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A Letter from the Worthy Commander

As we embark upon Delta Alpha Chapter's 102nd year of continuous operation, and mark the centennial of Delta Zeta Chapter's installation on 22 February 1909, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on the events of the last year. On the collegiate front, Delta Alpha Chapter took home its third *Rock Chapter* award in 8 years at last summer's Sixty-Third Grand Chapter in Austin, Texas. Not bad, considering that only four of the fraternity's nearly 200 collegiate chapters earned this award in 2008. Also at Grand Chapter, the collegians took home four of the five available L.E.A.D. (Leadership, Ethics, Achievement, and Development) programming awards, besting all but one other chapter in the fraternity, and two members earned the coveted *Alpha Affiliate Award*. With only ten Alphas inducted annually, the selection of two of our own men for this award in the same year is an impressive achievement in its own right. Outstanding achievements in Greek Week, campus activities, and campus leadership have also contributed to 2008 being a banner year for our illustrious collegiate chapter.

Most exciting for me personally, however, was the continued enthusiasm evident in alumni activities and planning over the last year. Brother Mike Jaszczak (DA 0980), our indefatigable artist laureate, raised a small fortune sketching fraternity-themed artwork for a rapt audience of collegians at Grand Chapter. Delta Alpha House Corporation, led by President Joe Dea (DA 1045), has been busy purchasing new furniture (and a new television) for the chapter home, generating much-needed revenue in the form of summer / winter boarders, and planning for the continued maintenance of 2235 Murray Hill Road. Thanks to the hard work of our Trustees and House Corporation officers, Sigma Nu remains one of the few fraternity housing corporations at CWRU still operating in the black. With plans for the proposed CWRU fraternity village on hold (perhaps indefinitely), their contributions of time and energy are needed more than ever before.

Our younger alumni have also been getting into the act, with a large number of our current alumni chap-I ter officers hailing from one of the last few graduating classes. It is important to the sustainability of our chapter that we succeed in retaining young alumni for key leadership positions, and these men have al-L ready helped to revitalize our group, with new ideas and creative solutions to some of the challenges that I we have faced over the last biennium. Some of the work ahead of us this year includes restructuring the alumni chapter scholarship program, strengthening alumni-collegiate relations through structured and I unstructured social events, providing a semi-annual newsletter and operational website for chapter I alumni, supporting the collegiate chapter's educational and L.E.A.D. programming, and investigating I ways to support the international fraternity's strategic goals. Of course, the best way to achieve all of these objectives is to keep our alumni interested and involved, and that has always been (and always will be) our first priority. I hope that you are all as excited about the "good news" from Delta Alpha / Delta Zeta Chapter as we are, and I look forward to your continued (or perhaps renewed) interest and involvement in **YOUR** fraternity. Please do not hesitate to contact me with your thoughts and suggestions as we move forward into 2009.

Fraternally,

James H. Paxton, MD MBA (DA 1082 / A 0449) 2006-2009 W. Commander / W. Historian Delta Alpha / Delta Zeta Alumni Chapter <u>paxtonius@hotmail.com</u>





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From left: Winning Rock Chapter in Austin, Texas; Yet another first place Homecoming Float;

Update from the Active Chapter

Greetings from the active chapter!

As we pass into the new year, I am happy to be succeeded as Eminent Commander by brother John Horton. John has already showed his leadership abilities in taking us through a wonderful recruitment period this semester. In fact, I am excited to see the entire crew of new officers continue the traditions of excellence in our chapter.

As for the active chapter, I have good news to report from the past semester. In the fall, we ranked fourth among fraternities for GPA with a 3.25 average. This average also beats the CWRU average GPA. In November we started something called "Sigma Nu Week" in which we held a number of social events aimed at unaffiliated freshmen. This week of activities, kicked off with our annual Maze Party, was a great success and prepared us for one of the best spring semester rush turnouts we've had in years. In the fall, Sigma Nu and the Delta Gamma Sorority also won the Homecoming Parade float competition, which is becoming something of a tradition for us.

As individuals, we have also been excelling with honor. With inductions into Gamma Sigma Alpha (Greek academic honor society,) Order of Omega (Greek leadership honor society,) the winner of the Christina Camardo Award for Outstanding Chapter Leadership and the Homecoming King, Sigma Nu is maintaining its dominant presence on the CWRU campus.

Being honored with the Rock Chapter Award, L.E.A.D. awards, and two Alpha Affiliates at Grand Chapter this past summer was only a preclude to a great semester at the Delta Alpha Chapter.

Fraternally,

Eric Diller Delta Alpha 1237 Former Eminent Commander, Delta Alpha Chapter







The Chapter Welcomes Twelve Candidates

The Delta Alpha chapter is excited to welcome twelve awesome new candidates to our ranks this spring. Each new candidate looks like the will contribute to Sigma Nu's excellence around campus.

T. Nick Domitrovic, a freshman from nearby Willoughby, OH, is a Political Science/ Pre-Med major who is starting to DJ at WRUW and is a member of Case for Liberty.

Hailing from Cleveland Heights, Adam De Guire is a freshman Math and Economics major involved in Case Men's Glee Club as well as the being the treasurer of the Club Crew Team.

The founder of the Case Croquet Club, **Peter Schillo** from Pittsburgh, PA is a freshman Chemical Engineer who is also a DJ at WRUW as well as a member of an Indian Dance Team at Case.

Another member of the Croquet Club, **Andy Leveto** is an undecided freshman engineer from Meadville, PA who is involved in the Juggling Club and the Cedar Residential College Council as well.

Along with Peter and Andy, freshman **Eric Purdy** from Gaithersberg, MD is a member of the Croquet Club when not spending time studying Electrical Engineering.

Coming to Case all the way from sunny San Diego, CA is **Ian Gibson**, a freshman double major in Materials Science and Engineering and Theater. Ian is also a member of the Cedar College Council and the Emerging Leaders Program.

Ben Guengerich, a freshman Mechanical Engineer and Trumpet major from Austin, TX, is involved in multiple music ensembles across campus.

Eric Slown is also an engineering major hailing from Naperville, IL.

From nearby Shaker Heights, **Peter Schiraldi** is a freshman Spanish major who also plays flamenco guitar and is a member of Speakeasy.

Shengbo Wang, a freshman from St. Louis, MO, is a Pre-Law major in Political Science and Economics. Shengbo is also a USG Representative as well as a member of the Emerging Leaders Program and the Case Ultimate Frisbee Club team.

Finally, from Hudson, OH, freshman **Curtis Obert** rounds out this semester's awesome pledge class.

These twelve great new candidates will join sophomores **Jared Hamilton** (Δ A1277, Chicago, IL) and **Mike Iannitti** (Δ A1279, Cincinnati, OH) and junior **Jake Moskowitz** (Δ A1278, Baltimore, MD) to round out the new members of Sigma Nu for the '08 – '09 school year.

The chapter is extremely excited about our new brothers and looks forward to bringing them into the fraternity throughout the course of the semester.

Alumni News

James Nazar (\Delta A 938) Is living in Texas working for Northrop Grumman as a test engineer. He welcomed a son, Angelo James Nazar, into his family on June 24, 2008.

Jeff Schwarz (ΔA 1089) and his wife Jeanne had a son, James McNair Schwarz, on 08/18/2008.

Jeff Bottger (\Delta A 1118) and his wife Janine are expecting their first child in July. They don't know the gender yet, but are very excited about becoming parents.

Afif Ghannoum (ΔA 1136) recently left Baker Hostetler's Cleveland office to start his own emerging technology consulting firm called BioVentis Consulting (www.BioventisConsulting.com)

Chris Gammell (ΔA1168) moved back to Cleveland last February to work as an engineer at Keithley Instruments. Last December he bought a house in Solon and is now guaranteed to stick around Cleveland for at least a few more years. In his spare time he has been fixing up his new house and writing my blog about renewable energy and analog engineering. **Henry Smith (\DeltaA1218)** moved to Washington, DC after graduation and worked in the tunnels of the Capitol as an intern for Congressman Ben Chandler until February. He is now back in Lexington, KY working in Chandler's office as a case worker.

Alex Hamberger (Δ A1221) joined the interactive marketing agency Brulant. In July 2008, Brulant was acquired by personality-marketing giant Rosetta based in Princeton, NJ. Alex has been busy with integration activities, splitting his time between Cleveland and New York City. In addition to work, Alex is preparing for Case's second annual Relay For Life. This year's event, the flagship fundraising event for the American Cancer Society, proves to be bigger and better than last year's inaugural event. Alex hopes to see good participation from the active brothers of Sigma Nu!

Adam Rupe (Δ A1244) is currently working at Septima Clark Public Charter School in Washington, DC. SCPCS is the only all boys public school in the district and he is currently a second grade teacher working through the Teach for America program. He lives on Capitol Hill and is loving life in our nation's capital.

Alumni Calendar

RSVP to Geoff Peyton at 978-877-1500 or gsp4@case.edu

April & May

Spring 2009 Knighting Ceremony All alumni are invited and encouraged to attend the Knighting Ceremony of the Delta Alpha Chapter of the Sigma Nu fraternity, which will be held April **27th, at 8 PM in Tomlinson Hall** (10940 Euclid Avenue) on the Case Western Reserve University Campus.

Delta Alpha – Delta Zeta Alumni Meeting and Barbecue The annual spring alumni chapter meeting will be held on **May 2, 2009, at 3 pm at the chapter house** (2235 Murray Hill Road). There will be a barbecue to celebrate the semester with the active chapter beforehand at 1 PM. Please contact Brother Paxton (<u>paxtonius@hotmail.com</u>) with any questions, comments, or agenda items for the spring meeting.

June & July

Rock Climbing at Cleveland Rock Gym on Saturday June 27th at 2 PM.Great Lakes Brewing Company Get-together on Thursday July 9th at 6 PM.Golf outing on Sunday, August, 16th at TBD LOCATION

August & September

Beer making night @ the Brewkettle in Strongsville on Saturday August 8th. <u>RSVP required.</u> **Rock Bottom Brewery** Get-together Thursday August 20th at 6 PM

November

Fall 2009 Alumni, Actives Candidates Weekend! Please join all members of the active chapter at this year's annual AAC Weekend, held November 20th-22nd. More information to follow.

Chapter Helps Make Big Day Possible

This past fall the house undertook a massive project codenamed, "Operation Cobra Deathstrike." Over the course of two months, thirty brothers came together to help Nick Hilgeman (ΔA 1241) propose to his girlfriend Christa Bradley from Bethel College. Working with several brothers, he planned out the whole event from how to sneak away from her while she was visiting, to driving her to the location downtown and arranging two Sigma Nu songs to serenade her with.

Over twenty five brothers all assembled on October, 2008 to 'kidnap' Christa and bring her downtown to the park where the brothers were waiting. As she drove up, brothers were waiting for her with flowers and escorted her to the group. They serenaded her



with "Sigma Nu Girl," before Nick got down on one knee and asked her to marry him. After accepting (of course!) she was serenaded again with "The Girl Who Wears the Five Armed Star."

The whole event was a tribute to the bonds in our chapter and support everyone was willing to give to a brother asking for help. Nick and Christa have set a date for May 2010 in Indiana.

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Summary of Alumni Dues DELTA ALPHA

Alumni Dues 2008-2009

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585	Newkirk, Karl	588	Vishnevsky, Constantine	438	Johnson, Dale	1124	Latsch, Robert
612	Barnett, Robert	706	Merrill, Richard	466	Decker, Dwight	1184	Shaman, Nathan
656	Schoner, Philip	728	Nomiyama, Neal	661	Massie, John	1189	Stein, Barret
930	Gero, James	794	Weddell, James	751	Snyder, Eric	1203	Weis, Michael
1045	Dea, Joseph	963	Hanley, Charles	846	Chalmers, Steven		,
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