

SIGMA NU ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

DELTA ALPHA NEWS

A LETTER FROM THE ACTIVE COMMANDER

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Dear Brothers,

As finals approach, I'd like to take a moment to share with you some of our successes over the last academic term, as well as give you a preview for what's to come in 2012-2013.

Recruitment was as strong as it has been in recent memory. We'll be initiating our candidate class of 8 this Saturday, the 28th to bring our total to 22 new knights for the last academic year. LEAD has been an area of celebration for the chapter as LEAD Chairman Brian Hayt has greatly expanded the chapters use of all phases of LEAD, including All-Chapter sessions. Brothers came together for an incredibly successful 105th White Rose Formal put on by Brothers Dea, Root, and Schillo. The chapter continued its successful history in Greek Week by winning the Banner competition and having strong showings in Variety Show, Greek Sing,

Obstacle Course and Egg Toss. In celebration of the Greek Week theme, "This

is fun, damn it!" the Delta Alpha chapter spent day and night painting wood panels to surround a (mostly) functional crane machine. Finally, the Delta Alpha chapter is proud to announce that we have received the Pytte Cup awards for Excellence in Recruitment and New Member Education. We hope to continue our tradition of excellence in those areas and to expand our success to other facets of the chapter.

The Fall 2012 semester promises to be a busy and exciting time for the Delta Alpha chapter. We will be collaborating with Sigma Phi Epsilon in the fall to bring a TED-style conference to campus. Work on the event will begin over the summer, and both chapters are very excited to bring a large scale philan-

thropy event to campus this fall. Our recruitment and public relations committees are working hard to continue our excellence in recruitment, and we are continuously tweaking our

scholarship plan to facilitate the academic success of all of our brothers.

Strong alumni support is what maintains Delta Alpha's success over time. We are looking to expand our use of our alumni network in different facets of our chapter, including LEAD, recruitment, and even for our philanthropy event. If you are interested in becoming more involved with the active chapter, please do not hesitate to contact me at ksm37@case.edu or 440-829-0193.

With Love, Truth, and Honor,

Kevin Moeller
ΔA 1291



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BROTHERS FIND POT OF GOLD AT THE BOTTOM OF CLEVELAND POTHOLES



Brothers Nich Barron (DA 1307) and Curtis Obert (DA 1284) see big potential in a big problem that plagues Cleveland roads every winter: potholes. Nich and Curtis, along with three other Case Western undergrads, are making waves with their winning submission in the Saint Gobain Design Competition. They are hoping that their invention, a non-newtonian

fluid placed in a durable bag, proves to be an alternative to the less than adequate “cold patches” that many municipalities use during winter months.

Nich, who got the idea after watching an episode of Mythbusters, has also displayed the new technology at the EEC ideaLabs competition at Hiram College, taking home first place there as well. The

group is currently preparing to demo their product to top Saint Gobain officials in Boston later this year while continuing field testing their product around the Greater Cleveland area.

22 NEW BROTHERS WELCOMED TO THE ACTIVE CHAPTER IN 2011-2012!

DA 1321—Tommy Schafer

DA 1322—Alberto Rodriguez

DA 1323—Matt Holdren

DA 1324—Dakota Benjamin

DA 1325—Theo Smith

DA 1326—Jack Borsi

DA 1327—James Maloy

DA 1328—Charlie Marshall

DA 1329—Jake Maszuk

DA 1330—Frank Blackman

DA 1331—Jarred Napier

DA 1332—Harry Weintraub

DA 1333—Tim Nevin

DA 1334—Connor McAvoy

DA 1335—Isaac Kupetz

DA 1336—AJ Grubbs

DA 1337—Ian Taylor

DA 1338—Levi Ridgeway

DA 1339—Joe Laucks

DA 1340—Ryan Currie

DA 1341—Ben Cowen

DA 1342—Tom Emelko



SIGMA NU CONTINUES STRONG SHOWING AT GREEK WEEK—TAKES THIRD PLACE

This spring, the brothers of the Delta Alpha Chapter continued the tradition of strong showings at Greek Week. The theme this year, "This is Fun, Damnit!", was met with some resistance, but the chapter still succeeded in placing third overall. Although falling one place overall from last year, the chapter enjoyed strong showings in Banner (1st), Greek Sing (2nd), Variety Show (2nd), Egg Toss (4th), Beach Ball Relay (4th), and Obstacle Course (5th). The brothers were very proud to continue a winning tradition in Banner that has

lasted seven years. Engineers constructed an arcade-style claw machine game that was surrounded by many large CWRU-themed murals. Our variety show included an entertaining Family Feud themed skit and a dance number to Queen's "Don't Stop Me Now". Greek Sing was a parody of the Lion King song "I Just Can't Wait to be King". As always, Delta Alpha enjoyed the friendly competition with our Greek neighbors and we are already thinking of ideas on how to win next year.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWEST DELTA ALPHA ALUMNI!

DA 1257 - Matt Root

DA 1267 - Steve Cummins

DA 1276 - Eben Via

DA 1280 - Andy Leveto

DA 1282 - Ben Guengerich

DA 1283 - Peter Schirladi

DA 1284 - Curtis Obert

DA 1285 - Shengbo Wang

DA 1286 - Eric Slown

DA 1287 - Nick Domitrovic

DA 1288 - Peter Schillo

DA 1289 - Eric Purdy

DA 1293 - Fred Turkington

DA 1296 - John Eldridge

BROTHER VIA TAKES HOME TOP HONORS AT UAA INDOOR TRACK CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

This past February, brother Eben Via (DA 1276) traveled to New York City to participate in the University Athletic Association Indoor Track Conference Championships. Eben, who has been a thrower on the indoor and outdoor

track teams since his sophomore year, participated in the Shot Put and Weight Throw events, taking home a gold medal in Weight Throw with a distance of 16.56 m. Congratulations Brother Via!





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ALUMNI UPDATES, INFORMATION, AND DUES

Be sure to go to <http://sigmanu.case.edu/> to update your information online, see timely news updates from the active chapter, and pay your alumni dues.

Alternatively, you can always send updates or dues to the address listed on the left.

Changes in address, new jobs, big moves, engagements, children, or any other news is greatly encouraged. We are always excited to include news from our alumni in our newsletters, but we need alumni to help by providing it!

Alumni Dues are collected on an annual basis (Jul 1st to Jun 30th) to cover the costs of the Alumni Chapter, including semester donations to the Active Chapter toward Rush expenses. Donations can be made in the following amounts:

The Rock of Sigma Nu (\$250+)

Legion of Honor (\$100-\$249)

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

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

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

We look forward to hearing from you!

A "NU" LOOK FOR OUR "DELTAS"

At the 15 January 2012 meeting of Delta Alpha Alumni Chapter, the alumni voted in favor of a motion

to rebind the chapter's collection of 44 volumes of "The Delta of Sigma Nu" magazines. This impressive

collection of "Delta" journals, printed between 1916 and 1969, represents one of the most complete

collections of this historical publication known to exist outside of the Fraternity's international

headquarters in Lexington, Virginia.

More than 24,000 pages of historical data will be preserved with this project, representing a historical

timeline that extends back

almost as far as the founding of Delta Alpha Chapter in 1907. This is

perhaps the most ambitious preservation job that the chapter has ever undertaken, and is expected

to be completed by the end of 2012. The hope is that these valuable artifacts will be around for

another century, continuing to offer brothers valuable insight into the lives and times of our fraternal

predecessors. The most amazing aspect of this project is that these artifacts have survived for nearly

a century despite five generations of handling and use. The alumni chapter is excited to support this

much-needed effort to preserve our fraternity's historical records.

Please consider donating additional funds to "Preserve Delta Alpha's Deltas" along with your annual

dues. The cost of this project is expected to exceed \$2,400, with the hope that at least half of this

amount will be generated by donations from generous individual alumni.

Fraternally,

James H. Paxton (DA 1082)

Worthy Historian, Delta Alpha – Delta Zeta Alumni Chapter

