



THE GRUMPY OLD MEN

By the
Tri-State Chapter of the Delta Chi Fraternity's
Alumni Board of Trustees

From The President

I do apologize for the length of time since our last newsletter. It is amazing how quickly projects can get away and how consumed you can become by others. So much has happened since last we connected that I feel some items might be missed, although, I think that the Chapter and Building Corp. has been doing a great job of keeping everyone updated on current events.

In The Bond,
David Wertz

ABT Scholarship Program

Although unveiled to the Chapter in the spring, this fall culminates years of perseverance on the parts of many of our alumni who have hoped and dreamed that a scholarship program would be made available to our active members. At the present time, the ABT will be awarding a \$400.00 scholarship each fall and spring semesters to a deserving active for overall performance in areas of scholastics, chapter and campus involvement, and community service. This is only the beginning for our scholarship goals, and we hope that this will become a meaningful and prestigious award program for the Chapter.

Laker Lounge

Trine University recently has seen all sorts of new additions and renovations on campus. One of the latest came from our recently initiated Brother, Craig Laker. Thanks to the generosity of Professor Laker, Criminal Justice Professor at Trine University and Chairman of the Social Sciences Department, the new Laker Lounge in Best Hall across from the Social Science Department includes a big screen TV, couches, tables and 7 computers and of course pop, coffee, and vending machines. The new lounge will be utilized by the students who need to cram for the next exam or are just looking for a place to relax.

Alumni Weekend 2009 (40th Anniversary)

What an amazing weekend of events and an equally incredible turnout. We had over 200 attendees for the weekend's events. From cocktails at Piggy's Sports Bar, to the groundbreaking ceremony for the new house, banquet dinner, and a rainy but enjoyable golf outing it appears that only good things could be said. For those who missed out, we hope to see you this year (April 16-18), and if all goes well, it will be hosted at the new house.

ABT Alumni Recognition

In an effort to recognize the achievements of our Alumni we would like actives, alumni, and friends to nominate individuals whom they feel have distinguished themselves within their profession, community, and/or the Greek movement. We will award up to five individuals at Alumni Weekend on a five year anniversary basis starting with the 40th Anniversary. On April 18, 2009, we recognized the first recipient Jeff Posendek.



9th Annual Golf Outing

The 9th Annual Golf Outing was our most successful yet. Despite the rain showers, we generated \$683.26 towards the new house. The winning team for the second time in three years is the duo of Rob Sanner and Vince Barletto. I would like to thank Mike Haun for a great job in organizing the outing. We hope to increase the number of participants in order to have a shotgun start next year. The 10th Annual Outing will be June 12th. Mark your calendars!

“Had a great timeeven though we were in the senior citizen foursome.....amazing what a little Advil can do before a round. The planning and organization was well done...looking forward to next year.”

- Jeff Posendek

“It was a great time! Now I'm sure I have this game figured out, a little Crown Royale.....a little golf. Thanks to all that had a hand in setting this up. As usual, it was very well organized and really a lot of fun. But who was in charge of the sunshine? See you all next year.”

- Chuck Rheutan

Alumni Accountability Plan

Due to unfortunate situations that have presented themselves over the years, the ABT has put in place an accountability plan to handle the improper behavior of the alumni. We would hope that our brothers would remember their oaths and have a sense of maturity and responsibility when reaching adulthood, but it appears that additional actions are necessary upon occasion. The plan will be available on the website as to the judicial process when dealing with complaints or issues with regards to the alumni.

Furthermore, we would like to take this opportunity to reach out to our alumni, especially those who may not have returned in recent years. We are forever evolving as a Chapter to better the active membership and prepare them for challenges they face. They do not need the avoidable challenges from our alumni who try to revisit the ‘good old days’ of pledging or house pranks. Talk with the active chapter or consult the ABT board members as to the current chapter practices and goals, so that you do not embarrass the Chapter or yourself, all because you remember a certain tradition of years past.

ABT News

We welcome our newest members to the Board, Craig Wiley and Brian Detweiler. Craig filled the newly added 13th position on the Alumni Board of Trustees. In conjunction, with adding a 13th member to our long established 12 member board we have made the decision to change our by-laws to allow for an open member board. What this means is that we will no longer be constrained by the number who can be on the board, but only by those willing to serve. Craig will serve as the Recruitment Adviser and Brian will serve as Parliamentary Adviser.

Nick Garstka steps down after two years of service as former Chapter ‘D’ and ‘A’ and is replaced by new Chapter ‘A’, Neal Hickle. Graduating Senior Chad Nichter steps down as the former Chapter ‘D’ and is replaced by new Chapter ‘D’, Mike Kruse.



New House Project

The new house is well underway. You can track the construction by going to the Chapter Website. Building Corp is hard at work and another mailing will be out shortly to provide you with further updates. Contact Rich Kruger for further information as to how to make tax deductible donations for the Housing Fund through Trine University.



Ft. Wayne Gatherings and Alumni Chapter Rumors

I recently received an email from a group of Delta Chi alumni in Northeast Indiana, specifically the Ft. Wayne area that are looking to start having quarterly gatherings. If you are interested you can contact Jim Banks at JBanks@hagermangc.com for further information. This is a great opportunity for our alumni to have a chance to have social gatherings with other Delta Chi brothers.

In recent weeks I have also received word from a Georgia Tech alumnus who is looking for interested members to start a Northwest Ohio Alumni Chapter. If you are interested in knowing more or in helping with starting this Chapter contact Brent Bryan at brent_bryan@hotmail.com.

Regional News

A great showing at the Region V Conference this past year at Indiana University, which was co-hosted by the Indiana Colony and DePauw Chapter. We had 5 alumni and 28 actives attend. Mark Schramka was reelected to his third consecutive term as Regent for Region V. This will be Mark's last term, as one can only hold the position for three consecutive terms. Thanks to all the alumni who attended and helped in presentations over the weekend.

The next Regional Conference will be held in February at the Southern Illinois Chapter. Our Chapter which stands at 41 members and is looking at pinning approximately 20 new members in the spring will be looking to send 50+ brothers to the Conference. As such, they are looking at chartering a bus. If anyone should have connections or is willing to support such an endeavor please contact myself or the Chapter 'A', Neal Hickle.



Congratulations/Announcements

Baby Announcement: Eleanor Catherine West born to Zach and Alicia West on January 30, 2009
 Maxwell Kenneth Hill to Clint and Melissa Hill on March 31, 2009
 Emma Jane Vergon to Chris and Mara Vergon on May 10, 2009
 Landon Carter Ross to David and Becky Ross on November 10, 2009
 Leighton Noel Blume to Jason and Melissa Blume on November 27, 2009
 Tiffany Jo Kruger to Rick and Stephanie Kruger on December 2, 2009

In Memory

Eric Clark passed away September 12, 2009.
Robert Bahr passed away November 26, 2009.

Updates

If you have not received any recent mailings, then we probably do not have a current address for you. Please update your information so you do not join the ranks of our lost brothers. If any Alumni have updates or announcements to share, please forward them to the Chapter 'E', David Wertz, or Rich Kruger.

Dates to Know

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January 16-18	A's Academy (St. Meinrad, IN)
January 24	ABT meeting @ 10 a.m. (Chapter House)
February 26-28	Region V Conference (Southern Illinois - Carbondale, IL)
March T.B.A.	ABT meeting
April 16-18	41 st Alumni Weekend
June 12	10 th Annual Golf Outing
August 11-15	57 th International Convention (New Orleans, LA)

The Board

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1 Member until April '10
 2 Member until April '11
 * Member until replaced

Any questions about information in this newsletter or any feedback (this would be most appreciated) can be directed to me at dchi331@gmail.com.