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Letter from the Worthy Commander:

It's hard to imagine a more exciting time to be associated with the men of Sigma Nu in Cleveland. As we embark upon our second century of continuous existence, we join a truly elite company within the ranks of the Legion of Honor. Although we are not one of the oldest chapters within the Fraternity, few chapters can boast our century of uninterrupted service. Although we are not one of the largest chapters, few have achieved our level of distinctive leadership in both fraternity and campus activities. And though we hail from an institution of nearly unparalleled academic rigor, we have persistently ranked among the best chapters nationwide in terms of academic achievement. In short, we have a lot to be proud of. But Delta Alpha Chapter has not rested on its laurels, and the success of this year's Centennial White Rose Formal and other outstanding recent achievements by the collegiate chapter are proof of the fact. This is perhaps the best testament to our chapter's enduring commitment to the Ideals of Sigma Nu's Founders.

Each of you reading this newsletter has contributed to the success of Sigma Nu in Cleveland in his own way, and has earned the gratitude of (hopefully many) generations of Delta Alpha men yet to come. But the work is not done, and I would encourage each of you to ponder how you can contribute to the continued success of our collegiate and alumni chapters over the years to come. Financial contributions are important and much-needed, especially as we pursue the dream of a new chapter house at CWRU. But contributions of time and leadership from our alumni are also needed, providing guidance and support to the young men who are just embarking on their fraternal "quest." Whatever your contribution, please know that it is sincerely and greatly appreciated by your fellow alumni and collegiate brothers. With your help, we can ensure that the mission of Delta Alpha Chapter is preserved for another hundred years.

Fraternally,

James H. Paxton, MD MBA
DA 1082 / A 0449

Worthy Commander, Delta Alpha / Delta Zeta Alumni Chapters

Rush And Social Update

Coming fresh off the heels of our 100th Year Anniversary, the Delta Alpha chapter completed yet another semester of successful rush. Planning began well before rush to include the posting of numerous flyers, a large poster in Nord Hall, and spray chalking throughout the entire campus of our badge and letters. All the flyers and chalkings created a real buzz on campus; people knew about Sigma Nu even before they met any of the brothers.

All the hard work of the brothers really paid off. A grand total of ten men joined, rounding out a pledge class consisting of seven freshmen, two sophomores, and one junior. Each and every one of these new candidates will contribute to the balance and leadership of the house for years to come.

The brothers of Sigma Nu continue to uphold the values of Love, Truth, and Honor, and now we can add ten new men to the ranks of those who value a life of honor and character.

Following that, The brothers of the Delta Alpha chapter have had a busy social schedule for the first few months of the academic year. Some of the mixers and events so far have included: holding a "Tacky Formal," with the sisters of Sigma Psi; building our annual Homecoming float with the sisters of Delta Gamma - we won the award for best float for the third year in a row; taking a road trip to Buffalo, New York to watch the first CWRU hockey game of the semester against Madaille College; our notorious Maze party; and a bake off with the ladies of Phi Mu. Needless to say, it was been a busy semester.

With Maze this year the brothers pushed themselves and created a ginormous Maze with two full floors and a partial third. In true fashion, the party was well attended with almost 500 people going through the Maze and over \$130 in donations to the Red Cross.

Finally, all the brothers would like to congratulate Alex Hamberger again for his election as Homecoming King!

Look for more updates in the future, and check the website for upcoming events. If you are in the area, stop by!

John Blasko
ΔA 1239, Social Chair

House Update

The house on Murray Hill Road is in good shape this semester. We've seen several improvements which have greatly enhanced the appearance of the house. New lights have been installed in the hallways and stairwells which make the house much brighter. Early in the semester several brothers also repainted the third floor hallway as well as the first floor. We recently got a new tile wall for the dining room, which replaces the green laminate which was there previously.



*(from top) A new mural,
and the newly painted third floor hallway.*

The basement is also undergoing some changes. A new, brighter paint job and new carpet make the large room seem less dungeon-like. Brothers living in the house have a renewed interest and devotion to making the house a great place to live this semester, and the results of this have been obvious.

Eric Diller
ΔA 1237, House Manager

Alumni Updates

John Massie (ΔA 661) wants to let all the alumni of Delta Alpha know that the Alumni House on Juniper Road is now open and he would be happy to give a personal tour. Just ask for him at the front desk. He was pleased to be the University's project consultant on the two plus million dollar renovation.

Rich Hagle (ΔA 733) is working with Eaton Corp in Atlanta. He has 2 grand-children and one more due any day. His daughter and her husband just moved to Paris for 2 years of her husband's grad school. He is looking forward to visiting them. Would love to hear from or receive emails or visits from any Sigma Nu's.

William Messenger (ΔA 902, A 303) on May 12th received his Doctor of Ministry degree from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. His field is Theology of Work, Leadership and Business Ethics. He lives in Belmont, MA (a suburb of Boston) with his wife Kim and daughters Sarah (12) and Hannah (10). He is leading a church startup in Boston called Charles River Church, and teaches as an adjunct faculty member at Gordon-Conwell. In addition he is on the Board of Directors of a biotech company called Ar-Qule, which is developing drugs for cancer.

Peter van der Steur (ΔA 926) has been married 15 years to Ginny. He lives in Kiev, the Ukraine, where they work as Christian missionaries. They reach out especially to the Jewish people. He has a 12-year-old son, Joshua. He has lived all his married life in Russia, Moldova and the Ukraine and runs an annual Bible school there. Peter teaches and preaches in Russian.

David LePage (ΔA 1027) was baptized into Christ on February 21, 2007. It took him almost 40 years, but he is happy to spread the good news and wishes everyone from Sigma Nu peace.

Phil Hamlin (ΔA 1117) and Julie Hamlin welcomed their first child into the world on 9/2/2007. Elise Madeline Hamlin was born at 2:53pm and was 6 pounds, 6 ounces, 18" long. Mother and child are both doing very well. Brother Hamlin and his family currently reside in Westerville, OH.

Chris Gammell (ΔA 1168) is living in Austin, Tx with his girlfriend Jess, his dog Lola and his roommate from Case, Steve. He works at Samsung Austin Semiconductor as a Dry Etch Process Engineer with another Delta Alpha alumni, Ryan Sporer (ΔA 1163), who is an engineer in the defect improvement group. They are currently the largest semiconductor fabricator in the world (the floor plan is as big as 9 football fields) and they make 16 GB flash memory that will go into the next generation of iPhones and iPods. He hopes everyone is doing well!

Josh Ehrenreich (ΔA 1176) recently obtained his MA in communication from CU Boulder. Currently he is living in Boulder, CO and working at Apple, cooking extensively, and blogging about music. <http://web.mac.com/joshehr/mixiw/Mixiw.html>

Trevor Pour (ΔA 1177) is in the midst of his 2nd year of medical school at the University of Vermont- currently very interested in pursuing either psychiatry or neurology. He is living in South Burlington, keeping busy with some outside projects- starting a free health services "clinic" downtown, and trying to build a teen health program at a local youth center with some Albert Schweitzer Fellowship funds.

Jack Mack (ΔA 1179) is back in his hometown of Buffalo, NY. He is working at Starbucks, taking graduate classes in counseling psychology at the University of Buffalo, and working with an after-school program teaching beatbox and songwriting to inner-city middle-schoolers. He is applying for further graduate study in counseling psychology this winter.

Nate Shaman (ΔA 1184) is at the University of San Diego School of Law. His current address is 1565 Northrim Ct. #294, San Diego, CA 92111



Alumni Updates (continued)

Nick Stephanoff (ΔA 1186) is attending Wayne State University's School of Medicine while living at home in Livonia, MI - near Detroit. Most of the time he is studying, but gets occasional breaks to spend with friends - sometimes in Azeroth, the world of Warcraft. He also joined the varsity fencing team at WSU. Over the summer he worked as a co-op for Autoliv Electronics America; if anybody is looking for an EECS-type internship, he can help them apply there.

Kaoru "Kai" Miyazaki (ΔA 1194) is currently in his second year of medical school at The Ohio State University following a summer externship at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, OH.

David Kramp (ΔA 1196) is attending pharmacy school at the University of Cincinnati.

Stanley Evans (ΔA 1206) is working for Science Firsthand, bringing out-of-school science programs to community centers around the city of Buffalo. He is currently applying to law schools.

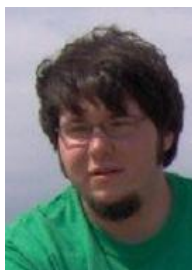
Drew Walleit (ΔA 1212) is currently in Vermont applying for jobs all over the country. In the mean time, he has been working a temp job. If any alumni know of any job openings for an entry level systems and control engineer, please pass it along to him.

Evan Heiser (ΔA 1217, A 532) is enjoying his graduate assistant at Baldwin-Wallace college as a Freshmen Hall Director and GA for Student Activities while he studies for his Masters in Higher Education in Higher Administration and Student Personnel at Kent State University. Evan is enjoying being one of the chapter advisers and encourages other alumni to attend chapter every other Sunday.



Fall 2007 Pledges

Josh Lostroh, ΔA1256



Matthew Root, ΔA1257



John Horton, ΔA1258



Tyler Allen, ΔA1259



William Boyer, ΔA1260



Matthew Seemiller, ΔA1261



Matthew Pedone, ΔA1262 Dan Johnson, ΔA1263



Philip Kiser, ΔA1264



Jordan Foley, ΔA1265



A History of Sigma Nu in Cleveland (1899-2007)



Over the last decade, Brother James Paxton (DA 1082) has been working on compiling A History of Sigma Nu in Cleveland (1899-2007), which is scheduled for publication next year. Although many alumni brothers have already assisted with this project, providing both historical narratives as well as editorial assistance, we can still use your help as the book nears the final stage of editing. Please consider sending hard copies of your old fraternity photos, publications, and fraternal recollections to Brother Paxton (c/o the collegiate Alumni Relations Officer, 2235 Murray Hill Road) for possible inclusion in this once-in-a-lifetime project. Also, if you are interested in previewing pages from “your time” with Sigma Nu and offering editorial advice, please indicate this in your response to this newsletter. Ideally, we would like to include as many important brothers, events, and personal stories / anecdotes as possible, making this book a real reflection of the men who have helped to form our chapter over the last ten decades.

Alumni Dues 2006-2007 Update

Legion of Honor (\$100+)			Founders' Club (\$51-\$99)			White Rose Society (\$25-\$50)		
ΔA 570	Stuart, Charles		ΔA 412	Flickinger, Neal		ΔA 398	Desenberg, Ned	
ΔA 585	Newkirk, Karl		ΔA 588	Vishnevsky, Constantine		ΔA 438	Johnson, Dale	
ΔA 612	Barnett, Robert		ΔA 706	Merrill, Richard		ΔA 466	Decker, Dwight	
ΔA 656	Schoner, Philip		ΔA 728	Nomiyama, Neal		ΔA 661	Massie, John	
ΔA 930	Gero, James		ΔA 794	Weddell, James		ΔA 751	Snyder, Eric	
ΔA 1045	Dea, Joseph		ΔA 963	Hanley, Charles		ΔA 846	Chalmers, Steven	
ΔA 1053	Olugbile, Alex		ΔA 980	Jaszczak, Michael				
ΔA 1054	Adams, Ryon		ΔA 997	Simon, Randall		Knights of Delta Alpha (\$15-:		
ΔA 1058	Garcia, Ruben		ΔA 1044	Tangpricha, Vin				
ΔA 1060	Kiehl, Christopher		ΔA 1059	Bangerter, Matthew		ΔA 231	Kuhlman, William	
ΔA 1066	Cornelius, Shawn		ΔA 1062	Watson, Christopher		ΔA 1124	Latsch, Robert	
ΔA 1082	Paxton, James		ΔA 1068	Manickam, Murugu		ΔA 1184	Shaman, Nathan	
ΔA 1085	Updyke, Daniel		ΔA 1096	Rubin, Scott		ΔA 1189	Stein, Barret	
ΔA 1089	Schwarz, Jeffrey		ΔA 1104	Jenkins, Steven		ΔA 1203	Weis, Michael	
ΔA 1091	Oster, Jason		ΔA 1161	Finnerty, Matthew				
ΔA 1093	Guy, J.J.							

Alumni Updates, Information, and Dues

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Alumni Relations Chair
c/o Sigma Nu
2235 Murray Hill Rd.
Cleveland, OH 44106



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CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE: (____) _____ MOBILE: (____) _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

COMPANY NAME: _____ POSITION: _____

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Other Comment / News: _____

Enclosed is my contribution to the Alumni Chapter for the 2007-2008 school year. Please make all checks payable to Sigma Nu Fraternity Alumni Chapter.

- Legion of Honor (\$100 and up)
- White Rose Society (\$25 - \$49)
- Founder's Club (\$50 - 99)
- Knights of Delta Alpha (\$15 - \$24)