



Sigma Nu News



The Newsletter of Delta Alpha Alumni Chapter at Case Western

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**Alumni Chapter Meeting
November 19th, 2005
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
- Christopher Kiehl ΔA 1060
Secretary
- James Reiman ΔA 0742
- Michael Jaszczak ΔA 0980
- John Szabo ΔA 1111
- Matthew Finnerty ΔA 1161

Alumni Chapter Officers

- Matthew Finnerty ΔA 1161
Commander
- James Paxton ΔA 1082
Lt. Commander
Historian
- Joseph Dea ΔA 1045
Treasurer
- Robert Latsch ΔA 1024
Recorder
- Daniel Bowser ΔA 1173
Marshal-Chaplain

Chapter Advisors

- Jeffrey Schwarz ΔA 1089
- Daniel Bowser ΔA 1173

**Alumni Active Candidate
(AAC) Thanksgiving Dinner
Saturday, Nov. 19th, 2005**

A Rock and A Cup; Movin' on Up!

The men of Delta Alpha Chapter did it again, winning their second consecutive *Rock Chapter Award* from the International Fraternity at the Sigma Nu Grand Chapter convention, held in St. Louis, MO, on July 21-25th, 2004. Collegiate delegates **Bryan T. Dillon (ΔA 1178)** and **Lee E. Christiansen (ΔA 1180)** accepted the award on behalf of the chapter, at a banquet also attended by Alumni Chapter delegate and Ritual Committee Commander **James H. Paxton (ΔA1082)**, Great Lakes Alpha Divisional Commander **James P. Gero (ΔA 930)**, and House Corporation Trustee **Michael V. Jaszczak (ΔA 980)**.

Sigma Nu's High Council presents the *Rock Chapter Award* once every two years to outstanding collegiate chapters as a means of recognizing overall chapter excellence during the preceding three years. Established in 1982, it is the highest honor that a collegiate chapter can receive from the international fraternity. Delta Alpha Chapter was one of only eight of the fraternity's 183 active chapters chosen to receive the award in 2004.



The Rock Chapter Award, shown here, is a commemorative piece of the original rock at VMI.

The collegiate chapter also earned another award in St. Louis – the *Bronze Cup of Sigma Nu* – for attaining the second-highest grade point average among all Sigma Nu chapters (3.409 G.P.A.). Although the chapter has received the *Sigma Nu Certificate of Commendation* (third place) on several occasions, this is the first time that Delta Alpha Chapter has received one of the top two awards for fraternity scholarship since receiving the first-place *Gallagher Cup* in 1937.

The 62nd Grand Chapter is scheduled for July 15-19th, 2006, in Indianapolis, Indiana.

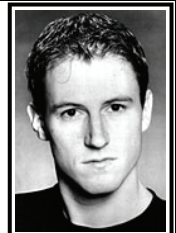
The Chapter Eternal

Delta Alpha 1094 and beloved friend Josh Widick (1974-2005) joined Sigma Nu's Chapter Eternal on April 10, 2005. Josh is remembered fondly for his smile, his laugh, his giving disposition, and his dedication to his work. Active and alumni brothers performed the Sigma Nu funeral ritual at brother Widick's visitation on Sunday, April 17th, 2005 in Copley, Ohio.

Josh received degrees from Ohio State University and Case Western Reserve University. Josh's accomplished career in the performing arts included teaching at the Broadway Dance Center in New York City and performing with various New York dance companies. In 2003, Josh directed and choreographed the "Schindler Memorial" in Washington D.C. for the first family.

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As we all grieve, we can be comforted by the thought that Josh lived life to the fullest and followed his dreams in a way that most are afraid or unable to do. Donations in Josh's name may be made to The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 3333 Clark Rd., Suite 160, Sarasota, FL 34231 (https://www.jdrf.org/index.cfm?page_id=100899).



100th Anniversary White Rose Formal — Spring 2007



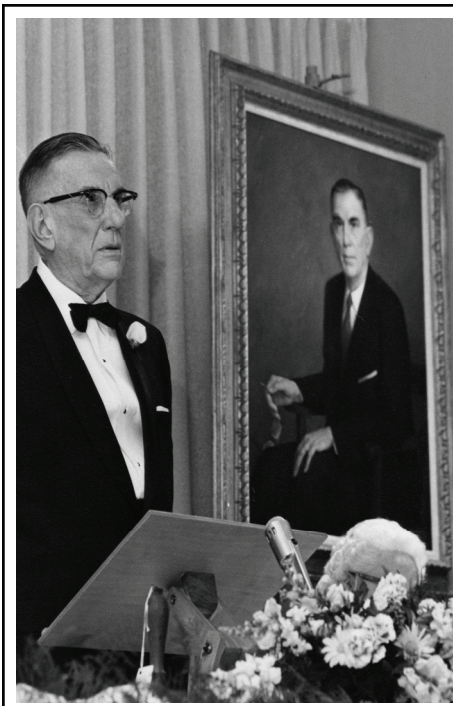
The Delta Alpha Chapter's 100th Anniversary White Rose Formal is coming in Spring 2007!!! The Formal Committee has tentatively chosen to design the event as a night out at a 1920's Speakeasy, black tie preferred. A date and location will hopefully be firmed up for the Spring 2006 newsletter. We would appreciate any feedback or other ideas that you may have for the main event and other events that you would like included for the weekend. Cleveland weather may not cooperate with a golf outing in April, but let us know if you're interested.

2005 ΔA / ΔZ Hall of Honor Inductee: George Bowman ΔZ 69

Hall of Honor Recipient Announced:

Nearly thirty years after his death, the combined Delta Alpha / Delta Zeta Alumni Chapter has named Brother **George Arvene Bowman (ΔZ 0069, Western Reserve)** to the *Delta Alpha / Delta Zeta Hall of Honor*, the local chapter's highest alumni award.

Born in Galion (OH) on 11 May 1893, Brother Bowman was initiated by the fraternity's Western Reserve Chapter in 1915. He demonstrated a prodigious talent for teaching, and by the age of twenty-one had already risen to the position of superintendent of the Edison (OH) school system. After graduating from W.R.U. in 1917, Bowman joined the Navy engineers aboard the steamship *U.S.S. Massachusetts* during World War I, returning home to become director of athletics and later principal at Zanesville (OH) High School. On 11 July 1923, he married Edith Fraser Duncan, a fellow schoolteacher. The following day they moved to Chillicothe (OH), where he became superintendent of schools until 1928. Later, while superintendent of the Marion (OH) School District (1929-1934), he earned his A.M. degree from Columbia University. From 1934 to 1941 he was Superintendent of Lakeview (OH) schools, before becoming superintendent of schools for the city of Youngstown, Ohio. On 1 July 1944, Bowman became the fifth President of Kent State University (Kent, OH), a position he would retain for the next two decades.



While a collegiate member of Delta Zeta Chapter, Bowman served as Chaplain (1916-1917) and Fifth Division Chapter Representative (Pittsburgh, 1916). However, it was his involvement in alumni affairs that generated the most interest from the alumni awards committee in 2005. Brother Bowman was a fixture at Cleveland alumni gatherings despite the meandering course of his educational career. While President of Kent State University, Bowman was a vocal advocate for the Greek system, and a staunch supporter of Zeta Gamma Chapter (Kent State), founded there in 1949. Within the International Fraternity, Brother Bowman served on the Sigma Nu Educational Foundation Board of Directors from 1956 to 1968, including eight years (1960-1968) as Vice President of the Foundation. Shortly before his death on 7 May 1976, Brother Bowman donated \$10,000 to the Educational Foundation account of Delta Alpha Chapter, ensuring that the legacy of Sigma Nu Fraternity in Cleveland would be well guarded, despite the demise of his beloved Delta Zeta Chapter.

Modeled upon Sigma Nu International Fraternity's award by the same name, the *Delta Alpha / Delta Zeta Hall of Honor Award* was established in 1989 to recognize Sigma Nu's most dedicated Cleveland alumni. Length, depth, and breadth of service to Sigma Nu Fraternity are the primary considerations in selecting recipients. Bowman is only the 22nd man from among the more than 1,500 combined Delta Alpha and Delta Zeta Chapter alumni to receive the award, and the fifth to hail from the fraternity's Western Reserve chapter.

AAC Schedule

Friday, 11/18:

7:00 pm Meet and greet at the house.

8:00 pm Head over to the Mayfield Heights Ice Rink to see three of the active brothers play hockey! Bring your loud voices!

Location: 1 Moticello Blvd.
Cleveland Hts, OH 44118
(Corner of Mayfield and Moticello)

Alternate plans for non-hockey fans: Bond with your older alumni friends or meet some of the newer brothers and pledges at the active chapter house.

11:00 pm Hockey fans return triumphantly for catching up with old friends.

Saturday, 11/19:

11:00 am The return of the Alumni vs. Active football game. Strap on your cleats!

1:00 pm Traditional barbeque at the chapter house, sponsored by the Alumni and Active chapters. BYOB if you so desire.

4:30 pm Alumni chapter meeting, in the dining room of the chapter house. All Actives and Alumni are welcome and encouraged to attend.

6:30 pm Hors d'ouvres at the chapter house before heading out to dinner.

7:30 pm Leave for dinner at Holy Rosary Church (Basement).

Location: Holy Rosary Church
12021 Mayfield Road
Cleveland, OH 44106

Please see page 6 for more details concerning the AAC dinner (Reservations, Costs, etc.)

The History of Sigma Nu in Cleveland (1899-2005)

After nearly a decade of research, the first comprehensive history of Sigma Nu in Cleveland is scheduled to be unveiled at the 100th anniversary celebration of Delta Alpha Chapter in May 2007. The History of Sigma Nu in Cleveland (1899-2005), compiled and edited by Brother **James H. Paxton (ΔA 1082 / A 0449, V.M.I.)**, will recount the long and remarkable legacy of Sigma Nu's many collegiate and alumni organizations within the city of Cleveland, beginning with the formation of the Cleveland Sigma Nu Alumni Club in 1899.

Originally conceived in 1997 as a supplement to Delta Alpha Chapter's candidate education program, the History project now lists dozens of collegiate and alumni members of the fraternity as contributing writers, including many first-hand anecdotal accounts of fraternity life in Cleveland over the last century. Brothers who have not yet contributed their own stories and perspectives to the project may still do so, by emailing Brother Paxton at paxtonius@hotmail.com, or mailing him directly at 1350 West Bethune Street, Apartment 805, Detroit MI, 48202.

A significant budget has been allotted by Delta Alpha / Delta Zeta Alumni Chapter for hardcover publication of the book, allowing Brothers to purchase their own copies at greatly reduced cost. Although the final cost of the book is yet to be determined, we hope to be able to provide a complimentary copy of the book to all alumni purchasing tickets to the 100th anniversary dinner in 2007. Since most living alumni of Sigma Nu's Delta Alpha and Delta Zeta Chapters will be mentioned in this book, we are sure that each of you will want one for your own personal libraries.



Member's of the class of '69 on a recent visit to the chapter house (L to R) Fred Gearhart (ΔA713), Bob Lattie (ΔA710), Jeff Lund (ΔA701), Rich Merrill (ΔA706), Bill Verdini (ΔA704)

Alumni News:

Richard Thoman ΔA 370 - "I married Betty Summerhays, a high school classmate, 51 years ago last June. We have three children, two engineers and a molecular biologist doing cancer research. They are all married and have given us eight grandchildren. I retired from General Dynamics 16 years ago and have done some consulting and have presented programs on electricity at the local schools. Two years ago we bought a get-away home near Julian, CA. On a clear day, at 5200' elevation, we have great views of the islands off Mexico and the city of San Diego (50 miles away). We are on the side of the mountain on 11 wooded acres. We love it."

Neal Flickinger ΔA 412 - "Enjoying life with family and grandchildren. We are still very blessed with reasonably good health enabling us to travel throughout the U.S. and able to fly ourselves (general aviation) in the western half of the United States. Busy with RICA (process to join the Catholic Church) at St. Jerome's Catholic Community in Phoenix and projects around our city ranch (200 acres). Blessings to all of you."

Skip Heintzelman ΔA 426 - "After six years of retirement there still are not enough hours in the day. Golf, gardening, church activities, bridge, and travel keep Ruth and I very busy. October 2002 issue of *Sigma Nu News* was best-ever issue. Keep up the good work."

John Hall ΔA 437 - "Keep up the good work – the web site was impressive and so was the chapter."

Richard Lyndes ΔA 439 - "Gail and I recently celebrated the 50th Anniversary (Nov. 14, 1952) of our blind date at the Sigma Nu Splash Party at the Case pool. Many thanks to Brother John (Goose) Gueska who engineered this nefarious deed. One year later we were engaged, and married the follow-

ing June. We and our four offspring thank you, John (well, most of the time)."

Joseph Nemanich ΔA 447 - "Finally sold our last business. For the first time in almost forty years, we have no customers, no employees, no business phone calls, and all of our relationships with people are social. And does that feel good!!!"

Bill Pritts ΔA 558 - "Currently serving at Case School of Engineering with fellow Sigma Nu alumni Julius Marcus and Roger Brockett. Building a new home in Naples / Fort Myers, FL area. Will be moving there full-time by the end of 2003."

J. Alan Mochnick ΔA 566 - "On November 10, 2002, I gave up my bachelorhood, by marrying my best friend and companion of 22 years, LaVerne Good. We are enjoying my semi-retirement and LaVerne's total retirement."

Dale Hall ΔA 504 - "I retired from Goodrich in 1998 with 38 years service, just before they divested everything up North. Am currently active in Kiwanis and Stock Club when at home. We spend summers near Mackinaw and winters near Tampa. Our trailer – a daughter – recently graduated from Sarah Lawrence College with an MS in Genetic Counseling. College expenses are finally over!"

John Massie ΔA 661 - "Former President of the Case Alumni Association, now on the Board of the Undergraduate Alumni Association. Enjoying our 4 year old granddaughter Julia."

Ron Kolda ΔA 670 - "Working for Bayer Corporation, I was transferred to Pittsburgh in 1999. Retired on 1/1/02 and Pat and I have been traveling the USA. My part-time hobby is refereeing high school basketball games, which will keep me busy through the winter."

Dave Lidrbauch ΔA 903 - The girls in my life, my daughters and wife, are keeping me humble here north of Boston. As we get the animated coffin creature and the gliding ghosts ready to make sure those tricksters earn that candy, I remember and I wonder - does the Delta Alpha Halloween maze still give couples opportunities to get lost? And what do the maze-builders-extraordinaire from the 70's and 80's now do to trick us this time of year? If you are ever in the area make sure you hook up with us for skiing or sailing, or just to catch up.



Ken Kozak ΔA 994 - "Great job on the newsletters. Hope to get to the house at some future meeting. Doing well. I was diagnosed with MS in July of 2001... However, recent MRI's (summer 2002) show that only the original 2 lesions are present and they have healed over. I see Phelps a couple of times a year. He's married and has one son. Would be great to see some of the brothers. Where are you Rodney (Randy Simon), Ken Miller, Mike Spezio, Mark Penn, & many others? Had a great time at Sigma Nu. The days go by fast."

Ken Miller DA1015 - "I am now living and working in Maryland. My wife and I have two sons and we are expecting another child in October. I have become involved in Civil War reenacting and there was a big reenactment at Appomattox which is about 60 miles east of Lexington. I look forward to hearing back from you."

Alumni News:

Vin Tangpricha DA1044 - "I have one daughter who is two. We moved to Atlanta 1 year ago. I was in Boston for 11+ years. I'm now working as a doc at Emory University. Things are going pretty well. I still follow baseball and have season tickets to the Braves."

Joseph Dea DA 1045 - "The 8 plates and 34 screws in my head from the 2003 softball accident don't seem to be coming loose yet. Anyway, just sitting here writing my Alumni Dues check."

David Bastawros DA 1047 - "Still living in Texas with wife Susan, son Matthew (4) and daughter Allison (2 ½). I've been in private podiatry practice now for about 7 years and also hired by the State of Texas as the only Physician Investigator for the Podiatric Medical Board."

Timothy Wiemels DA 1048 - "I did meet one of the current Brothers this summer "Smitty", we were both running in a 10K in late July in Columbus. He was down here at Scotts working a co-op. As scary as it may sound I have taken up running and have run 2 half marathons (one in August and the other in October). Current plan is to run a full marathon in Cleveland in May...."

Alex Olugbile DA 1053 - "Changed jobs in 2005 to a company called Verimatrix that specializes in video encryption. Still in CA and no children yet."

Christopher Kiehl DA 1060 - "Diana and I just got back from Paris and are expecting our first child around November 1st. Also, just passed the PA Bar Exam."

Martin Linenweber DA 1065 - "Living in San Diego and working for Epic Cycle Interactive as a Senior Software Engineer. Off to pick up my food now. I enjoy eating sushi at least once a week – it prevents dementia."

James Paxton DA 1082 Finished medical school and MBA in Cincinnati and have just moved to Detroit for Residency at Henry Ford Hospital."

Would like to encourage all alumni to email paxtonius@hotmail.com with their comments and additions for the [History of Sigma Nu in Cleveland](#). We want to include as many alumni as possible in this one-of-a-kind book

David Gladfelter DA1087 - "I proposed marriage April 15, 2005 to my girlfriend Jennifer Rogers and she accepted! I found a gentleman, Graham Luckett, who offers hot air balloon rides in town, Fort Collins, CO. I took Jen up because I knew she always wanted to ride in a hot air balloon. Graham gave me a signal when he wouldn't have to use the burner for a little bit. I said something cheesy and asked, and she said yes. I believe we were drifting somewhere over the local mall J"

Phil Epstein DA 1092 - "About ½ way done with Nursing school at Curry College. Just returned from a month in the Middle East in Israel, Jordan and Egypt. I had a great time – adopted by a family of Bedouins and met some really hot Jewish girls."

J.J. Guy DA 1093 - "I moved to Washington, D.C. for a new job, it is good already and promises to get even better. I'm stoked. I was considering living on a boat here, to try and beat the DC housing market – I shelved that idea for the time being. I'm in Arlington, VA about a mile behind Arlington National Cemetery and two mile from the Pentagon."

Scott Lundgren DA1101 - "Ella was born today, August 7th. She weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces at birth, is 19 ¼" long, and is healthy. We are very excited and proud to be the parents of a very well-behaved baby girl."

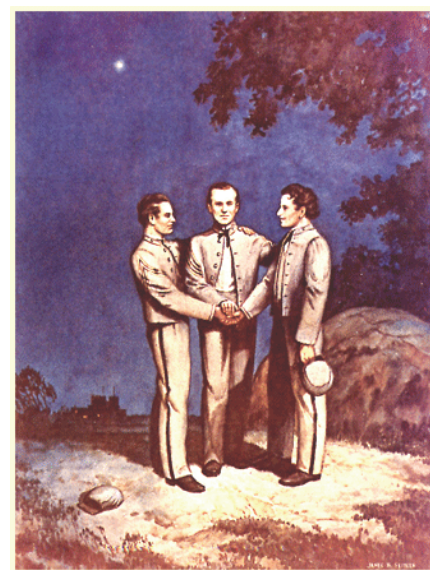
Darryl Agostinelli DA1109 - "She was born today!!!! (6/630/05) 12:03 pm. It's a girl! 6 lbs – 13 oz. I'm going back to the hospital right now. More e-mails to follow. I'll pay my dues. Madone!"

John Szabo DA 1111 - "Bought a house in Mayfield Heights and still working for Galt Enterprises in Beachwood. Rumor is that Phil is

only allowed to play cards once a year as a result of his complete inability to have any clue whatsoever on how to do anything other than lose all his money each and every time."

Jeffrey Bottger DA 1118 - "Married Janine Wheatley on May 21st, 2005. We moved recently from Akron to Columbus, OH for a new job at Nationwide – working with Phil Hamlin now."

Mike & Jan Widick - "We are so grateful for the wonderful service that you provided our son on that Sunday and for the love and support shown. Please pass this on to all those brothers who were there both in Ohio and NYC. It meant so much to us. We are saddened that the Sigma Nu portion of his life is over for us. We so enjoyed having his friends to our home in Ohio – even though he drank up all our wine – and getting to know some of you a little bit. Good Luck and God Bless all of you."



Since our reorganization in 1989, the Alumni Chapter and House Corporation have awarded close to \$40,000.00 in scholarships. The current scholarships (awarded on 9/10/05 and paid on 10/9/05) total \$5,760.00. To be eligible for any of our individual awards, Brothers must fill out and sign grade release forms. Brothers who don't complete grade release forms when due are not eligible.

First Achievement Award - This award pays for pledging and initiation fees (currently \$270.00) for new Brothers that achieve a semester or cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher in the semester they are initiated. This award was created in Spring 1997 and 91% of Brothers have received the award.

High GPA Upper-class Award - This award goes to the Junior or Senior Brother(s) with the highest GPA, based on the Spring Semester cumulative GPA

2003 - 2004		
DA1180—Lee Christiansen	\$250.00	GPA: 4.0
2004 - 2005		
DA1193—Charles Schmitt	\$250.00	GPA 3.96

High GPA Lower-class Award - This award goes to the Freshman or Sophomore Brother(s) with the highest GPA, based on the Spring Semester cumulative GPA

2003 - 2004		
DA1193—Charles Schmitt	\$250.00	GPA: 3.96
2004 - 2005		
DA1223—Zachary Newman	\$250.00	GPA: 3.96

Most Improved GPA Award - This award goes to the Brother with the largest increase in cumulative GPA from the Spring Semester of one school year to the Spring Semester of the next school year.

2004-2005		
DA1206—Stanley Evans	\$250.00	+1.11

Campus High GPA - This award can be earned by the Active Chapter by achieving High GPA among all of the fraternities on campus, recognized by IFC, as reported by the Office of Greek Life.

Fall 2003	Delta Alpha Chapter	\$250.00	GPA: 3.496
Spring 2004	Delta Alpha Chapter	\$250.00	GPA: 3.409

Sigma Nu National Ranking Award - This award can be earned by the Active Chapter by achieving a GPA in the top three (3) among all Sigma Nu Chapters internationally, as reported by Sigma Nu Headquarters.

2003-2004	Delta Alpha Chapter	\$250.00
	Rank: 2nd in the Nation	
2004-2005	Delta Alpha Chapter	\$250.00
	Rank: 3rd in the Nation	

More AAC Info!

Cost (Dinner): \$20.00 per person
(checks can be made payable to "Sigma Nu Fraternity Alumni Chapter")

RSVP MUST be made by Monday, November 14th.

Contact Joe Dea at E-mail: jad5@cwru.edu
Phone: (216) 647 - 6275



Brothers Kiehl, Paxton, and Jaszczak relax out in front of the house at a recent barbeque. Join in for some similar fun on 11/19 for the AAC barbeque sponsored by the Active and Alumni chapters!

AAC FAQs

(Frequently Asked Questions)

- Q:** I haven't been back to AAC in a while. Is it OK if I come back to this one?
- A:** Of course it is! We are hoping that this is the most successful and well attended AAC yet. We hope to see as many Alumni as possible!
- Q:** What about my family? Can they come too?
- A:** Family members are most welcome at both the Dinner and BBQ on 11/19. As the rest of the activities will be geared towards re-connecting brothers, we would ask the BBQ and dinner are the only ones they attend.
- Q:** What if I want to encourage others from my class to come to AAC, but I don't have their information?
- A:** Contact Chris Gammell at cjg11@case.edu. If he has the contact information you are looking for, he will get it to you right away so you can convince your brothers to get to this event!

From the Presidents' Desks

My Friends and Brothers,

I hope this newsletter finds everyone well! After a two year hiatus, the Delta Alpha active and alumni chapters of Sigma Nu are extremely pleased to bring you this update. As you will find in these pages, many exciting things have happened and are continuing to happen at Sigma Nu.

Although I am not far removed from my own experiences as an undergraduate member of the fraternity, I find that one of the strongest ways to support the active chapter is to visit the house and/or attend one of the ritual ceremonies. Not only does it allow me to reaffirm the values of Love, Truth, and Honor that Sigma Nu instills in its members, but it gives me a chance to get to meet the current faces that make up the active chapter.

Clearly, visiting the active chapter is easier if one lives close to Cleveland. For those that live a bit farther away, we have the annual AAC weekend where alumni from near and far come to meet the actives, explore the ever changing campus, and tell new and old stories. This year, AAC will be held on November 19, 2005. I hope to see many new faces there!

Even if you cannot attend AAC, we would love to hear about what has been going on in your life. You'll find a form inserted in this newsletter allowing you to send in news that will be published in the next newsletter. Also, in conjunction with the active chapter, we will be developing a more interactive and information packed website. Please visit <http://www.deltaalphaalumni.com> or <http://sigmanu.case.edu> for more information.

As Case no longer provides lifetime email access to alumni, many of the email addresses we have on file are invalid. It is VERY IMPORTANT that you send us your primary email address as it is the best way for us to reach you in the future. I am so adamant about it, if you need to, please just send your information to me (as a last hope) at mx62@case.edu. If you are worried about spam, we do not release your information to anyone.

Fraternally,
Matt Finnerty (ΔA 1161)
Worthy Commander, Alumni Chapter

Greetings, Alumni!

It is with much enthusiasm that the Delta Alpha chapter of Sigma Nu welcomes the new school year. We're gearing up for another successful term, to build on the successes of the past years.

For those of you who may have lost touch with us, you'll be happy to know that our brotherhood is strong, and our prospects for the future are terrific. We continue to set ourselves apart from the rest, recruiting high quality men, and adhering to the ideals of Love, Truth, and Honor. Our active membership has topped fifty (50) several times in the last few semesters, which is a testament to our terrific brotherhood.

Within the Greek community at Case, Sigma Nu is viewed as a premier chapter, while Sigma Nu Headquarters takes pride in our achievements. 365 Days of Service and our no hazing policy continue to be cornerstones of our responsibilities to the community and to our brothers.

Over the last two years, there have been a few significant changes in the Case Greek community as a whole. We have witnessed the departure of FIJI and Sigma Alpha Mu fraternities, the birth of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, and the arrival of Delta Gamma sorority, which now resides next to Sigma Nu in the building formerly occupied by Sigma Phi Epsilon/Murray Hill House.

Throughout the next few years, all of the fraternities and sororities on the south side of campus, including Sigma Nu, will be moving to newly constructed buildings in the North Residential Village. While we're sorry to be leaving a place that has meant so much in the history of our chapter, we anticipate continued success and strong brotherhood in our future home.

As you can see, we have much to look forward to this year. Naturally, we would love to see as many alumni as possible drop by for a visit, especially for the annual AAC event. It's always fun to hear about our chapter and our brothers from past years. Until then, take care.

Fraternally,
Stephen Crisan (ΔA1201)
Eminent Commander, Active Chapter

Sigma Nu on the Web



Alumni Website: <http://www.deltaalphaalumni.com>—Newsletter Available In Color!

Active Website: <http://sigmanu.case.edu>—Check Pictures, Calendar and Updates!

National Website: <http://www.sigmanu.org>

The LEAD Program

For more info on the LEAD Program, go to www.sigmanu.org/lead

The Delta Alpha LEAD Program has been going strong for many years now and we currently have several phases implemented. LEAD Phase I is currently facilitated primarily by the Marshal and Chaplin for new pledges each semester as it has been for years. Most of the available sessions are covered and other brothers in the House are always invited to attend to refresh their memory of what Sigma Nu is all about.

Most important to the development of new Knights is LEAD Phase II. LEAD Phase II in the past has been primarily facilitated by the LEAD Chairman for the graduates of LEAD Phase I (therefore, offered semesterly). This year there will be a new approach to Phase II; most of the sessions will be facilitated by brothers other than the LEAD Chairman with expertise in a particular area, as well as a few outside facilitators (i.e. for the Myers-Briggs session).

This semester for the first time, Delta Alpha will be implementing LEAD Phase III. In this way, not only can we help prepare our members to be involved in the campus community as well as the job world, but we can also help National fine tune the fledgling program. This also gives us an opportunity to reconnect with you, our alumni. LEAD Phase III is facilitated entirely by alumni, therefore we need YOUR help. If you are interested in contributing your wisdom to the House please contact the LEAD Chairman at nas18@case.edu.

**Leadership
Ethics
Achievement
Development**



Greek Week

Sigma Nu has been consistently at the top of the final Greek Week standings for the past several years. This past spring Sigma Nu finished third overall in Greek Week taking first place in root beer chug, Greek sing, and second in variety show. Two years ago, the University stepped in and made Greek Life change the rules to rope pull. University lawyers feared being sued due to fraternity members "cutting weight" in order to make the weight limit. The rules were changed so that no weight limit exists anymore, and each team can only put ten people on the rope. Many say that this has severely altered the event and that the competition once associated with the event is now gone. Regardless of the discrepancy between the total weights of teams (as much as one thousand pounds), Sigma Nu has always performed with honor.

Sigma Nu has also performed very well for the past few years as well. In 2004, we finished second overall in Greek Week taking first in Greek sing and variety show as well as second in pyramid. In 2003, we finished fifth overall taking second in pyramid and chug. In 2002, we finished fifth overall taking second in chug as well as third in both banner and rope pull. In 2001, we finished third overall taking first in pyramid, second in chug, and third in spot shot and rope pull.

National has composed a theory called Values-Based Recruitment (VBR) and is encouraging every chapter to utilize this theory to create an environment for recruitment that is focused around four basic principles: Balance, Support, Success, and Friendship. Basically, VBR theory is intended to be used when designing recruitment events, carrying on a conversation and during all other interactions with potential members. If implemented correctly, recruitment will be more effective and meaningful. Within this theory they gave many useful tips and information for recruiting but since it is just a theory every individual chapter has to take the basic concepts and cater them to their own needs. The Delta Alpha chapter of Sigma Nu has done just that, especially this last Fall semester. We have kept many of the same recruitment events that have done for years, such as having a Barbeque and going to Whirlyball (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Whirlyball>) On the other hand, as a chapter we have made the interactions with the potential members at those events more impacting and meaningful for both the potential members and the brothers. In order for this to happen, we as a chapter had to come together for a recruitment workshop. During this workshop the chapter was educated about the main concepts of the Values-Based Recruitment Theory. Also, brothers were given tips on how to recruit more effectively and were shown how to integrate this new knowledge into

Recent Pledges

Fall 2005

Chuck Becker
Mark Cochrane
Drew Crabb
Matt Gardener
Artur Grabowski
Jeff Greenstein
John Hill
Pat Richardson
Nick Sachanda

Fall 2004/Spring 2005

Donald Anderson ΔA1216
Evan Heiser ΔA1217
Henry Smith ΔA1218
Shantan Marri ΔA1219
Jeff Lowry ΔA1220
Alex Hamberger ΔA1221
Nick Bonazza ΔA1222
Zach Newman ΔA1223
Kedar Hiremath ΔA1224
Andy Boron ΔA1225
Neil Ursic ΔA1226

Total # of Members in the Active Chapter: 52

Philanthropy

In the past three years, Sigma Nu has lead Case's campus in philanthropy, easily exceeding the goals set by the University. We have participated in dozens of events, both on a large scale and on an individual level. A perennial favorite among brothers has been the Haunted Hayride, in which the men voluntarily act out scenes at a local park for passing families; this generally occurs on the weekends approaching Halloween. The program is impressive in its size; Sigma Nu generally puts forth 20 men each night, giving us a huge presence during the event. Another large-scale activity in the spring is the Science Olympiad finals, which are hosted annually by Case. During the Olympiad, brothers volunteer to act as judges or safety officers for a variety of science-themed contests, including a bottle rocket shoot-off and a bridge building competition.



Brothers Ro, Grinstead, Evans, Tellier and Hampton hang out at the "Haunted Hayride" philanthropy event around Halloween

Smaller teams of brothers often select more specific events to attend, generally in groups of four to eight. An event started last year was the RePlay for Kids workshops, which are run by a campus-based organization. The program refurbishes consumer-grade electronic children's toys, adapting them for use by special needs youth. The adaptations generally involve reverse engineering the toy design in order to install an easily activated switch, designed to be used as an indicator in various activities. This program is enjoyed by many because it combines community service with electrical engineering, which is currently the most common major among active brothers.

In the spring, Sigma Nu will be hosting the first annual 8-hour Capture the Flag tournament. Each person entering will pay an entry fee, which will then be donated to a specific charity via the Sigma Nu national Helping Hands Initiative. The CaseCapture group, started by Evan Heiser (DA11 and Zach Fredin, has been successful enough in its biweekly pickup games (started this summer) that there are several Greek organizations already expressing interest in participating in the philanthropy event.

New Beginnings

Every fall brings new changes for Sigma Nu. The buzz of new in-house brothers, Recruitment, and more advanced classes bring a plateful of new changes. When all the new activity became a bit overwhelming, it was always comforting to stop by the kitchen and visit with "Mark the Cook." Our cook's familiar presence has always made the house feel more like home.

This September, our chef of 10 years, Mark Fatheree, retired from his position to join his wife Lisa; her promotion had relocated her to Chicago since last April. Those who knew Mark will miss his outrageous stories and far-flung theories. Others will miss his the long hours he put into Rush: preparing chicken wings before Poker and Movie Nights or meals for Bid Dinner. Still others will miss playing poker and bowling with him. Mark was part of the fabric that kept Sigma Nu together and added more spice than his cooking could do alone. Mark's successor is Alion "Al" Nicola. He is catering to several Greek houses this Fall. Catch up with Mark and Lisa at: mlfeatherbee@comcast.net.



Brothers break down the Maze after the annual party held in November. The Maze takes over 3 weeks to build, with this year's Maze stretching over the entire dining room, and containing three levels. At the end of the night, as per tradition, brothers have a great time quickly demolishing what took so long to build. Time it takes to break down the Maze: 3 minutes

Scholarship

Scholarship is a very important part of Sigma Nu at Case Western Reserve University. We pride ourselves on our high scholastic achievement, and our programs that encourage academic success. We have consistently been above the all-undergraduate average GPA, and achieved the highest GPA among fraternities for two of the last four semesters. These grades would not have been possible without one of the things we offer in the house to all the brothers: the scholarship room.

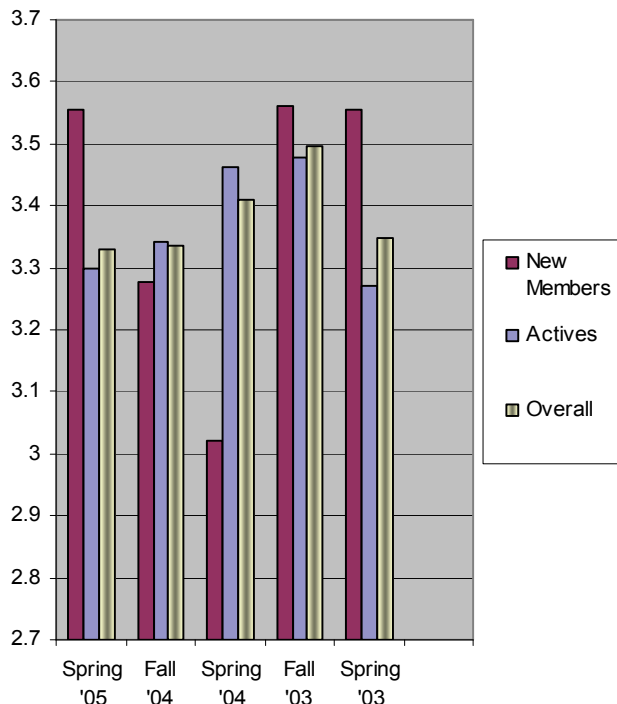
“[We] achieved the highest GPA among fraternities for two of the last four semesters”

(2003-2005)

The scholarship room gives brothers a place to study in the house, as well as providing them with reference books for their classes. Last semester we also re-instituted a program in the house with regard to studying. Older brothers have begun to lead review sessions for tests for the younger brothers in the house in an effort to improve our GPA further. In continuation of a newer tradition, we are having a faculty luncheon this semester with the sisters of Sigma Psi. The faculty luncheon provides brothers with the opportunity to interact with their professors outside of the classroom. Brothers can see what kind of research their professors are working on, as well as make contacts for the future when they need recommendations for grad school, research positions, or even jobs. As shown in the chart to the right, our chapter has been doing very well in their academic work, and will continue to do so in the future.

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GPA For the Past 5 Semesters



Social Events

Maze and Foam have continued to be the two biggest social events of the year for us. (Foam was started in the Spring of '01 and is a simple party where with the usual dancing and fun, but with the added component of a foam machine dumping over 200 gallons of sudsy water onto brothers and guests.) Last fall, in addition to the actual cardboard Maze at Maze party, a friend of the chapter DJed the dance floor, taking Maze to a new level. About four hundred recorded guests came that night, not including brothers or friends that showed up before the door policy went into effect. The Foam party this past Spring went just as well. The same DJ from Maze returned to spin again, this time in a DJ booth constructed by the actives. About 600 people were on the guest list, and about 500 showed up throughout the course of the night.

This past year, we held our White Rose Formal at Windows on the River on the West Bank of the Flats. Held in the City View banquet hall, the dance floor was set up in the middle with the tables evenly divided on either side. Everyone had a fantastic view of the East Bank of the Flats and the river. 43 brothers attended this event, either with date or stag, and each received a Pilsner commemorating the event, while the dates received similar flutes. Pictures from all of these events can be viewed at the recently updated web site (<http://sigmanu.case.edu>).

Intramural Sports

As always there has been a great emphasis on the participation in intramurals at Case and, of course, Sigma Nu has seen its share of success in the past three years. We have participated in most of the sports offered by the university and we have shown that we can always be a formidable opponent in any sport that we compete in. In the past three years, we have shown our strength in Flag Football, Soccer and Basketball, going beyond the first round of the playoffs a number of times in those sports. In 2002 we saw brothers of Sigma Nu win the Mullet Division in Team Golf. The Year of 02-03 brought great success for the runners of Sigma Nu. Brother Daniel Bowser ($\Delta A1173$) placed first in the Cross Country Meet. In the Spring, Sigma Nu showed how great we can be on the track when Daniel Bowser and John Kotwicki ($\Delta A1155$) placed first and second in the 800m run. Kotwicki then went on to win the 400m Dash for Sigma Nu in the Open Division. In the Spring of 2004, Sigma Nu was the Co-Rec Greek Champion in Floor Hockey along with Sigma Psi. This past year in the Spring of 2005 Sigma Nu's Donald Anderson ($\Delta A1216$) and Zach Newman ($\Delta A1223$) placed second and third respectively in the Table Tennis Tournament.

Alumni Dues Paid

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<p>2002-2003: \$1,945.00</p> <p>Legion Of Honor (\$100 +)</p> <p>585 Karl Newkirk 1060 Christopher Kiehl 1066 Shawn Cornelius 1092 Philip Epstein 1110 Steve Pertsev 1111 John Szabo 1122 Anand Kumar</p> <p>Founder's Club (\$50 - \$99)</p> <p>259 Paul LaMarche, Jr. 504 Dale Hall 742 James Reiman 749 Robert Brentin 829 Brian Schwartz 980 Michael Jaszczak 994 Kenneth Kozak 1068 Murugu Manickam 1074 Christopher Huza 1082 James Paxton 1089 Jeffrey Schwarz 1127 Scott Kannry</p> <p>White Rose Society (\$25 - \$49)</p> <p>243 Fred Snyder 267 Kenneth Parker 370 Richard Thoman 412 Neal Flickinger 426 Henry Heintzelman 427 Harry Calsing 437 John Hall 439 Richard Lyndes 447 Joseph Nemanich 481 William Beall 558 William Pritts 661 John Massie 751 Eric Snyder 1070 Daniel Sanders 1096 Scott Rubin 1128 Saurabh Bansal</p>	<p><i>(2002-2003 Continued)</i></p> <p>Knights of Delta Alpha (\$15 - \$24)</p> <p>566 J. Alan Mochnick 670 Ronald Kolda 943 Terrance Maynard 1106 Brian Imhausen 1117 Philip Hamlin 1118 Jeffrey Bottger 1119 David Dudik 1124 Robert Latsch 1130 Raymond Blakney</p>	<p><i>(2004-2005 Continued)</i></p> <p>1053 Alex Olugbile 1058 Ruben Garcia 1060 Christopher Kiehl 1066 Shawn Cornelius 1082 James Paxton 1092 Philip Epstein 1093 J.J. Guy 1107 T. Miller Hall 1110 Steve Pertsev 1111 John Szabo 1161 Matthew Finnerty</p>
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Important Dates for the Active Chapter 2005-2006 School Year:

October 29th—Brothering
 November 5th—Maze Party
 November 18th/19th—AAC weekend
 December 9th—Knighting
 January 16th—Classes Restart/Rush Begins
 February 3rd—Pledging
 February 25th—Formal
 March 25th—Brothering
 April 5th-9th—Greek Week
 April 15th—FOAM
 April 22nd—Capture the Flag Philanthropy
 Event

Alumni are welcome and encouraged to attend all events, doubly so for all ritual events (Pledging, Brothering, Knighting)

Please note all dates for the spring semester are subject to change. Please check <http://sigmanu.case.edu> for updates to these dates and times.



The 2005 Rope Pull Team

A Letter from the Editor:

My name is Chris Gammell, DA1168. I am the alumni relations chairman and one of the editors of the newsletter. First off, I would like to thank you for reading the newsletter and maintaining contact with your fraternity. As the senior member (sentinel) of the active chapter, I know first hand how instrumental the alumni have been for many years. As a closing note to this newsletter I have some re-iterations and suggestions on what action you should take next.

First, please contact us immediately. You have read in other articles and letters how we have lost touch with many of you, but we are genuinely interested in regaining contact. Monetary support aside, we need alumni contact and involvement for events throughout the year, and simply for the nostalgic value. We understand the role of traditions in the active chapter, and it is the responsibility of the alumni to remind us of any that have fallen by the wayside. We always look forward to the stories of the past or your current updates that you send in, and we would love to post them in here in the future.

Second, and possibly as important, update all of your information, either on the website, or directly through the mail. If you have any problems with the website, you can email me at cjg11@case.edu, or call me at 216-789-7642. Also available to help is our alumni chapter webmaster Phil Hamlin (PhilHamlin@gmail.com) or our active chapter webmaster Adam Derewecki (ajd17@case.edu). If nothing else, update your email. We plan to convert to an exclusively electronic format for the upcoming newsletters; this will help save paper, save money, and will allow us to get regular and bi-annual updates to you in a timely manner. Further, when you do update your email, be sure to check back to the site and update your email as often as it changes.

Third, if you are interested in helping in any way, we welcome you and would love to have you be part of the team. The more people that become involved, the stronger our alumni chapter becomes. If you would like to write a newsletter article, that would be a great way to reconnect with your fellow alumni. Perhaps you do web development, and you would like to lend a hand changing or maintaining the website. If you live in Cleveland, you are always welcome at active chapter events, chapter meetings, and any other time you can get down to our house. The main point is, if you would like to get involved, there are many ways to do so. If you do not have time, simply keep in contact.

Thank you so much for helping make our alumni chapter so strong. We hope to see you around the house soon and I look forward to the day we can sit and exchange stories.

Sincerely,

Chris Gammell, ΔA1168

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A view of the newly constructed letters on the Chapter House

How Else Can I Help?

As always, we are grateful for any kind of monetary donation you can give throughout the year, however, there may be some of you who are interested in helping in other ways. If you would like to become more actively involved with either chapter, please contact the following people at the bottom of this page. They will be able to help direct you to the necessary officers or information for becoming more involved. For the Alumni chapter, some ideas of how to become more involved are:

1. Writing letters to other alumni, or helping to track down brothers with whom we have lost contact.
2. Helping to create and publish this newsletter.
3. Helping to research and compile the history of the Delta Alpha and Delta Zeta chapters
4. Improving and revising the Alumni Website
...and many more!

As for the Active chapter, some potential ideas are:

1. Helping tutor brothers, or provide career advice (in person or through LEAD).
2. Joining in at philanthropy events and spend time with Active members while helping the community.
3. Attend ritual events, sharing older traditions and stories.

For more information please contact:

Alumni Chapter: Matt Finnerty — mxf62@case.edu
Active Chapter: Chris Gammell — cjg11@case.edu

For more information regarding donations to the **Sigma Nu Educational Foundation**, please visit:

<http://www.sigmanu.org/foundation/supportingthefoundation/>

Or call (540) 463-1869 for help setting up your tax free gift.

Brothers,

The House Corporation reports that the operation of the chapter house has run smoothly for the past several years and that positive cash flow from Fall, Spring, and Summer rentals has allowed us to maintain the house well and save for future projects. My space is limited, so here is an abridged version on the updates on the new chapter house.

The new Case “Master Plan” includes the replacement of every dorm on campus as well as most Greek housing within the next 10 years. Eventually, all undergraduates are supposed to be housed North of Euclid Avenue and there will be a graduate village built in place of the dorms on South-side. However, that timeline is highly suspect, given the University’s actual timing with previous projects and the fact that they’re said to be well over budget (as expected) and short on cash.

For Sigma Nu, theoretically, this means that the Chapter should be relocated to a new house on North-side (Juniper Road). Based on statements by University officials, we were originally hopeful that we would be residing in the new house before our 100th Anniversary celebration in 2007. However, given the total lack of progress on the Greek housing front for the past 2+ years, I estimate the odds of that occurring to be about 10%. Furthermore, the plan that the University has most recently presented is miserable on most issues – the mock house design ideas are very uninformed and the financial arrangements are totally unacceptable. Luckily, it doesn’t appear that the University will try to replace our chapter house without our consent, as it occurred forty years ago.

We will eventually be asking for input and financial help to customize the new house from Alumni. We can’t offer you any specifics yet because the University has not provided information on which any group can responsibly act. If you would like to donate toward the new house in the near future, I would recommend that you make a **tax deductible donation to the Sigma Nu Educational Foundation and specifically earmark your donation to the Delta Alpha Chapter at CWRU**. Furthermore, I would suggest that you redirect money that you currently donate to Case to the Foundation. I think that Case will only begin to take seriously the negative impact that the Greek housing proposal will have once they feel a reduction in donations from Greek alumni. I personally will not donate to Case until I feel that our Chapter is treated fairly with respect to the proposed Greek housing.

I look forward to comments or questions that any Brothers may have regarding housing issues, so please feel free to email me at jad5@cwru.edu

Fraternally,

Joseph A. Dea (ΔA 1045)

President, Delta Alpha House Corporation