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Word from the President

My Brothers,

Tradition is a word that is often times thrown around as the cold fall sets in and that wonderful time we all know as Homecoming occurs. Needless to say, as our young chapter (re-colonized in 2003) has slowly become a not-so-young chapter, we have established several traditions of our own. The greatest of which is winning the Pyramid of Excellence.

The Alpha Alpha Chapter was awarded their second consecutive Pyramid of Excellence this past summer at National Convention. The Pyramid is given every year to only those chapters in the nation of excel in all chapter functions. Of course then Alpha Alpha's performance in chapter functions has been nothing less than stellar.

Over the past year our organization has done more than 1,700 of community service and has raised thousands of dollars for charity. All of this work for the community has not damaged our GPA however, as last semester we earned our organization's highest since the re-colonization, an out-



standing 3.31 average. Meanwhile we are keeping our members actively engaged with fantastic brotherhood, social, and athletic events.

This is the tradition that Alpha Alpha has defined now, in the present. And in the future, we have even greater plans and ambitions that will return Alpha Alpha to its rightful place as the greatest chapter on this campus and will help transform Delta Sigma Phi into the greatest fraternity in the nation. Remember though, as individuals we are weak, as a chapter we are strong, and as a National Organization we are powerful. So, we will all have to come together and help to accomplish these goals. I personally look forward to working with each and

every one of you and to the bright future of Alpha Alpha and Delta Sigma Phi!

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Josh Hawthorne, President



New Computer Room



Academic Update

Coming off of a semester where the undergraduates of Alpha Alpha received an astounding 3.31 average GPA, many would be pressed to think of what could be done to improve the academic situation. But, needless to say, Delta Sigs are not of the many, they are of the upper echelon, and we have come together to work and improve the primary academic structure within the chapter house: the com-

puter lab.

From incredibly generous donations by Gene Blanchard and the Family of Dick Ayers, the communal computer lab has been moved from a small room on the first floor to a previously unfinished room in the basement. The new lab is much larger and was able to be outfitted with six more computer stations than were previously unavailable both due to fund-

ing and space limitations. It has already proven to be an incredibly useful tool for the advancement of academic studies and it will continue to be so in the future.

The undergraduate chapter would also like to extend their greatest thanks to Gene Blanchard and the Family of Dick Ayers. You all truly embody the greatest of Delta Sig values.

By Josh Hawthorne

Tugfest Philanthropy Event



Community Service Update

The Alpha Alpha chapter of Delta Sigma Phi is a fraternity that, some would claim, is still toddling about in childhood. But unlike the old adage that claims it takes a community to raise a child, Delta Sigma Phi does just the opposite and inverts the maxim. Indeed, the Delta Sigs have developed a secure attachment with Champaign-Urbana, helping out whenever they can. The ways in which Delta Sigs provide service is varied and widespread and includes tutoring local school-children, donating blood, clothes and food, and potting plants for the Champaign-Urbana park district. These and countless other acts have helped Alpha Alpha gain recognition at the National level. The chapter has won the Pyramid of Excellence, the highest award for a chapter, two semesters in a

row! Awards are splendid but by far the pride of the Delta Sigs is their annual Sounds for Support philanthropy which benefits the Champaign County Mental Health Center, in particular the Suicide Hotline.

As unbelievable as it may seem, the Mental Health Center has come close in recent times to shutting its Suicide Hotline down, not because the Center no longer cares for the despondent but because of a lack of funding. How sad it is that such an impactful community service like the Suicide Hotline must fight to survive! Of course, there are countless individuals and groups working to keep the hotline open but sometimes even that is not enough. A small boost may be needed to get them "just over the hump." Enter the Delta Sigs, who have for two years and counting been in support of the

Mental Health Center. The aforementioned Sounds for Support (a concert of sorts) generates almost \$2000.00 every year for the Center, all the while entreating its donors and altruists with "sick jams" and other musical delights for an evening in the month of April. This concert has become a signature event for the Delta Sigs and will continue to be a focus of our various philanthropic activities in the years to come.

By Clayton Carr

Fight Night '09



Urbana Chili Cookoff And Beer Tasting



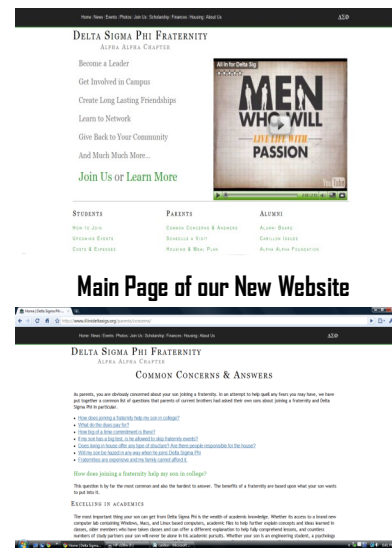
Our New Website!

In addition to the many other changes around our house, one especially significant change is our new website. Unlike our old website, this new revamped website is interactive and boasts several new interesting features. First, this website is automatically connected with the fraternity's flickr account. This means that all the photos from all the events that we have are accessible for everyone from our website. Also integrated into the

website is a Google calendar. This application helps to show the dates and times of important fraternity events. In addition to the capability of hosting pictures and calendar dates, the website also boasts email, videos linked from youtube, and a Google group function. In order to entice new recruits as well as parents, the website contains an updated FAQ sections for those who are unfamiliar with the house. Under the students sec-

tion there is information about how to join, scholarships and general living in house information. Under the parents section there is information about housing, scheduling a visit, and much more. The many upgrades and additions to our website were designed by one of our alumni, Rahul Malik. His work on this website will allow us to project a positive image of our fraternity for many years to come.

By Imran Zaveri



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