

Sigma Nu News

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Annual Election Meeting
April 6, 2002 - 2:30 PM

Trusties

- James Reiman ΔA 742
- James Gero ΔA 930
- Michael Jaszczak ΔA 980

House Corporation Members

- Joseph Dea ΔA 1045
President
- James Gero ΔA 930
Treasurer
- David Parham ΔA 651
Secretary
- James Reiman ΔA 742
- Michael Jaszczak ΔA 980
- Christopher Kiehl ΔA 1060
- John Szabo ΔA 1111

Alumni Chapter Officers

- John Szabo ΔA 1111
Commander
- James Paxton ΔA 1082
Lt. Commander
- Vacant
Treasurer
- Jeffery Schwarz ΔA 1089
Recorder
- Vacant
Marshal / Chaplin

95th Anniversary White Rose Formal April 6, 2002

The Delta Alpha Alumni and Active Chapters are pleased to announce that the 95th Anniversary White Rose Formal will be held April 6, 2002 at The RainForest at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. The RainForest presents a tropical setting with both plant and animal life on display. Among the attractions are a jungle, an aquarium, and an open-air aviary. For further information about the Zoo and RainForest: <http://www.clemetzoo.com>. For schedule of events and reply card, see insert.

Our expected attendance for the Formal is 150 Alumni, Actives, and Guests. The reception will begin at the RainForest at 6:00pm. Please arrive promptly. Those in attendance will have about an hour to mingle and explore the RainForest. Dinner will be served at 7:30 in the storm room, with plant and animal exhibits, including a thunderstorm about every 15 minutes. Two choices will be available for dinner entrees – either a split entrée including both Roast Tenderloin and Chicken Piccata or a vegetarian dish. Following dinner, we will move to the party area for dessert, coffee, and a few hours of dancing and celebrating the evening with a DJ and lighting effects. Two cash bars will be open throughout most of the evening and the Zoo permits smoking only in the outdoor patio area.

The cost for the Formal is \$50.00 per person, with the Alumni and Active Chapters contributing about \$7,500.00 in addition. Please RSVP as soon as possible!!!! Note that reservations and checks must be received by March 27th at the latest. We would like this event to be memorable – both a celebration and a reunion, so please contact your friends in Sigma Nu and convince them to attend with you. Also, all replies are important, even if you know that you can't attend. Again, please RSVP as soon as possible.

For those coming from out-of-town, a block of rooms has been reserved at the Airport Marriott Hotel, very close to Cleveland Hopkins Airport. The cost is \$82.00/night, including breakfast buffet for two. The Marriott is about 20 minutes from campus and 10 minutes from the Zoo. The Marriott also offers 24 hour shuttle service to the airport and a shuttle will also take guests from the hotel to the zoo for the formal, and return back to the hotel at the conclusion of the event, at no charge. If you would like to reserve a room at the hotel, you must contact Joe Dea, ASAP.

Please help to make this a memorable event by attending!!!!

Contact Joseph Dea:

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2000 Grand Chapter

Phoenix, AZ was an awesome location for the 2000 Grand Chapter. As expected, the most significant issues addressed were alcohol in the chapter houses (allowed if chapters maintain high enough GPA) and liability insurance (change in carrier and increase in cost). Pledge and Initiation Fees also increased significantly. **Michael Jaszczak AA 980**, was re-elected to High Council as the only second-term Vice Regent. Michael, as Sigma Nu Artist Lauriat, also presented a new ritual mace to the High Council, made of silver, walnut, and a piece of the original limestone outcropping from VMI, where the founders first met. Headquarters also instituted a series of awards to recognize the work of alumni and advisors in their various roles. **Joseph Dea AA 1045** was awarded the inaugural National Alumni Officer of the Year Award. Also, a new ritual ceremony, the "Affirmation of Knighthood," created by **James Paxton AA 1082**, was accepted as an official addition to the Sigma Nu Ritual. The ceremony celebrates the graduation of undergraduate members and acknowledges their change in status within Sigma Nu, as alumni members.

2002 Grand Chapter

August 7 - 11, 2002
Toronto, Canada

Because of the close proximity, we expect a large Delta Alpha contingent to be present to both enjoy the Grand Chapter events and the city of Toronto. **James Paxton** will once again represent Delta Alpha as the Alumni Chapter Delegate. If you are interested in attending, please contact **Joe Dea**.

Active Chapter News

By **John Kotwicki AA1155**, Eminent Commander

This year has been a good one for the Delta Alpha Chapter. The chapter gained 6 new Knights in the Fall semester and 7 new pledges this Spring. The most spectacular aspect of the Fall semester was the stellar performance by the intramural football and soccer teams. The football team went undefeated into the playoffs after defeating SAE by one touchdown in overtime. More spectacular was the soccer team winning the IM soccer championship, beating SAE in a shoot out. **Matt Striewing AA1133** made two amazing saves and **Harlyn Blynn AA 1158** put in the winning goal.

This semester we will concentrate on improving academics and increasing attendance at campus events so that we may continue to project our positive image on this university. Motivated by our 3rd place finish in Greek Week last year and by our intramural success in the Fall, brothers are looking forward to the challenging competition of Greek Week this Spring, with the hope of taking home the first place trophy. In the process of achieving these goals the chapter is looking forward to working with new people, programs, and resources. Many officers will be attending the LEAD Institute and Recruitment Institute Programs offered by Sigma Nu Headquarters. Introduced this past summer, these programs aim to give chapters new ideas for implementing more effective LEAD events and rush strategies.

As always, we are eager to hear ideas and discuss the old days with everyone passing through during our ninety-fifth year. The active chapter thanks you for your support and hopes to see you soon.

Active Chapter Individual Accomplishments:

In one's pursuit of the Sigma Nu ideals of Love, Truth, and Honor, certain other prestigious accomplishments frequently accompany them. Over the past year, brothers here at Delta Alpha chapter performed remarkably in areas of academics, athletics, and various extra-curricular activities:

Ryan Hollinger AA 1127 was the first brother in recent memory to be elected President of Inter-Fraternity Congress for 2001.

Mike Weisburger AA 1135 excelled with Sigma Nu as Eminent Commander, in the classroom, and in campus involvement, earning him a position on the prestigious Order of Omega - the Greek Honor Society.

Ben Schaeffer AA 1142 was recognized as Inter-Fraternity Congress Representative of the Year for 2001.

Chris Walker AA 1144 and **Brian Lause AA 1147**, were inducted into Gamma Sigma Alpha, an academic Greek Honor Society in 2001.

Adam Rozsa AA 1146 was inducted into Gamma Sigma Alpha in 2001 and currently serves on the IFC Judicial Board as a Justice.

Matt Finnerty AA 1161, a sophomore on the CWRU Cross Country Team, was named all-conference, all-Ohio, and all-region and had two first place finishes while establishing himself as Case's premier distance runner.

Active Chapter GPA: Spring 2001: 3.151 Fall 2001: 3.094

Alumni News: (Please Send More)

Charles W. Atwood (ΔA 274): “My son is still at Parker Hannifin, Huntsville, Alabama. My stepson has retired to care for his wife, who has Multiple Sclerosis. My eldest daughter is a UCC minister in Tekonsha, Michigan, and my youngest daughter lives in Mentor, Ohio. We have six grandchildren altogether. Fortunately, they have never been all together, so there has never been an interfamily fight!”

John M. Spear (ΔA 375): “Contract Bridge Enthusiast. Married 52 years to Vera Zurbrugg, whom I met and married while at Case. She was a nurse at University Hospitals. Our youngest daughter recently received her Ph.D. from Penn State.”

Bob Temple (ΔA 433): “After retiring the second time (30 years with AMC and 10.5 years with Allied Signal), I have been doing some engineering consulting for the past four years.”

James I. Taylor (ΔA 496): “Have recently ‘stepped down’ from Associate Dean of the [University of Notre Dame] College of Engineering, to Professor of Civil Engineering.”

Robert A. Peacock (ΔA 520): “Active member of “SERTOMA.” Organizer and avid golfer with the Northwestern Pennsylvania Blind Golfers Association. Would enjoy contacts from alumni – classes of 1955-59.”

Frank Guenzel (ΔA 546): “Strongly disagree with Alcohol-Free Housing. Rather see (legal-aged) drinkers drinking at “home” rather than at the local bars.”

Donald Parmelee (ΔA 563): “I retired this year from the Lincoln Electric Company, after thirty eight years of service. My wife and I are now residing in Naples, Florida.”

Larry Koppelberger (ΔA 702): “The last of my three sons graduated from

college last spring. Moira and I will be celebrating our thirty-first anniversary this June. We are enjoying life.”

Bill Causin (ΔA 723): “Thirteen years in real estate sales has been more enjoyable than previous positions. I have two children, Eddie (20) and Teresa (17). Wife Susan is English and loves traveling. I like going with her.”

Mark Juba (ΔA 792): “I returned to Kodak Park after 15 months at our Toronto, Ontario, plants. My daughter has started college and my sixteen-year-old son is learning to drive. I continue to be very active as a Boy Scout leader in Rochester.”

Jeff Dill (ΔA 815): “Great photo on page four of Volume 33, #1. There I am, almost front and center! With the hair! What a blast from the past!”

Christopher A. Brandon (ΔA 827): “The Brandons – Chris, Sue, Zachary (15) and Ashley (10) have been living on the Gulf Coast now for 6 years. We love it. Chris has recently earned his Masters of Science in Manufacturing Management from Kettering University and is the principal engineer on site at Delphi’s electronic assembly operation in Foley. Sue is credit manager for a local corporation that holds several hardware stores, a construction company, and a hotel on the beach. Zachary is working on his Eagle Scout and learning to drive. Ashley is our competitive swimmer at ten now – the 2008 Olympics may be a trip. We do not get back north very often, but the beach is a great place. Visit, or give us a call.”

Merrill Arthur (ΔA 830): “Even though I almost flunked out of Case (too much fun at the fraternity), I still obtained my Bachelor’s in Mechanical Engineering and an MBA. I’m still married to Betsy, Rob Eulenstein’s sister, and have three children (15,14,12). I pride myself on having

the same twisted sense of humor that I did at Case and would love to hear from anyone who remembers me.”

Vincent M. Genova (ΔA 872): “I recently joined Cansto Coatings in Cleveland, Ohio, as Vice President – Technical. My wife Joy and I are celebrating our 16th wedding anniversary in April with our three daughters, Carly, Kelly, and Maria. I have resumed weight-lifting and have my squat up to 500 lbs., and still increasing! Where is Gordon?!”

James B. Nazar (ΔA 938): “Recently married the former Elizabeth K. Shirley, of San Antonio, Texas.”

David Bastawros (ΔA 1047): “Baby Matthew David Bastawros was born Sept. 27, 2001.”

Jason Cline (ΔA 1073): “Married Kristin Burrows at the Chapel at Bishops Lodge in Sante Fe, NM on Dec. 24, 2001.”

Marinel Rosu (ΔA 1080): “I am doing well . . . busy, busy, busy. I am currently attending Baldwin-Wallace for my MBA. Still working at Kirby. **I agree that under-age drinking can be a problem, but to go completely dry could cause problems for those who are old enough to drink. I hope that we do not encourage responsible 21-year-olds to leave the house, drink, and then have to drive or walk back. I hope systems will be in place to account for it.**”

James H. Paxton (ΔA 1082): “Finishing 2nd year Medical School. Competing in National Research Forum and currently on Admissions Committee for Univ. of Cincinnati Medical School. Looking forward to seeing all at 95th Anniversary.”

Jason Oster (ΔA 1091): “Emily and I got engaged. It’s been a long time coming but definitely worth the wait.”

1999 - 2000 Alumni Dues Paid

Legion Of Honor (\$100 +)		White Rose Society (\$25 - \$49)			
407	Bob Sweeney	243	Fred Snyder	939	Rainard Beer
410	James Antil	260	Franklin Bird	962	Fred Losi
502	Peter Hanley	267	Ken Parker	1039	Andrew Paier
546	Frank Guenzel	274	Charles Atwood	1046	Matt Unger
590	Chris Mathewson	384	Robert Kiehl	1049	Scott Lanterman
651	James Parham	390	Nelson Gibson	1059	Matt Bangerter
656	Phil Schoner	398	Ned Desenberg	1080	Marinel Rosu
734	John Lundberg	411	Richard Brugler	1090	Ihtishaam Qazi
774	Richard August	412	Neal Flickinger	1096	Scott Rubin
815	Jeff Dill	424	William Gray	1098	Nate Grunwald
921	Robert Wenz	426	Henry Heintzelman		
938	James Nazar	433	Bob Temple	Knights of Delta Alpha (\$15 - \$24)	
997	Randel Simon	439	Richard Lyndes	156	Myron Mochel
1045	Joseph Dea	447	Joseph Nemanich	178	William Stevens
1060	Chris Kiehl	472	James McCord	326	George Slater
1066	Shawn Cornelius	509	Donald Jackson	364	Reynard Bradley
1069	Geoffrey Schmit	517	John Leniham	466	Dwight Decker
1072	Clay Flannigan	520	Robert Peacock	508	Richard Reinhart
1094	Josh Widick	563	Don Parmelee	586	Douglas Pease
1111	John Szabo	609	Larry Baker	792	Mark Juba
		661	John Massie	930	Jim Gero
		701	Jeffrey Lund	964	Gregory York
		702	Larry Koppelberger	965	Andrew Bleichfeld
		723	Bill Causin	980	Mike Jaszczak
		742	James Reiman	982	David Shirley
		749	Robert Brentin	990	Chris Boyer
		751	Eric Snyder	1034	Daniel Baker
		768	Brad Hicks	1073	Jason Cline
		830	Merrill Arthur	1083	Clark Stein
		845	Will Schmidt	1085	Dan Updyke
		872	Vincent Genova	1089	Jeff Schwarz
		883	Roy Smith	1091	Jason Oster
		911	Brett Bailey	1092	Phil Epstein
Founder's Club (\$50—\$99)					
295	Richard Newton				
496	James Taylor				
558	William Pritts				
652	Jeffrey Smigel				
667	Frank Steffey				
706	Richard Merrill				
741	Stephen Darling				
773	Bruce DiPietro				
797	Edward Haddad Jr.				
977	Chuck Visk				
1058	Ruben Garcia				
1082	James Paxton				

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1045	Joseph Dea	1082	James Paxton	438	Dale Johnson
1066	Shawn Cornelius	1092	Phil Epstein	980	Mike Jaszczak
1089	Jeff Schwarz	White Rose Society (\$25 - \$49)		1075	Aaron Wisnewski
1094	Josh Widick	447	Joseph Nemanich	1061	David Ferrence
1111	John Szabo	902	Bill Messenger	1090	Ihtishaam Qazi
		481	William Beall		

Please pay your dues before June 15th!!!!!!!