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Send Us Your Photos!

In order to document Delta chapter's rich history, we are asking all brothers to submit their photos and subsequent stories, to content@affinityconnection.com.



Greek Week 1979

Make sure to mention that the photos are from Delta Tau Delta at Michigan.

November 2007

THE WOLVERINE DELT

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

All Delt Alumni Are Encouraged to Get Involved During This Exciting Time

By Garrett Hall '85

It's been an exciting fall. The undergraduates continue to build momentum toward obtaining their official charter and moving into the House on Geddes in the fall of 2008. Based on my visit to a tailgate party at 812 McKinley, I think they are ready to uphold our tradition. During the recolonization, it's been great to see outstanding support from several Delt Alumni. I've had the pleasure of working with many of my best college buddies and I've been lucky enough to meet many great guys from other years; **Bill Knapp '44**, **Dana Baldwin '64**, **Phil Bayster '68** and **Chris Nielsen '01** just to name a few.

I want to encourage all Delt Alumni to get involved. These days, the fraternities with

strong, active alumni organizations are the ones that remain on campus. The benefit to you is increased time with your lifelong friends, not to mention the stories of other Alums from different years. If you can't donate your time, the House also faces financial challenges. We have a lot of work to do to get the house ready for the new Chapter in September of 2008.

Finally, special thanks to the 44 Deltos who have donated since September. You span 60 years of Delt tradition and service to the house—from **Robert Knight '37** to **Brett Feldman '97**. Your contributions go primarily to the House Improvement Fund (windows, roof) with a portion going to support undergraduate rush and this newsletter.

We're Up And Running! Pre-Game Tailgates, Eleven New Pledges, Community Service Projects and Intramural Sports Are Keeping The Chapter Active

Alumni, Thank You For Your Support And Involvement. Participation At BBQ Was High!

By Nicolas Curdumi '09, Alumni Relations Chair

Greetings, Alumni! The first opening weeks have been incredibly exciting. Despite the disappointing start to the football season, our guys living at the 812 McKinley house have been throwing some fantastic pre-game tailgates (with a little help from the parents, of course). These tailgates have brought out a huge amount of people and have helped us get some better name recognition. More importantly, these tailgates and official rush events helped us put together a great group of eleven men for our first pledge class. We're looking forward to getting our pledges involved in a wide variety of activities that we're either organizing or participating in.

Intramural sports will be big this year. We expect to compete in every sport available. Unfortunately, we opened our athletic season with a series of heartbreaking losses in soccer, but we

expect to return to glory in football and water polo (where we were defeated in the championship game on a buzzer-beating shot last year).

Our first social event was on October 18. We got dressed up and took our dates to a club on Main Street.

We plan to become extremely involved in community service this year. Beyond starting our own Adopt-A-School program, we will be participating in the service ventures of other organizations, such as the Tri-Delt kickball tournament, the Alphi Phi 5K Fun Run, and Habitat for Humanity's dodge ball tournament, which we placed second in last year.

We were excited to see so many alumni at the Alumni Barbecue during homecoming weekend, and hope to see more of you in the future!

ALUMNI EVENTS

Homecoming '07 Was A Success – Delts Came Together For Festivities That Included A Michigan Football Win And Great Tailgate

Annual Golf Outing

Thirty Delts from the mid-'80s gathered for their annual golf outing at the Otsego Club in Northern Michigan this summer. In addition to brotherhood and excellent golf, they managed to get some business done. They discussed plans for the future of the Shelter and the active membership's move back into the house in the fall of 2008.

Homecoming

Homecoming got off to a great start with a

tailgate before the game and a resounding Michigan win over Purdue. In addition, we had a great turnout for the homecoming event at the Delt house after the game. Delts from several past generations attended along with an excellent turnout by the undergrads. We may have had some future Delts in attendance, as several alumni brought their kids. Thanks to **Chris Tzetzio '89** for putting on a great bash. Look for bigger and better things in 2008!



Delt Homecoming '07

SHELTER REPORT

The Delta Shelter Is Getting A Make-Over: Improvements Include New Carpet, Fresh Paint And Refinished Floors

Preparing For A Fall 2008 Return To The Shelter Takes Money And Time

By Allan Lutes '86

The Delta Shelter will be in good shape when our newly chartered chapter moves in next fall. We are in the process of refurbishing many interior areas over the next nine months so that the facility will remain one of the nicest fraternity facilities at University of Michigan. The first floor hardwood floors were finished. The dining room floor will be replaced. New carpet was installed on the stairways and in some sleeping rooms. Many sleeping rooms also received a fresh coat of paint. And we just went through the Ann Arbor City Certificate

of Occupancy inspection and our annual insurance inspection with no surprise problems.

We were unable to find a viable Greek organization to rent the facility this year. Prospects wanted long-term leases. However, a caretaker will reside in the Shelter, and we will use this opportunity to continue improvements. We are financially sound and stable at this point. Once our men move back into the facility, our cash flow will improve.

In the future, the biggest issues that need to be addressed include the replacement of

the windows and the roof, which are both original to the 1916 construction. The city of Ann Arbor did cite the windows as deficient in their recent inspection, so we will have to deal with this item now. We are working on replacement specifications. Because most of the wood framework of the original windows will also have to be replaced, we are looking at a big price tag. If any Delta alums have a spare \$150,000 that they could devote to this project (or any fraction thereof), please contact me at alutes@alpharemodeling.com.

ALUMNI PROFILES

Getting Acquainted With The Delta Tau Delta Alumni Better – One Man At A Time

Mark Wayne '85, Founder of One of the Nation's Largest Full-Service 401(k) Plan Providers



Mark Wayne '85

Work Status

I am CEO/President of Freedom One Financial Group. My first job was at my father's company, Durakon Industries, which manufactures and distributes truck bed liners. I held dif-

ferent management positions and did well, but wanted to make it on my own. I left my father's company and worked at a health insurance third-party administrator for less than a year before I founded Freedom One Financial Group in 1988. Today, it is one of the nation's largest full-service 401(k) plan providers.

Current Interests

I am a member of many professional and industry-related organizations. My wife, Kerri,

and I have three children: Karley, 13; Michael, 11; and Mia Grace, 3. Karley's passion for horses takes us to shows often. Michael—with a 70mph fastball—pitches for a travelling baseball team. I also enjoy my muscle car collection: a '68 GT 500 Shelby, a '69 RS/SS 396 Camaro, a '66 Cobra, and a 2006 Z06 Corvette.

With Whom Do You Keep In Touch?

I keep in touch with members of the board:

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Paul Guy '57 Is Retired, Enjoying Leisure Sports, And Remembers The "Good 'Ol Days"

Work Status

I am retired from the Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, MI. I was Corporate Director of Product Quality. My career at Ford focused on manufacturing, engineering and various technical jobs on the corporate staff.

Current Interests

I ski, play tennis, golf, hike, kayak and read.

With Whom Do You Keep In Touch?

Now that I live on the west coast, I am a long way from most alumni. However, I have had contact with **Tom Berglund '56** and **Dick Stringer '56**. **Charlie Wood '56** was the best man at my wedding.

Favorite Delt Memory

I bought the 1947 Frazer automobile that had been sitting behind the fraternity for several

years. One of the alumni, **Jack Shaupp '55**, owned the car and left it there when he joined the U.S. Navy. He came back from leave and I bought the car from him for \$7.50. Some of the brothers helped me fix the battery and pump up the tires. I used the car to go back and forth to Ypsilanti for dates.

I sang in the Delt Chorus. We had a chorus director and competed in an interfraternity singing contest. I was not a good singer, but the good ones would drown me out, so it worked.

I was part of the "Dirty Thirty," the largest pledge class in the fraternity's history. In those days, we were subject to some pretty brutal hazing and it bonded us as a group. I spent four years with those guys and it helped my development process. I learned how to

be a member of a team and share common goals with bright young men who had strong ambitions. It was a great experience.



Paul and his significant other, Cindy Thompson, enjoy French Polynesia during a 2003 vacation.

Martin Mager '77 Walks Past 1928 Geddes Road Everyday And Enjoys The Memories He Made While Living At The Shelter

Work Status

I have been a city letter carrier with the U.S. Postal Service in Ann Arbor since March 1988 –almost 20 years! Currently, I have the Delt House at 1928 Geddes on my route.

Current Interests

My family keeps me busy. My wife, Pam, and I have three grown children. Pam and I were married on August 8, 1981. She had one child (my stepson), Chris, who is now married and living in Grand Rapids. We then had two children, Lindsay and Matthew. Lindsay graduated from Eastern Michigan University, got married last March, lives in Texas and she teaches second grade. Matt attends



Marty was joined by his two brothers, George and Tom (from left to right), at his daughter's wedding last March.

Washtenaw Community College and is dual-enrolled at EMU. He is pursuing computer related studies.

With Whom Do You Keep In Touch?

I keep in touch with my two "little brothers." **Tom Guthrie '78** is married and living in North Carolina. **George Romano '79** is married and lives with his family in Minnesota. They both surprised me by coming to Michigan for Lindsay's wedding. That was a real blessing and it showed true friendship. In addition, George and his wife, Sue, often get to Ann Arbor for a Michigan football game.

Delts in my family that I kept in touch included my stepfather, **Robert Shipman** (deceased) and my step-uncle, **Jack Shipman '47** (deceased). Robert was a Delt at Kenyon, Ohio and Jack was a Delt at Michigan.

Finally, I was saddened to learn in *The Rainbow* of the passing of fraternity brother, **Dennis Lesiak '77**.

Favorite Delt Memory

There are too many memories. We only had a handful of Delts the two years I was there ('76-'77), even though we had about 35 in the house. I remember pulling-up carpeting throughout the entire house. We did a lot

of remodeling to return the Shelter to a welcoming place full of pride. The mid-to late-seventies was a rough time for fraternities, but we did our best to bring the Delta Chapter back to life after it had been one of the best fraternities at Michigan in the sixties.

Mark Wayne '85...

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Garret Hall '85, Al Lutes '86, Paul Mack '86, et al. I've been serving in different roles on the board of directors for twenty-two years.

Favorite Delt Memory

My favorite memory includes our first big party in the shelter. There were more people on the first floor than I thought could ever fit (and probably against fire code). It reminded me of the toga party scene in "Animal House," except we were not in togas. It was great fun and made a lasting impression on me! Also, because I spent most of my time in the house as house manager, there were lots of examples of putting the house back together with brothers. Those were fun and rewarding times.

ANNUAL FUND

Help Support the 2007-2008 Annual Fund!

Help us celebrate the 2007-2008 giving year that started on September 1, 2007 by making a donation to the annual fund. You can donate by calling our toll-free hotline (800-975-6699). The annual fund supports:

1. Our newsletter, *The Wolverine Delt*.
2. Shelter Improvement Fund.
3. Other letters, postcards, and print and web communications.
4. Alumni events, such as homecoming.
5. Management of our alumni database, which provides accurate contact information for all of our brothers so that we can stay in touch and reconnect with each other.

VOLUNTEERS

Calling All Alumni From The '50s And '60s!

We Need Your Help, Input And Perspective On Our Alumni Board

The 1950's and 1960's were great years for the Delt House. And although we have over 400 alumni from those years, we don't have any representation on the Alumni Board. We need a Board Member (or two) from these years to help better involve and connect alumni from two of the strongest decades of the fraternity.

What would you have to do?

You would be expected to call into the semi-monthly conference calls and provide your input and perspective.

If you can donate your time, please contact **Garrett Hall '85** by phone (734-662-3047) or email (ghall@ford.com).



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