Vandemark '41, November 24, 1998

OHIO STATE

Elmer Johnson '35, September 19, 1998

OKLAHOMA

William Lockwood '33, May 3, 1998
Frank W. Lawson, Jr. '40

OREGON STATE

William L. Robson '38
Harold Rose '38, October 1997
Rich Arnell '40, August 15, 1998

OSGOODE HALL

Johnstone L. Roberts '49

PENN STATE

Marsh W. White '20, January 23, 1999
Stephen R. Lander '35

PENNSYLVANIA

Elwyn D. Van Houten '33

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Arthur P. Randorf '31 November 17, 1998
Roy Kasper '54, September 17, 1997

STANFORD

Louis J. Brandt '27
Neal Elliott '63, February 5, 1998

UNION

F. Spencer Tebbutt '33, June 27, 1996
Paul D. Mahoney '40
George Doderer '50, October 3, 1998

WASHINGTON STATE

Ward Ellis '55, November 15, 1997
William Majestic August 16, 1998

WESTERN MICHIGAN

Dr. George L. McMahan '67, August 2, 1998

YOUNGSTOWN

Anthony Terzingi '73, February 7, 1998

Editor's Note: We will be dedicating the Spring/Summer issue of the *Quarterly* to Brothers Lacchia and White. A feature on each brother will be included in that issue.

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gaged in by far too many undergraduates. The complaints about fraternity excesses are justified. But our critics know nothing about the ideals of Fraternalism. They do not understand that though many fall short of the goal, the goal is still admirable.

I was hosted by **Patrick Alderdice**, Ball St. '92 and interfraternal brother Bill Nelson on Saturday evening before John's initiation. On Sunday morning the chapter was gracious and hospitable. My great friend **Jimmie Underwood**, Kansas '51 was present for John's initiation. Jimmie extended a tremendous personal compliment. He moved recognizing me as a Kansas Delta Chi. A double chapter designation has been confirmed only twice. While the "legalisms" may or may not be worked out, it was a gesture of extraordinary kindness. I now call two chapters home.

Unaffiliated persons have absolutely the wrong concept about ritual and initiation. The public expectation is a rowdy free-for-all where the initiate is humiliated and demeaned. In fact, the initiate is elevated and honored. The function of ritual is to bring both the initiate and the initiated to a place which never changes. The initiate is instructed and informed; the observer is returned to a state of understanding and contemplation which exists beyond other personal concerns. Basic, elemental truths are revisited. The observer leaves his current state of mind and returns to immovable concepts.

I was concerned witnessing my son's initiation would be an overwhelmingly emotional experience. In fact, it proved to be the same experience I have had at the induction of other outstanding young men. I am simultaneously exhilarated to attend this "passage" and also sorrowful in remembering that many others are unaffiliated and outside

the system. Most profoundly, I realize the great privilege of again being in this place, hearing these words, being nourished by the ideals of the Founders, in fact, the ideals of a civilized society.

All proceeded as it should. John was brought into the chapter room, sworn to his oath and instructed in the secrets of Delta Chi. As events unfolded I watched his concentration on the complex and complicated instructions. As secret meanings and ideals were elucidated, I could see his understanding take shape. When the instruction began, I smiled knowing a review would be his first request of me when the ceremonies were completed. When we got into the car to go to lunch, his first question was, "Dad, can we go over...?"

As the ceremonies were concluding, John's guide to this point approached me and said, "I think you might like to take over now, sir." Indeed. The "A" began the final charge to the initiate. The beautiful prose about the duties and responsibilities which now fall to us is, even after hundreds of hearings, the

most ennobling language I know. In conclusion, the "A" extended his hand and I completed the ceremonial duties by pinning the badge on my son. We embraced.

Several years ago I wrote an article for the *Quarterly* entitled "A Gift Worth Thousands." It was a plea for alumni to become reinvolved with their chapters and especially to return for initiations. It was also a plea for Chapters to invite alumni to attend this solemn event. The circumstances of that article were exactly true. I had met a young man who had enrolled at the University of Iowa. He asked if I knew anything about fraternities. That simple conversation between **Anthony DeMarco**, IA '86 and me has grown into a treasured friendship. At Dr. DeMarco's initiation (Tony is now a practicing ophthalmologist), a legacy of the Iowa Chapter was also initiated. This young man's father drove from Kansas City to attend his son's initiation. The article included this statement: "These two men, father and son, now brothers, embraced. There were few dry eyes in the room."

I have now had the experience about which I had written. It has been my practice, in writing and speaking about Delta Chi for the last twenty five years, to depersonalize my comments. Rarely do I

mention specific persons. This is because I believe Fraternity, generally, and Delta Chi specifically offers experiences of universal value. I believe these experiences transcend the individual and should not be associated with a specific personality. I also avoid using individual names to prevent leaving someone out and creating an unintended offense. This writing violates those rules. I am particularly concerned this article will offend by failing to mention specific persons. There is no way to be completely inclusive listing the persons who have shown me and my family kindness and concern. The Headquarters staff have all

been superb (Marge Lee in particular) in keeping me advised of simple things like the Chapter Meeting Report listing John's decision to affiliate. So many friends from across the country have been in touch and sent good wishes. And my Delta Chi experience has certainly been, at least in part, formed by people who couldn't have known these events had taken place.

This column breaks long held and deeply believed rules about what constitutes relevant writing about Delta Chi. Why not break some long held habits of your own? Why not befriend a young man in the neighborhood, at the grocery, at the garden shop (where I met Tony) and talk about the value of Fraternity? Why not bring up Delta Chi in a conversation with anyone whose son, brother, grandson or friend might benefit from Delta Chi? Why not continue to recruit your alumni brothers and pin a pledge pin on their newly born son?

Why not toss a stone into the stream of brotherhood?



Past "AA" **Larry Audlehelm** (fourth from left) at the 1998 Convention with past "AA" **Mike Carroll**, **John Audlehelm**, past "AA" **Greg Hauser**, "BB Emeritus and OWC member **Jimmie Underwood** and Martlet Club member **Phil Yang**.

