

UPCOMING EVENTS

Delt Alumni Web Site Launch

March 1

www.MichiganDeltaFoundation.org

Summer Golf Outing

July 31

Homecoming Reunion Weekend

September 25-26

Alumni who Attended Reunion Weekend

Bill Knapp '44
Alger Morrison '44
Dick Morrison '50
George Bihler '57
Lauren Bowler '64
Brady Denton '67
James Wilber '72
David Stemmler '80
Stacey Garrison '82
Tom Shultz '81
Mark Johnson '81
Jim Franke '83
Brian Johnson '82
Garrett Hall '85
Paul Mack '86
Allan Lutes '86
John Princing '86
Len Jenaway '87
Brian McGorisk '87
Matt Paroly '87
Bryan Pittawanakwat '88
Bill Kishler '88
Jerry Bialek '88
Tim McHugh '88
Chris Hughes '89
Chris Tzetzto '89
Kraig Sippell '89
Mike Mirkil '89
Suman Dutta '89
Brad Clinger '90
Doug Spence '91
Chad Costley '92
Dan Chiss '92

February 2009

THE WOLVERINE DELT

Delta Chapter of Delta Tau Delta at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

REUNION WEEKEND

Alumni Celebrate Re-Opening of Shelter During Reunion Weekend

The Alumni Reunion during the weekend of September 26-27 was a great success. Reunion Weekend Chairman **Allan Lutes '86** formally opened the festivities at the banquet on Friday Night. After dinner, drinks, and storytelling, we adjourned to a bar filled with Wisconsin Badgers brimming with confidence. The fans from the Land of Cheese were jovial and a good time was had by all.

The following day started early with several alumni being delivered to 1928 Geddes by the undergraduate's "Delt Party Bus." After dropping us off, the bus returned 30 minutes later with the entire AGD Sorority. (Things improved rapidly from here.) It is clear that after only four weeks, the new chapter has fully acclimated to the benefits of Delt House living. Many Delts began dropping by, and soon a large gang of alumni filled the old foyer and dining room.

At 1:30, the gang slowly headed off to



Alumni and active brothers celebrate at the Delt Party Hut.

pre-game tailgates. Many convened at 401 Snyder where the Delt Party Hut was ready and waiting. The beautiful weather continued and more Delts arrived to enjoy the Big Ten opener. The stunning 27-25 comeback victory over Wisconsin was followed up by more catching up and Delt storytelling. Paul Mack and Garrett Hall finally buttoned up the Delt Party Hut at 9:30 p.m. and officially proclaimed the weekend a success!

Delts Win Intramural Football and Doing Well

The Delta chapter competed in Mud bowl for the first time in the last seven years. In our first game, we proceeded to embarrass Delta Chi in the opening round 19 - 0. Game two versus Beta was a lot more physical and not as fairly refereed. Beta won 26 - 6. The Delt team vows to return next year and dominate in the mud. We also won the AB Division flag football championship.

We launched the incredibly popular Delt Party Bus this year. The Party Bus ran for the first three home football games and brought dorm dwellers and sorority girls to 1928 Geddes for pre-game festivities. At game time, the limo-style bus took us all to the Big House and returned us afterwards.

Sophomore **Matt Francis** has been elected to the Interfraternity Council as the incoming VP of internal affairs. Our current IFC executive board member, **Will Doyle**



Delt brothers are the AB flag football champions!

(VP of internal recruitment), will be graduating this spring. Will has been a great proponent of DTD and is an invaluable asset for a growing house like ours.

Academically, Delt ranks 10th out of 27 fraternities, with a GPA of 3.19. Feel free to stop by our chapter meetings to meet the active brothers. Meetings are held every Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Shelter.

HISTORY OF THE SHELTER

The Grand Old Lady Turns Eight-Five

Shelter Needs Your Help to Stand for Another 85 Years

2009 marks the 85th birthday of the Grand Old Lady, a structure that has provided the opportunity of fraternal brotherhood to nearly 2,000 men at the University of Michigan. That Grand Old Lady is our fraternity facility at the University of Michigan, known affectionately to its members as the Delta Shelter.



Delts in front of the Shelter, Homecoming 2007.

dining hall. The upper two floors included a total of 14 two-room suites and two bathrooms. She was heated with coal, and had servants' quarters in the basement.

In the 1950s, the brotherhood grew, and an addition was constructed on the west end. The structure was increased by another 800 square feet on each floor including the basement, for a total addition of 3,200 square feet. The Shelter now included 9,000 square feet on three floors with another 3,000 square feet in the basement, the same size as she sits today. The addition added four two-room suites, plus an enlarged kitchen and dining hall.

Read the rest of this article online at www.MichiganDeltaFoundation.org/

"The Delta brotherhood owes a debt of gratitude to Doc Mitchell, a dedicated Delta alumnus, who held the place together during the 70s and early 80s."

Designed specifically for Delta Chapter, the plans were completed and contracts were hired on February 24, 1924.

Seven months later on September 15, 1924, the Shelter was completed for \$108,189.65.

The original structure was nearly 6,600 square feet on three floors, plus an additional 2,200 square feet of basement area. The first floor is in much the same layout today with a large foyer, central open staircase, living room, study, and

Scenes from Alumni Reunion



Leo Twiggs '68 and daughter Elyana.



Lauren Bowler '64, Joy Bihler and George Bihler '57



Tim McHugh '88 with his wife Cindy

ON THE WEB

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Special thanks to **Robb Baldwin '86** and Fork Solutions for web site development.



FUNDRAISING

Capital Campaign Planned

Windows and Roof Replacement Required by City

Many Delta alumni have dedicated their time and talents to restore Delta chapter to the University of Michigan campus. We have battled roof leaks, mold abatement, and negative cash flow over these years, but through all of this, we have maintained our Shelter as one of the nicest fraternities on campus. We now face a new challenge that requires that we act now.

The roof and windows are still original to the 1924 construction, and they need immediate replacement. Their 85-year-old wood and building materials are substantially rotted and deteriorated. Each year we are now facing financial losses due to significant roof problems and high energy bills. In 2008, the deteriorated windows were cited by the Ann Arbor City Housing Department and we must undertake significant repairs or replacement within a year in order to keep our Shelter open. With 316 windows in the Shelter and the restoration of a slate roof, replacement costs are expected to total over \$350,000.

To address this challenge, we need your help! A fundraising committee has been formed, and we are proud to

announce the “Her Windows Understanding” Fundraising Campaign.

Leading the program are **Allan Lutes '86**, **Dana Baldwin '64**, **Garrett Hall '85** and **Chris Tzetzio '89**. They have proposed a three-year campaign beginning this fall. Between then and the following August, we request that our Delta brothers pledge an amount towards our need. Alumni can then pay their pledge immediately, or in three installments in 2009, 2010, and 2011. Stock, life insurance and other asset donations will be gladly accepted.

The committee has set a three-tier goal for the fundraising effort with a cumulative target of \$1 million in donations. Accomplishing one or more of the phases of this ambitious plan will be considered a success. The first phase is directed at solving our roof and window problem with a target goal of \$350,000. The second phase is to restore the Shelter to financial stability by paying down the \$330,000 of mortgage debt. The third phase is to prepare the fraternity for long term success by establishing an endowment and scholarship fund with a goal of \$380,000.

A group from the 1980s has stepped forward to support this program. At last year's Delt Golf reunion, more than 20 brothers made immediate pledges when they first learned of the effort. Leading the way with a \$50,000 pledge was **Wendell Brooks '87**. **Bill Kishler '88** and **John Princing '86** also made significant pledges. In total, the 1980s era pledged more than \$130,000 within 20 minutes of hearing our fraternity's need. We hope that other eras of brothers will follow the example set by this dedicated 1980s group.

Please step up by making a pledge or serving as a volunteer! Contact **Garrett Hall** (ghall@ford.com or 734-662-3047) or **Dana Baldwin** (mdbaldwin11@yahoo.com or 616-575-3087).



The windows at the Shelter are in bad condition.

Alumni Scholarship Awarded

Undergraduate **Rob Rogacki '10** was awarded a \$500 scholarship by the Michigan Delta Foundation. Rob is a junior majoring in Movement Science. He has held the house offices of Philanthropy Chairman, Recording Secretary, and Sergeant at Arms.

This newly established scholarship is awarded based on academic achievement, community service, and leadership in the

fraternity. Candidates are evaluated by the undergraduate Academic Chairman (**Ryan Reid '10**) and his recommendation is reviewed by the Chapter Advisor (**Brad Clinger '90** and **Kraig Sippell '89**) and the Alumni Board.

Congratulations to Rob and thanks to Ryan Reid for proposing this scholarship program.



ALUMNI UPDATES

James O'Dea '60

(81880 Golden Star Way, La Quinta, CA 92253-9370; jodea@dc.rr.com) I went on to medical school at Michigan, did my internship in Miami, then came out to Los Angeles to do a four-year residency in Radiology at UCLA.

Thomas Stringer '71

(4265 S Paddock Pt, Inverness, FL 34450-

7381; stringergobblue@yahoo.com) I have a private practice of urology and am current president of a large group practice, president elect of the largest section of the American Urologic Association representing 2500 urologist in 9 states and a third of all urologists in the country. I am president of the University of Florida urology alumni foundation and am a clinical professor of urology at U of F.

Martin C. Mager '77

(1113 Heritage Dr, Saline, MI 48176-2003; mcmager@yahoo.com) I am still in the Ann Arbor area, specifically Saline. I have been a letter carrier with the U.S. Postal Service since March of 1988. I am married with three grown children, but no grandchildren yet.

ALUMNI PROFILE

From “Sparring with Skippy” as an Undergrad to Becoming an International Businessman, Wendell Brooks '87 Says He Learned Much from DTD

Wendell Brooks '87 is a Managing Director with Allen & Company in London, England. Wendell and his wife Karin have four children: Bethany (15), Jillian (14), Tommy (11) and Peter (9). They have lived in London for the past eight years. Wendell enjoys travel, skiing, sailing and coaching youth sports. He and the family get back to Michigan for two months each summer.

What is your current work status?

After 15 years of investment banking at Citigroup, I left to open the European business for Allen & Company. Allen is the leading media industry M&A advisory firm. I work with companies in the internet, broadcast television, cable, film production and publishing sectors. I've been fortunate to work on several high profile transactions including the sale of Universal to NBC, the merger of MGM and Mirage.



With whom do you keep in touch?

The Delts of the mid-1980s are a great group of friends. Living in the UK makes it challenging to maintain regular contact. Thankfully, **Chris Tzetzio** has done a spectacular job keeping us all together through the annual Delt Golf Outing. The outing offers a great time both to regress to our college behavior and renew old friendships. It offers me a chance to catch up with a group of 20-30 brothers from my era. Outside of the golf

outing, I keep in touch with **Jeff Burmester**, **Steve Glass** and my brother-in-law, **Paul Mack**, who somehow let me marry his sister.

What are your favorite Delt memories?

Tough Question. Among the many: rolling Karl B's Jeep while he was on his honeymoon, my pledge retreat to OSU (and the ensuing rumble with the Phi Delts), our weekly Sunday pilgrimage in Sweet Lou's Rambler, contentious Chapter meetings, attending Karnea in the Swinger Van, the Tahitian Party, “roses and thorns,” sparring with Skippy, driving to sailing practice with Dave G., blowing out my knee during synchronized swimming, attending the midget convention formal, and dealing with Mrs. Bush and Ann Arbor's finest during loud parties. All in all, my experiences in Delta Chapter provided far more real education than all of my classes at Michigan.

We had a great turnout at our fall Reunion Weekend, at which we celebrated the re-opening of the Shelter. See page 1 for the story!



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