



Sigma Nu News



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Alumni Chapter Meeting
November 23, 2002
4:30 PM, Chapter House

Trustees

- James Reiman ΔA 0742
- James Gero ΔA 0930
- Michael Jaszczak ΔA 0980

House Corporation

- Joseph Dea ΔA 1045
President
- James Gero ΔA 0930
Treasurer
- David Parham ΔA 0651
Secretary
- James Reiman ΔA 0742
- Michael Jaszczak ΔA 0980
- Christopher Kiehl ΔA 1060
- John Szabo ΔA 1111

Alumni Chapter Officers

- John Szabo ΔA 1111
Commander
- James Paxton ΔA 1082
Lt. Commander
Editor, *ΣNNews*
- Joseph Dea ΔA 1045
Treasurer
- Jeffrey Schwarz ΔA 1089
Recorder
- Saurabh Bansal ΔA 1128
Marshal-Chaplain

Delta Alpha Wins A Rock!

After several close calls, including a 1998 *Honorable Mention Rock Chapter Award*, Delta Alpha Chapter successfully ended its twenty-year search for a piece of The Rock on 10 August, 2002, at Toronto's Sixtieth Sigma Nu Grand Chapter.

The *Rock Chapter Award* was established by the International Fraternity in 1982 to recognize the best of Sigma Nu's nearly two hundred chapters. To even qualify for consideration, a collegiate chapter must demonstrate a standard of excellence in all areas of fraternity operations for a period of no less than three years. Of those chapters so qualified, only a handful are selected at each biennial Grand Chapter to receive the award. This biennium, only six other chapters were tapped for the honor alongside Delta Alpha.



Brothers representing Delta Alpha Chapter at the Toronto Grand Chapter pose with the *Rock Chapter* plaque, including: (left to right, back to front) James Paxton (ΔA 1082), Divisional Commander Jim Gero (ΔA 0930), Vice Regent Michael Jaszczak (ΔA 0980), Steve Pertsev (ΔA 1110), Ryan Sporer (ΔA 1163), Max Tusim (ΔA 1143) and House Corporation President Joe Dea (ΔA 1045).

Achieving *Rock Chapter* status has been a perennial goal of the chapter for the last two decades, but this award represents the first of what is hoped to be a long line of *Rock Chapter* successes for Delta Alpha Chapter. In any event, the Trustees, House Corporation members, and Alumni Chapter Officers would all like to congratulate the collegiate chapter on their fine accomplishment. Several of us were present for the awards banquet at the Fairmount Royal York Hotel and were duly impressed by the long list of collegiate chapter achievements reported out during the presentation of the award.

Collegians Ryan Sporer (ΔA 1163) and Max Tusim (ΔA 1143) accepted the award on behalf of Delta Alpha Chapter. Pictured above, the *Rock Chapter* plaque measures 10x12 inches and is constructed of cherry wood, with a 3x4 inch portion of The Rock of Sigma Nu embedded in its face.

AAC Thanksgiving Dinner

Saturday, November 23rd, 2002

BBQ at 1:00, Alumni Chapter Meeting at the Chapter House at 4:30, Reception at the Chapter House at 6:00, Dinner at the Faculty Dining Room at 7:00. Dress this year will be casual. Must RSVP to Joe Dea by Fri, Nov. 15th - either jad5@po.cwru.edu or 216-647-6275. Cost is \$16.00/person.

95th Anniversary White Rose Formal

Alumni and collegiate members of Sigma Nu gathered together for Delta Alpha Chapter's 95th Anniversary White Rose Formal weekend on April 5-6, 2002. This much-anticipated weekend began with a reception at the chapter house on Friday at 9:00 PM, with various informal activities continuing on into the night. Saturday's programming began with a BBQ at the chapter house at noon, followed by alumni chapter and house corporation meetings prior to the formal dinner.

Eighty-five knights and nearly as many guests were present for the dinner held at The Rainforest of the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. Master of Ceremonies Shawn Cornelius (ΔA 1066) set the tone for the evening with his formal welcome, followed by a brief address from 2000-2002 Vice Regent Michael Jaszczak (ΔA 0980), and a prayer and *Short Creed* recital by collegian Matthew Finnerty (ΔA 1161). Roast tenderloin and chicken piccata dinner entrées were then served in the facility's "storm room," surrounded by plant and animal exhibits with a simulated thunderstorm every 15 minutes. Taken as a whole, it was quite a show.

Formal awards were presented late in the meal, beginning with a beautifully engraved nickel-plated cavalry sword presented to Vice Regent Jaszczak in recognition of his 9 years of service to the Delta Alpha House Corporation as President. Other awards included:

- 2002 *Delta Alpha / Delta Zeta Hall of Honor*: Charles Jackson Hammond (ΔA 0137)
- 2002 *Alumnus of the Year*: Joseph Dea (ΔA 1045), for his work with the House Corporation and Formal Comm.
- 2001 *Charles Jackson Hammond Award*: Ryan Hollinger (ΔA 1125), Chapter Commander and IFC President
- 2001 Highest Senior GPA: Saurabh Bansal (ΔA 1128), with a 3.79 average
- 2001 Highest Underclassman GPA: Mario Contreras (ΔA 1166), with a 3.92 average
- 2001 Most Improved GPA: Joseph Mohner (ΔA 1145), with an increase of 0.42 over last year
- 2001 First Achievement Awards: 8 men, totaling \$2,040.00
- 2002 First Achievement Awards: 12 men, totaling \$3,240.00

Following dinner, the men and their guests moved to the party area for dessert, coffee, and several hours of socializing and dancing, Sigma Nu style. Two cash bars were open throughout the evening, and a block of rooms reserved at the Airport Marriott Hotel, where the entertainment continued long into the evening.

White Rose Formal Committee Chairman Joseph Dea (ΔA 1045) was responsible for the planning and execution of this monumental event, along with committee members John Szabo (ΔA 1111) and Jeffrey Bottger (ΔA 1118). In all, more than \$13,000 was spent on the weekend, including a \$300 donation to the Cleveland Metroparks on behalf of Sigma Nu Fraternity.



A few of the men present for the 95th Anniversary White Rose Formal, taking time out for a group photo. More than one hundred and fifty alumni, collegians, and guests were present for this monumental event, held at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo Rainforest Exhibit.

Alumni News: (Please Send More!)

Robert Sweeney ΔA 0407 - "I am currently retired have sold my Auto Dealerships to my sons Doug and Dave. The Dealerships are located in Youngstown, Ohio. I spend half of my time in Youngstown and the balance in Naples, Florida. I am in the phone books of each community. Keep up the good job in recruiting, athletics, and most important scholarship. The lessons learned at Case will help you throughout your lifetime."

Dale Johnson ΔA 0438 - "Linda and I greatly regret not attending the 95th White Rose Formal. We recall attending the 90th and winning the "oldest geezer" award. I wonder who had that distinction this time? My retirement therapy consists of volunteering with Therapy Dogs International. My partner is a beautiful three-year-old Leonberger named Ginger. Sometime in July 2002, she/we will receive recognition for 150 therapy visits to hospitals and nursing homes in central Ohio."

Richard Lyndes ΔA 0439 - "After a year's hiatus, Gail and I are looking forward to resuming our travels: family in Houston and Minneapolis, Ireland, fishing in Canada, and an Australia/New Zealand tour over the next year. Retirement is Great! Additionally active as a Bible class leader, long time member of the Worthington Lions Club, and participate in programs at the Worthington Senior Center. Keeps me busy and mostly out of trouble. I applaud the alumni activity at the national level and the Active Chapter involvement in the LEAD Program. Keep up the good work."

Dwight Decker ΔA 0466 - "Life Member – Continental Little League, Warwick, RI; Life Member – Roger Williams Park Zoo, Providence, RI; Life Member – University Glee Club of Providence; Volunteer – South Providence Neighborhood Ministries; Umpire Consultant – District 3 of Little League, RI."

Edward Labuda ΔA 0515 - "I married Gayle Gifreda, a Mather graduate. We have three sons and nine grandchildren. Our middle son, David, also graduated from Case in 1985. After retiring I have kept busy by serving on the Board of Directors of several high-tech start-ups, attempting to play golf, and enjoying our grandchildren."

Frank Guenzel ΔA 0546 - "Hope you all had a fun-filled successful White Rose Formal. We will plan on attending the 100th Anniversary Formal in 2007. You probably know that Brother John McWhorter, a Cleveland boy, passed away on 3/10/02."

Alan Mochnich ΔA 0566 - "I'm doing well. Hope all of my old friends are doing the same."

Larry Baker ΔA 0609 - "Retired December 2000 from Daimler Chrysler Corp. 35 years – last job was Vice President Motor Parts Division. Unretired 1/10/01 – Job above – Chicago Headquarters but my corporate job is based in Detroit. First grandchild, a boy, was born Halloween, 2001. Currently enjoy Northern Michigan vacation house ... golf (handicap down to 10) ... restoring my old car."

David Parham ΔA 0651 - "Proud to have two grandsons, Owen (4) and Nathan (2), living in Atlanta."

Jeffrey Lund ΔA 0701 - "I have been with Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Corp. for 4 years, currently Vice President of Exploration & Production Business Services. In March, I served as General Chairman of the 87th Annual Convention of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists held in Houston with 7,700 attendees from 37 countries. Marte and I have been married since 1969 after a blind date at a Sigma Nu party in September '68. Our daughter, Briana, graduates from Boston College in May 2002 with BA in Art History and French."

Eric Snyder ΔA 0751 - "Our older son, Robert, is now a freshman at Bowling Green. Our younger son, Carl, is a junior in high school. Carl is working on his Eagle Scout project to earn the Eagle Scout rank, similar to his brother Robert."

James Weddell ΔA 0794 - "I was delighted to see so many notes from alumni I know. Yes, 'Please send more' alumni notes. I've done Technical Service at DuPont for Surlyn[®] polymer for golf ball covers for several years. Despite this, I haven't been playing much golf. More recently I'm doing Technical Service for polymers for packaging and industrial applications. I've recently added digital photography and singing to my hobbies of aerobics, gardening, and hiking. My wife of 22 years, Lori, is enjoying reading, singing, and gardening since her early retirement from DuPont. I too would enjoy hearing from anyone who remembers me."

Edward Haddad, Jr. ΔA 0797 - "We were in the process of moving and didn't catch the White Rose Announcement till it was over. We look forward to the next event."

Steve Chalmers ΔA 0846 - "Still with Hewlett-Packard after 22 years, but inside HP it's been a new job every 3 years ... never bored. Got into one of those "sick house" incidents 6 years ago, still adapting to the health consequences. Editorial Comment: chemical sensitivities are the collapse of noise margins in the human nervous system, which is a trivial comment for an electrical engineer to understand and incomprehensible to a physician. Have fun at the Formal!"

James Nazar ΔA 0938 - "Still jumping out of 'perfectly good' airplanes. Currently jumping with the U.S. Special Operations Command Parachute Demonstration Team. I'll be leaving Florida by the end of the

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year, where I don't know yet. I should find out from the Air Force in a couple of months. My next assignment will probably be my last one before I retire."

Douglas King ΔA 0991 - "The past year has seen my family grow and change with the birth of our fourth child, a move into a new house (still within eye-sight of King's Island) and a new job in Dayton, OH. Unfortunately I don't get a chance to get back to Cleveland often. I think about the Delta Alpha Chapter often. I wish everyone the best."

Alan Heskin ΔA 1036 - "I'm still living in Minneapolis working for a small software company. Still single, but I started dating a lovely Chinese girl from the Philippines last December. Unfortunately, she lives in San Jose, CA so I'm doing quite a bit of traveling this year. This Christmas, I'll be going to Asia for the first time to meet the parents."

Joseph Dea ΔA 1045 - "Got married in October 2002 to a beautiful 21 year old model that I met in Italy named Concetta. Well, actually, I'm still single - but now that I have your attention - Send Alumni Dues!"

Timothy Wiemels ΔA 1048 - "Now up to 3 kids, daughter Anna born on 1/11/02. Brad is now 6 and Andrew is 4. Living in Columbus, OH working for Tosoh SMD as a Marketing Manager. We make the high purity metals that go into semiconductors. I get to travel around the world to such wonderful places like Taiwan and China to sell them Aluminum and Copper. Got the MBA in May. Livin' that Suburb Dream..."

Ryon Adams ΔA 1054 - "I'm a Captain in the Army, and am currently stationed at Ft. Wainwright, AK, near Fairbanks. Prior to going on Active Duty, I went to law school at the University of Houston, receiving my JD in 1997. However, I do not practice law. I do the

regular Army thing. I hope everything is going well with the chapter!"

Chris Kiehl ΔA 1060 - "I'm married (a minor miracle, yes), going to law school this fall (an even bigger one) and the law school is Case (they lost my undergrad transcripts, ok?)."

Shawn Cornelius ΔA 1066 - "To complement his two sisters, Matthew William Cornelius was born on September 8th at 8 lbs 10 oz, 20.5" long, with brown hair. Mother and baby are both doing fine. He was born at exactly 1:05 pm and the speculation is that he wanted to catch the kickoff of the Brown's game against the Chiefs. You should have seen the little guy swear and throw his beer at the TV at the end of the game. Quite a sight."

Murugu Manickam ΔA 1068 - "For those you haven't heard and actually care, my exile to Ireland is over and I am back in Cleveland doing a residency in medicine/pediatrics at Metro. I'm living in Tremont."

Dan Sanders ΔA 1070 - "I'm still at Caltech working on my PhD in Chemistry. 3 years down...2 to go. Working on a project designing advanced photoresist polymers for the semiconductor industry among other things."

Riley Wilson ΔA 1078 - "Everything is going okay with me, still working under the Networking group at CWRU. I have three children now: Shaiann 6yrs, Zaria 3yrs., and Riley Jr. just turned 1yr."

Marinel Rosu ΔA 1080 - "Ryan Victor Rosu was born on September 28, 2001. He's growing like a weed. Sorry I missed the Formal. I'm sure it was awesome."

James Paxton ΔA 1082 - "Third year medical student at Cincinnati—finally seeing some of those patients I've been reading so much about. Congrats to the

95th White Rose Formal Committee on a superb event. I don't dare imagine what the 100th is going to be like."

Phil Epstein ΔA 1092 - "I just recently moved into Washington, DC and I'm loving it. I have a phat house with 3 friends of mine and if anyone wants to visit the nation's capital (perhaps wait until AFTER 9/11, just to make sure we're still here), you are MORE than welcome as I have plenty of room for guests."

J.J. Guy ΔA 1093 - "I'm still in San Antonio. I've been here for two years, expect to be here for a year or two more. I'm still struggling to figure out what I want to do when I grow up."

Josh Widick ΔA 1094 - "Brother Widick writing from the Big Apple here. For those of you that don't know me, I graduated in 1997, but I'm sure most of you have heard about the potted plant or the botanical gardens or...there are so many. Living in New York, working as a choreographer and dancer. Teach at Broadway Dance Center, the world's top dance studio. Yes, I am corrupting young minds with my choreography. Good to hear from all you oldsters and that you are doing well."

Scott Rubin ΔA 1096 - "In case you have not heard the news, I've moved!!! As of last month I became a homeowner. I purchased a 2 bedroom/2 bath condo directly across the street from Best Buy and the Sushi place. In other news, I left Ernst & Young and have a new job at Calvin Klein as a Business Analyst. My new number there is 201-295-4434. So if you want to talk or just to find out when the next CK Warehouse Sale is (80% off of cost) feel free to call."

Suresh Potluri ΔA 1097 - "I'm still living in Chicago, doing the med school thing. I've finally decided on a

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career. Hopefully, Lundgren won't see this... I've decided to apply for a residency in urology. Yes Lundgren, I plan to work with penises the rest of my life. Laugh away :) Anyways, I'm gonna be moving to Cleveland for a month starting the 24th of August. I'm going to be doing a rotation in urology at Case. I wish we'd had this message board earlier, because I'll probably be living at the house again. If anyone wants to get together call my cell at (815) 670-3635."

Will Yee ΔA 1103 - "After transferring to the University of Cincinnati, I finished out with an IS degree and I'm living in Cincinnati, OH. I work as a Network Admin for Procter and Gamble and I'm not very exciting."

Brian Imhausen ΔA 1106 - "I live in Boston--moving to the Back Bay (a row house with 4 roommates on Newbury St, right above Starsucks) on / around Sept 1, so come visit and see my new phatty pad. I work in Cambridge at an R&D lab (Draper Laboratory) in optics. I might get laid off, due to lack of funding after the fu__ing government sucked back all it's money to pay for it's endeavors overseas :(I'm dating a Satanist (he he), and things are generally good outside of the whole job thing. I am going to BU for an MSEE (photonics)

Sigma Nu's @ Home on the Internet

Delta Alpha Chapter Yahoo! Group: Dan UpDyke

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/DeltaAlpha/>

Delta Alpha Alumni Chapter Website: Phil Hamlin

<http://www.deltaalphalumni.com>

Sigma Nu Fraternity, Inc. International Homepage

www.sigmanu.org

part-time, paid for by work. will start full-time with an RA/TA-ship in the spring if I do get laid off."

Chris Nuss ΔA 1116 - "Good to hear from you all. For those who don't know, I am up in Minneapolis, MN working and finishing up my Master's. Thanks for setting this whole [Yahoo!] thing up. This will be a cool way to keep in touch."

Phil Hamlin ΔA 1117 - "Currently working as Data Migration Consultant for TDCI Consulting in Columbus, Ohio. Married Julie December 8th, and she is currently working as an account executive for Burkholder Flint, the oldest Advertising / Marketing / PR firm here in Columbus. Got a dog in May ("Max," a Sheltie). If any of ya'll have any needs for migrating legacy ERP

systems into SAP (doesn't everyone?), let me know. I'll get you a discount."

Ryan Hollinger ΔA 1125 - "I am in Arkansas now working for Alltel – going all right so far getting adjusted. Not nearly as bad as I imagined at first – pretty nice actually."

Paul Kreger ΔA 1131 - "Just graduated on May 19 of this year, and got a commission in the U.S. Army the same day. On May 20 I left Cleveland for my current post, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. When I finish training in this hellhole, I'm going to be a Fire Support Officer in Fort Drum, New York, with the 10th Mountain Division. Hamlin rules."

Focus On: Charles Jackson Hammond (ΔA 0137), 2002 Inductee, ΔA / ΔZ Hall of Honor

Brother "Jack" Hammond earned his degree in Mining and Metallurgical Engineering from Case School in 1925. His many academic accomplishments included election to Theta Tau, Tau Beta Pi, Skull and Bones honorary and Honor Key. Outside of class, Jack also participated in Pick and Shovel Club, the Student Senate, the Case *Tech* and *Differential*, Boost Case Association, and the Red Cross Life Saving Corps. Brother Hammond remained a loyal alumnus for nearly fifty years, before his death in 1974. In her letter establishing the *Charles Jackson Hammond Memorial Scholarship*, Mrs. Ruth Hammond expressed the great love that Jack felt for his fraternity, and credited Sigma Nu with helping her husband evolve from a quiet and introverted Case freshman into a capable community and fraternity leader. Thanks to Hammond's foresight and generosity, dozens of college students have already received a "helping hand" towards realizing their own dreams of a college education.



2001 - 2002 Alumni Dues Paid

Legion Of Honor (\$100 +)

407 Bob Sweeney
 502 Peter Hanley
 515 Ed Labuda
 546 Frank Guenzel
 585 Karl Newkirk
 651 Dave Parham
 913 Mike Silvestro
 921 Bob Wenz
 938 James Nazar
 1045 Joseph Dea
 1055 Ian Verschuren
 1060 Chris Kiehl
 1066 Shawn Cornelius
 1069 Geoff Schmit
 1087 Dave Gladfelter
 1093 J. J. Guy
 1101 Scott Lundgren
 1105 Phil Fultz
 1110 Steve Pertsev
 1111 John Szabo

Founder's Club (\$50 - \$99)

439 Richard Lyndes
 558 William Pritts
 609 Larry Baker
 667 Frank Steffey
 701 Jeffrey Lund
 737 Craig Richmond
 939 Rainard Beer
 996 Charlie Linville
 1017 Paul Glaubitz
 1082 James Paxton

White Rose Society (\$25 - \$49)

243 Fred Snyder
 267 Ken Parker
 326 George Slater
 427 Harry Calsing
 447 Joseph Nemanich
 481 Bill Beall
 509 Donald Jackson
 709 Drew Barry
 751 Eric Snyder
 768 Brad Hicks
 794 James Weddell
 797 Ed Haddad, Jr.
 1059 Matt Bangerter
 1102 Brad Turner

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

163 Robert Simokat
 426 Henry Heintzelman
 438 Dale Johnson
 466 Dwight Decker
 563 Don Parmelee
 566 Alan Mochnick
 586 Douglas Pease
 846 Steven Chalmers
 945 Kevin O'Brien
 980 Mike Jaszczak
 1117 Phil Hamlin

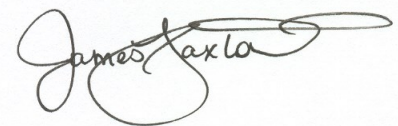
Letter from the Editor:

Gentlemen and Knights in ΣN,

Welcome to the Fall 2002 Issue of the *Sigma Nu Newsletter*. I hope that all of you have enjoyed this edition and will find news from one or two of the men you knew from your college days within. Maybe it will inspire some of you to add your own "voice to the chorus." It is our hope that you will continue to use this resource (as you have done for thirty-five years) to share your challenges and successes with one another. That is why we do what we do.

I would also encourage you all to pause for a moment during your busy day and think back to your own time at Case. A lot has changed since then, but much remains the same. Sigma Nu is as strong and vital today as it was back then, in part because of you and your support of the men who stand where you once stood—in the halls of Delta Alpha. Thanks for the memories, both your own and the ones you are helping to create for this new generation of fraternity men. It really is worth it.

Sincerely,



If you haven't already, please send your alumni dues today!!!!!!