



News

The Newsletter of Delta Alpha and Delta Zeta Chapters of Sigma Nu International Fraternity

Alumni Chapter Meeting

Sept. 4, 1999
at 4:00pm
At the Chapter House

Alumni Officers

Trustee Emeritus

William A. Eisenhower (DA 379)

Trustees:

James H. Reiman (DA 742)

James P. Gero (DA 930)

Michael V. Jaszczak (DA 980)

Alumni Chapter

Worthy Commander

John E. Szabo (DA 1111)

Worthy Lt. Commander

Scott J. Rubin (DA 1096)

Worthy Treasurer

Jason E. Oster (DA 1091)

Worthy Recorder

James H. Paxton (DA 1082)

Worthy Marshal-Chaplain

Joseph A. Dea (DA 1045)

House Corporation:

President

Michael V. Jaszczak (DA 980)

Secretary

David L. Parham (DA 651)

Treasurer

James P. Gero (DA 930)

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THE PRESIDENT'S CUP, AGAIN!

Contrary to popular belief, lightning can strike twice. Just ask the men of Delta Alpha who, after winning the "President's Cup" for best CWRU fraternity last year, repeated the feat again in 1999. Although the award was renamed this year, becoming the "Agnar Pytte Cup" in honor of CWRU's retiring President of twelve years, the point is the same - Sigma Nu is still the best fraternity at Case Western Reserve University.

The President's Cup Award is composed of ten individual areas of achievement, and first place trophies are awarded for each category along with honorable mention certificates. These categories, along with the years that Sigma Nu has won top honors, are: Overall Scholarship (1997,1998); Rush Excellence (1998); New Member Education and Development (1999); Active Chapter Programming (1998, 1999); Campus Leadership (1998,1999); Greek Leadership (1997,1998); Alumni Programming (1997,1998); Alumni Programming (1997,1998); Chapter Management (1998); and Philanthropy. In this last category, Sigma Nu has performed well above average, completing its contribution to the CWRU Office of Greek Life's "365 Days of Service" campaign each of the last three years. In addition, the fraternity was awarded the 1998 "Outstanding Chapter Public Relations"

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Open House & Barbecue

Following the Alumni Meeting on Sept. 4, at the Chapter House

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES IN THE HISTORY OF DELTA ALPHA/DELTA ZETA

Although the History of Sigma Nu in Cleveland isn't due out for another year, the following anniversaries provide a glimpse at some of the events our History will cover:

100 years ago - On 28 October, 1899, eight Sigma Nu alumni living in the Cleveland area met to form a "Sigma Nu Alumni Club." A year later, at the Tenth Grand Chapter (1900), this group received a charter from the National Fraternity for "The Cleveland Sigma Nu Alumni Association".

90 years ago - On 22 February, 1909, the Alpha Nu local fraternity at Western Reserve University was installed as the Delta Zeta chapter of Sigma Nu. Ceremonies were held at the Hollenden Hotel, where Delta Alpha had been installed exactly two years previous.

75 years ago - In the fall of 1924, Brother Lester W. Bauman (DA 0138) finally succeeded in convincing the twelve Case School of Applied Science fraternities to form the School's first Inter-Fraternity Council. At the time he founded the Case IFC, Brother Bauman

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Award for its 1997 MAZE Party fundraiser. Sigma Nu also took the award for "Outstanding Chapter Program" last year for its use of the International Fraternity's L.E.A.D. (Leadership, Ethics, Achievement and Development) Candidate Education Program. Out of the twenty-six major awards given out during the 1998 and 1999 Greek Awards ceremonies, Sigma Nu received fifteen – a new record for the university.

A great deal of the credit for these awards should go to Brothers Scott Rubin, Christopher Nuss, and James Paxton, who spent countless hours (especially Brother Rubin) preparing the fraternity's applications for the award over the last three years.

KENNEDY HONORED

Delta Alpha Faculty Advisor Patrick Kennedy, an Assistant Professor in the CWRU Department of Physical Education, was honored at the 1998 Greek Leadership Awards as the "Outstanding Greek Advisor" from a pool of over twenty candidates for the award. Kennedy has been Sigma Nu's Faculty Advisor for the last six years, and has been at CWRU since 1990. A Cleveland native, Mr. Kennedy has also worked at The University of Texas at Arlington, where he advised the chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon there. But Sigma Nu is the only CWRU fraternity that he has advised, and he is proud of his affiliation with the fraternity. Though he is not an initiate, he refers to Sigma Nu as his fraternity, and when asked to describe his goals for the chapter, Kennedy stressed that "it is important for our fraternity brothers to be out there on campus, because we need to know what's going on in all aspects of Greek Life." When he's not counseling brothers on academic or personal issues, Pat can also be found umpiring baseball games or spending time with his wife and four children (the most recent of whom was born this June). Kennedy is also an active member of the Ohio Recreational Sports Association, and was that organization's President from 1995 to 1997.

Milestones Continued

was Eminent Commander of the Delta Alpha chapter, and served as the chapter's first IFC delegate.

50 years ago – On 15 March, 1949, the Delta Zeta chapter was re-installed after becoming dormant during World War II. Delta Zeta survived another four years before closing permanently in 1953.

25 years ago – In the spring of 1974, the widow of Brother Charles Jackson Hammond (DA 0137) donated funds to the Delta Alpha Alumni Chapter sufficient to establish a scholarship in her husband's name. Brother Thomas E. Eckstein (DA 0784), the first recipient of that scholarship, was the first man to serve a full term as President of the Case-Western Reserve joint IFC in 1974.

15 years ago – Delta Alpha celebrated her chiliarad (1,000th) initiate with a formal dinner on 12 May, 1984. Sigma Nu ranked first in intramural sports and second in overall scholarship. Brother Michael V. Jaszczak (DA 0980) won a second consecutive Talent of the Year award from the International Fraternity.

10 years ago – Delta Alpha chapter was "reorganized" in the fall of 1989. With guidance from an Alumni Board of Receivership and General Fraternity staff, the chapter was revitalized and obtained nine new pledges that fall.

UPCOMING EVENTS (FALL 1999)

24 August

RUSH Wing Night, 6 pm, at the Chapter House

30 August

RUSH Dinner with Sigma Nu, 6 pm, at the Chapter House

4 September

ALUMNI CHAPTER MEETING, 4 pm, at the Chapter House

ALUMNI BBQ, to follow ALUMNI CHAPTER MEETING, at the Chapter

RUSH Cafe Sigma Nu Event, 8 pm, at the Chapter House (shirt and tie suggested)

8 September

RUSH Bid Acceptance Dinner, 6 pm, at the Chapter House

20 November

A.A.C. (Alumni-Active-Candidate) Thanksgiving Dinner.

4 December

Knighting Ceremony, Location and time to be announced (Those alumni who would like to attend should either ensure that they are on the chapter e-mail listing or make a request for information from the Worthy Recorder.

Christmas Party of the Active chapter, 9pm, at the Chapter House.

TWO MORE ALPHA MEN

In 1962, the 40th Grand Chapter established the Alpha Affiliate program in an effort to honor Founder Hopkins' request to keep Alpha Chapter alive. Alpha Chapter membership through affiliation is regarded as the highest honor in the Fraternity for collegiate members, comparable to Sigma Nu's Hall of Honor for outstanding service in alumni years. The first five Alpha Affiliates were selected in 1964, and since that time, 247 men have been similarly affiliated in recognition of their outstanding dedication to the ideals of Sigma Nu.

At the 58th Grand Chapter last summer, two members of Delta Alpha were chosen for affiliation: James H. Paxton (DA 1082) and Jason E. Oster (DA 1096).

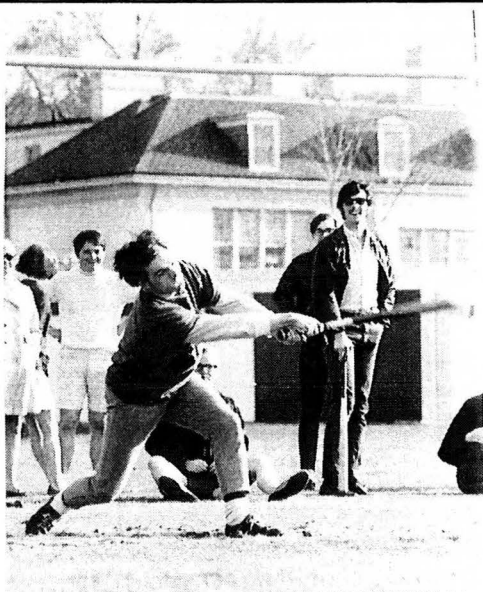
Brother Michael V. Jaszczak (DA 980) represented the Alpha Chapter at the affiliation ceremony, presenting Brother Paxton with the crest-and-sword medallion denoting membership in Sigma Nu's oldest chapter; Brother Oster was unable to be in Orlando for the ceremony.

Delta Alpha has had more than her share of Alpha Affiliates in the last thirty-seven years. Only six of the more than 200 Sigma Nu chapters across the country have had more members affiliated than we have. Paxton and Oster bring the count for Delta Alpha up to five. Brothers William G. Messenger (DA 902), Michael V. Jaszczak (DA 980) and Charles F. Hanley (DA 963) round out the list.

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ALUMNI DUES

With the 95th Anniversary White Rose Formal on the horizon and myriad other projects already begun, the Alumni Chapter has decided to restructure the Alumni Dues Program with the 1999-2000 academic year. Modeled on the alumni donation scheme employed by our own International Fraternity, this Program will recognize those alumni who are able to contribute on a level "beyond the call of duty" towards ensuring the financial security of Delta Alpha. The four levels of donation are: "Legion of Honor" (donations of \$100 or more in a single year), "Founder's Club" (\$50 to \$99.99), "White Rose Society" (\$25 to \$49.99), "Knights of Delta Alpha" (\$15 to \$24.99). The Winter 2000 Issue of "Sigma News" will include a breakdown of all Fall 1999 contributions according to level of donation, as will future issues of our alumni newsletter. Any contribution you make is greatly appreciated! (Alumni Chapter dues are not tax deductible. Tax deductible contributions to the Sigma Nu Educational Foundation can be restricted for Delta Alpha chapter if you write "Delta Alpha Educational Fund" on the memo line.)



Bill Verdini (DA 704), one of the swingers in the Class of 1969.

Why not join the heavy-hitters at the September 4th meeting?

DELTA ALPHA/DELTA ZETA HALL OF HONOR INDUCTEES

On 8 May, 1999, six of the biggest names in the history of Sigma Nu in Cleveland were added to the Delta Alpha/Delta Zeta Hall of Honor. This award, like the International Fraternity's Hall of Honor, is the highest tribute that an alumnus of the Cleveland chapters can receive from the Delta Alpha Alumni Chapter, with significant achievement and length of service to Sigma Nu the primary criteria for selection.

The addition of these six men brings the size of the Hall of Honor up to nineteen men. The Delta Alpha / Delta Zeta Hall of Honor was established in 1987 with the selection of William A. Eisenhower (DA 379), David L. Parham (DA 651) and James H. Reiman (DA 742) as the Hall's first three inductees. Brothers Clark W. Francy (DA 1), T. William Samuels (DA 569), James P. Gero (DA 930), Michael V. Jaszczak (DA 980) and Harry A. Rider (DZ 3) followed soon after.

Five more men were added in 1997, including Glen H. Bales (DA 19), John F. Maline (DA 27), John C. Wenrick (DA 41), Austin L. Vanderhoof (DA 79) and Kenneth R. Parker (DA 267). Brother Parker, the seventh living recipient of the Hall of Honor award, was present at the 1997 Cafe Sigma Nu rush event to receive a plaque in commemoration of the honor.

The 1999 Hall of Honor recipients are Harold H. Woods (BI 151 / DA 7), Samuel G. Hibben (DA 12), Fred A. Pierce (DA 152), Charles S. Smith, Jr. (DA 228), Perry D. Caldwell (DZ 15), and Miles E. Evans (DZ 26). All of these men (except Hibben) had served as Chapter Advisor for one of the Cleveland chapters, and Woods, Pierce, and Smith were all long-time members of the Delta Alpha House Corporation. Brother Hibben, the inventor of the blackout and an expert on floodlight-

AFFIRMATION OF KNIGHTHOOD CEREMONY

At the 1996 Thanksgiving meeting, Brother Dan Drager (DA 953) proposed that the Alumni Chapter develop a new ritual for Sigma Nu, to be used as an initiation ritual into the alumni chapter. Although all Sigma Nus are members for life, this ceremony would emphasize a brother's changing responsibilities as an alumnus of the fraternity.

Building on this idea, Brother James Paxton (DA 1082) wrote just such a ritual and presented it to the Ritual Committee of the International Fraternity during the 1997 College of Chapters at Indiana University. The Committee's response to this proposed ritual was favorable enough to continue work on the project, and with the assistance of Brother Suresh Potiuri (DA 1097), Paxton presented a revised version of an "Affirmation of Knighthood" ceremony to the new Ritual Committee at the Orlando Grand Chapter in 1998. With the full endorsement of the Ritual Committee, the new ceremony was accepted by a Grand Chapter vote as Sigma Nu's official Alumni Initiation Ritual. As such, it will be included in the 1999 edition of The Ritual of Sigma Nu, due out later this year in hardcover form.

Although the "Affirmation of Knighthood" will not be a required ceremony for all chapters, its adoption as Sigma Nu's fifth ritual ceremony symbolically represents the fifth arm of our fraternity's badge, an arm that Delta Alpha's Alumni Chapter provided.

ing and defense lighting, founded the Paris (France) Sigma Nu Alumni Club in 1917.

A plaque bearing the signatures of all nineteen members of the Hall of Honor will be on display at the Chapter House this fall and for years to come. This plaque was designed by Sigma Nu's artist laureate, Brother Michael V. Jaszczak (DA 980).

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GREEK WEEK 1999

After a slight drop from fourth-place overall (1997) to fifth-place in 1998, Sigma Nu rebounded in 1999 to take third-place this year in CWRU's annual Greek Week competition. The key to Sigma Nu's success was participation events, which now constitute one-third of the all-points trophy. The chapter placed above average in most events, winning the Pie Snarf and Spirit Day competitions outright while placing third in Beach Ball Relay and seventh out of CWRU's eighteen fraternities in the Rope Pull. For the first time in many years, all of the top three Greek Week teams were from the Murray Hill Quad (Phi Delta Theta nosed out Sigma Phi Epsilon for top honors), although Sigma Nu intends on doing its part to see that at least one of these three teams is still on top next year.

ROCK CHAPTER 2000

With all of the outstanding achievements Delta Alpha has made in the last two years, the actives are chomping at the bit to enter the fray for a Rock Chapter Award at the Phoenix Grand Chapter in 2000. So far, steady progress has been made towards attaining this goal, as Delta Alpha has been honored in one form or another at both of the Fraternity's last two general conclaves. In 1997, Delta Alpha chapter was recognized as the third-place chapter for scholarship among all Sigma Nu chapters and received the International Fraternity's "Certificate of Commendation" for this accomplishment. Although some serious studying in other chapters brought Delta Alpha down to tenth-place in 1998, the chapter expects to make a showing near the top again this summer.

But there was some good news at the Orlando Grand Chapter in 1998. During the convention's Awards Dinner, Delta Alpha delegates Philip Epstein (DA 1092) and Scott Stiffler (DA 1100) were presented with an "Honorable Mention Rock Chapter" award, proving that the International Fraternity had taken notice of its CWRU chapter. Considering that the trophies have not stopped piling up since August of 1998, the road to a Rock in 2000 seems awfully clear.



Wouldn't you rather run into these guys at the A.A.C. Thanksgiving Dinner than in a dark alley? Be there on November 20th and find out what the 1985 Greek Week team is wearing to dinner.

HISTORY PROJECT

Imagine for a moment that you were telling your friends, children, or grandchildren, about your days at Delta Alpha. (For those of you who have done so, this should be an easy exercise.) What kind of things would you tell them (or not tell them)? Would you mention the rigors of pledging, the great parties you helped organize, or maybe the year Sigma Nu won Greek Week? How about the traditions you played a part in preserving, or the moment that the importance of The Ideals really hit you? You could probably write a short book about your four years at CWRU, complete with details so vivid that the reader would swear he or she had been there in person.

Well, every year Delta Alpha adopts a dozen or more new sons (well, Candidates), and every one of them would like to read that short book of yours. Unfortunately, you haven't written it - yet. In eight short years, Delta Alpha will be one hundred. And as you might imagine, at one hundred years of age, one's memory isn't all that great. Even things we wrote down fifty years ago have a way of getting lost in the shuffle of papers. That's why that little book of yours is so important - it puts all those great memories and ideas at your fingertips, not buried in a mess of papers. And imagine if it were possible to have all of your fraternity brothers help you write that wonderful little book. Would you write it?

The good news is that you don't have to. Two years ago the Delta Alpha Alumni Chapter started writing it for you. But that doesn't mean you're off the hook entirely - we still need your help. But, then, it is YOUR book after all. This book is about YOU, for YOU, and YOUR brothers, right? Yes, we know you were only here for a short time - all of us were. What's really important is that we get YOUR piece of the big picture in there somewhere. Brothers Ken Parker (DA 267), Chuck Atwood (DA 274), Dale Johnson (DA 438), Ed Haddad (DA 797), Mike Jaszczak (DA 980), Joe Dea (DA 1045) and James Paxton (DA 1082) have already contributed to The History of Sigma Nu in Cleveland; are you going to let these guys have all the fun? Of course not.

So here's what you do. Just mark the box next to "Yes, I would like to contribute to the written history" on the Alumni Database/Dues Form and mail it to the chapter house. Indicate the years that you were active, and your friendly Worthy Recorder will come up with some (hopefully) really good questions for you to answer. It's that easy - and in a year or so you'll have a great coffeetable book WITH YOUR NAME IN IT. Either that, or you can visit Brother Johnson and take a look at his copy; if Dale mentioned you, you might be in there too.

NEWS REPORTED IN 1997:

Henry Heintzelman (DA 426): Retired in June 1996. Plan to remain in Charlotte, N.C.

William Messenger (DA 902): I graduated from Boston University School of Theology in May, 1997, and I anticipate being ordained as a minister in the Episcopal Church in June 1998. My wife Kim and I are expecting our second child in November (1997).

James Nazar (DA 938): Promoted to the rank of Major, U.S. Air Force, on 1 July, 1997.

Douglas King (DA 991): My wife Sharon and I welcomed our second child, Allison Marie, on March 24, 1997. We live near Cincinnati in Mason, Ohio."

Hans Hjort (DA 1031) : Still working on my Ph.D. in Physics.

NEWS REPORTED IN 1999:

James Paxton (DA 1082): Graduated from CWRU in 1998 with a degree in Biology and English. Currently in the process of applying to medical school.

Scott Rubin (DA 1096): Graduated with a B.A. in Psychology last year. I'm enrolled in the M.B.A. program at Cleveland State, with a concentration in health care administration.

Dave Bachtel (DA 1024) I am currently working for Dow Corning Corporation as a Chemical Engineer in Process Engineering. I live in Midland, Michigan and am pursuing my Master's degree in Chemical Engineering at U of M. I was married once and I am currently engaged to a wonderful lady who has three daughters ages seven, three, and two. We plan on getting married on April 1st, 2000.

Mike Stone (DA 904): In July 1998, Jeannette and I purchased a brand

new home in uptown Burton. Eleven (11) year old Justin and ten (10) year old Joshua keep messing up summer vacations by qualifying for the Ohio State Fair in 4-H for the second year in a row. Currently, I am President of the Berkshire School Board for 1999. My father, Walt, recently had a very successful open heart surgery which has kept the entire Stone family busy.

Jeffrey Lund (DA 701): As far as news goes, I started a new job as Vice President of Portfolio Management for Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas last September after Ashland Exploration decided to sell its oil and gas assets in lieu of an IPO. I had been with Ashland for seven years. I was President of the Houston Geological Society in 1997-98 and missed the 30th Class Reunion for the class of 69 because of a conflict with receiving a Distinguished Service Award from that Society. My wife Marti and I are celebrating our 30th anniversary with a trip to Italy. Our 19 year old daughter is a sophomore at Boston College.

Dave Wang (DA 1012): Moved to Quad Cities (IL/IA) on the Mississippi River in April of 1998. Project Manager of Environmental Compliance division of Seneca Petroleum. Married on August 8, 1998 in Madison WI to Judith Gail Miller. Bought a house and now lives in Moline IL. Daughter born on July 3, 1999 (Cecilia Jessica Miller-Wang), and I got to catch the baby.

Randy Bachtel (DA 968) I have been employed at Stress Engineering Services in Cincinnati for 3 years.....this after spending 10 years and good ol Procter & Gamble. I am still a bachelor....but not for long....I am getting married in September to Kim (who is a nurse). She and I have been dating for almost two years. She has a cute daughter who is now 5 years old. I still fly hot air balloons and currently flying the ReMax realty balloon almost every decent evening of the summer.

AWARD OF MERIT

Congratulations to Brothers David Parham and Michael Jaszczak for receiving the Delta Alpha Award of Merit. The Award of Merit is given to brothers who make some outstanding contribution to the Delta Alpha Alumni or Active chapters. Brothers Parham and Jaszczak received the award for their contributions as the principal negotiators for the Housing Corporation in negotiating a new 20-year Chapter House lease with CWRU.

HOUSING CORPORATION NEWS

There has been a lot of activity going on with the housing corporation during the last two years. Perhaps the most important news is the new twenty year lease for our chapter home. The lease guarantees that we will have a home well into the 21st century.

For the 1999-2000 school year, the housing corporation is providing the chapter with new living room furniture. In addition, perhaps the single largest expense is a new piano. A black Young-Chang baby grand piano will be delivered on August 20th. The piano has a disc/compact disc feature that turns the piano into a player piano. This should be a great feature during events where piano music would add to the ambiance. When brothers (and rushees) enter the living room of the chapter house they should find a comfortable living area that is unlike anything they can find in the university housing environment.

Overall, the housing corporation is committed to providing the best housing experience possible with the number of brothers in the house. Recent improvements include a new dining room floor and blinds for the windows, improvements to the chapter room and a scholarship room. Future plans include a new snake cage built into the wall between the living and dining room.

Please provide the following information. This information will only be used for Delta Alpha/Delta Zeta of Sigma Nu business.

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☐ Enclosed is my contribution to the Alumni Chapter for the 1999-2000 school year.

☐ Legion of Honor (\$100 and up)

☐ White Rose Society (\$25 - \$49)

☐ Founder's Club (\$50 - \$99)

☐ Knights of Delta Alpha (\$15 - \$24)

☐ Yes, I would like to contribute to the written history, The History of Sigma Nu in Cleveland.

☐ Other Comments/News: _____
