

Upcoming EVENTS

Alumni Work Weekend April 30 – May 2, 2004

Come back and rekindle the days when you used to get shafted with the grease traps for your work detail, but this time, watch the actives clean the grease traps! Come back, work up a sweat, bond with your fellow alumni and order around the actives! Contact **Tom Dagenais '99** with any questions (tdagenais@highstream.net or 630-781-6676).

Friday

Afternoon: Start of projects by actives and alumni who arrive early
Evening: Happy hour at Murphy's; cards at the house

Saturday

Morning: Breakfast; work
Afternoon: Work
Evening: Dinner at the chapter house catered by the ladies of Hooters; bonding (drinking) with the actives

Sunday

Morning: Recover from your hangover with breakfast by Jim Calahan; conclusion of any ongoing projects
Noon: Spring alumni meeting

Annual Delta Alumni Meeting June 19, 2004

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Annual Delta Alumni meeting on June 19, 2004. The location and time are to be determined, but it will be in the Chicago-land area. If you have an idea for a meeting location or would be willing to let us cookout in your backyard, contact **Tom Dagenais '99** (tdagenais@highstream.net or 630-781-6676).

The annual meeting will be an important time to discuss some key issues that Delta Chapter will be facing. These include updating the chapter house to meet the changing city codes, maintenance issues and future development for the alumni association. We will also address any other issues that you, our Delta alumni, would like to see addressed.

Check the Delta Alumni Association Web site at www.2stayconnected.com/spd-illinois for updates. ■

Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Delta Fraternity

February 2004

Delta Dispatch

www.2stayconnected.com/spd-illinois

University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois



Alumni

Report

By Michael G. Golden '02, Delta Alumni Corporation President

Our Alumni Keep it Going ... and Going

As we begin a new year, I am excited about the direction that the alumni organization is taking. Just browsing through the new Web site (www.2stayconnected.com/spd-illinois), I see familiar names and faces, along with brothers who graduated well before my time. I'm glad to see that this increased interest has also begun to generate more donations. I want to thank all of those people who have donated to the alumni efforts; your continued contributions will play a vital role in the continued success of our organization. In the near future, we will have some big undertakings with the upkeep of the chapter house, as well as keeping the chapter house to city code, so these donations now are a big help.

Some of these future initiatives were topics of discussion at our recent alumni meeting. We are currently looking into a possible Champaign city ordinance to expand our sprinkler systems in the chapter house. If necessary, this system will require some major upgrades to our house. We are currently assessing our current coverage and what will be required by this new ordinance. Other topics of discussion during the meeting included the status our new liability insurance, our plans for alumni work weekend (April 30) and the passing of newly updated bylaws for the alumni chapter. We also passed a motion to increase the active chapter rent to \$6,450. This increase is intended to cover added costs incurred by inflation as well as the larger cost of the liability insurance. If you have not seen the minutes of the meeting and would like to, please let me know.

We have been trying to work with nationals to have them print the names of those who donate to Delta alumni in their publications of The Castle. So far, these efforts have not been as successful as we had hoped. By your continued donations to Delta alumni, you are helping to strengthen the best chapter in the best fraternity, and we feel that these contributions should be recognized alongside those donations to nationals. We will continue to talk with nationals on this issue, but I want everyone to know that your donations will continue to be recognized in the Delta Dispatch quarterly newsletter.

We have now been with Affinity Connection for about six months. We hope that you enjoy the increased communication and organization that this provides the alumni chapter. Please let anyone on the executive board know if you see any areas of improvement. I also want to say thanks to **Marty Neumann '99** for working with Affinity to assure that we get the most out of this service. I encourage everyone to stop by the Web site on a regular basis to check in on the updates. Be sure to register and add any of your own personal news; I'm sure there are many people out there who would be interested.

I hope to see everyone at the next meeting on May 1, and continue to stay in touch! You can reach me at mgoldn1@comcast.net, 847-419-8993 (H) or 847-523-0597(W) with questions or comments. ■



Please make plans to attend our Alumni Work Weekend and Annual Alumni Meeting ... and help put a new shine on the chapter house.

Reunion

By Joe Welinske '82

Second Annual SPD Las Vegas Reunion

The Second Annual SPD Las Vegas Reunion has come to a satisfying conclusion after three days (four for some), 12 casinos and innumerable hours of blackjack and craps.

Nine brothers were in attendance: **Brad Adams '81, Henry Bonges '81, Keith Brandau '83, Steve Brandau '81, Bill Broersma '82, Bill Coverick, Paul Szabo '81, Chuck Worner** and myself — the unofficial cruise director. Brad, Paul and I tried to warm up the gaming tables on Friday before the others arrived but simply established a dark curtain of gloom over most of the Las Vegas strip.

By Friday evening, we had all gathered in the Geisha Lounge of the Imperial Palace Hotel, our base of operations. At just \$80 a night, the IP was a great deal, and some of us bunked together to cheapen the price even more. With the doctor of crapsology (Coverick) now in the house, we jumped back into the fray and got our gaming going in a positive fiscal direction. Later that night, the more base instincts emerged and we were off to our evening "gentlemen's" entertainment. Brother Steve Brandau could hardly contain his excitement as we returned to last year's scene of the crime. Only this time, it was disappointingly mediocre in talent and overall fun. Brother Bonges even fell asleep in his chair. So we left, went downtown and had a pretty good run of craps at Binions.

The first day passed and, as agreed in advance, we didn't talk any politics (except for a minor dust-up at dinner over Rush Limbaugh). Saturday morning, we congregated at the Caesar's Palace Sport Book to cheer and bet on the Illini. Dee Brown and his crew handily covered the 14.5 points, and our crew collected the winnings. We gambled some more at the IP and then went on a very special field trip.

Brother Szabo, who works at Winchester, very generously set us up with a complimentary afternoon of gun play. A limo took us to Henderson, Nev., to a local arms merchant and

shooting gallery. Saturday night brought more gambling, an all-you-can eat dinner and more gambling.

Sunday morning, Bonges took off for home, and Broersma drove back to Tucson. Brother Adams left around lunch. It took two days of severe beatings at the blackjack tables for Brother Keith Brandau to see the light and pray to the altar of rolling dice instead. By Sunday afternoon, we were all hunkered around the craps table at the Flamingo. And what do you know ... shooters, lots of good shooters. As Adams termed it earlier, there was manna from heaven, baby. I think we all raked in a fair amount of cash, and we were all pretty happy campers.

I said my goodbyes to the remaining five soldiers of fortune and headed out into the Vegas night and the airport. As I went out the door, I could hear Coverick yelling as Brother Steve Brandau hit his point. I assume everyone returned home in fine condition. With three more people than last year, a good time was had by all. Additionally, we were able to expand from one initiate class to three. Everyone seems to really enjoy getting together. It is just refreshing to spend a few days with people I rarely see but with whom I have a unique and strong emotional bond. If we saw each other every day, we'd probably get on each other's nerves. But we don't, and so we don't. It's just big fun. And Vegas is maybe a bit more fun than hanging around the frat house for us old putzes. With that, we put a close on year 3.

As we look ahead to the next reunion, mark your calendars for sometime late in fall of 2004. Work it into the conversations with your significant others over the coming year, or say you're going on a business trip to Texas like Henry did. We definitely want to reach as many people in as many classes as possible. Forward this in e-mail. Send me any contact info. for people you know, and I will add them to the list. I can be reached at jjw@winwriters.com. ■

Illinois

B-ball

2004 Men's Basketball

Cheer our Fighting Illini on to the Final Four!
(home games in bold)

Tues., 2/10	MICHIGAN STATE	ESPN, 8 p.m.
Wed., 2/18	WISCONSIN	ESPN+ Local, 7 p.m.
Sat., 2/21	Penn State	ESPN, 3 p.m.
Wed., 2/25	Iowa	ESPN+ Local, 6 p.m.
Sat., 2/28	NORTHWESTERN	ESPN+ Regnl, 1:30 p.m.
Tues., 3/2	Purdue	ESPN, 6 p.m.
Wed., 3/3	Purdue	ESPN+ Local, TBA
Sat., 3/6	Ohio State	ESPN+ Regnl, 11:15 a.m.
Sun., 3/7	Ohio State	CBS, 3 p.m.
3/11-3/14	Big Ten Tournament	TBA
3/18-3/21	NCAA Tournament	
3/25-3/26	NCAA Regional Semifinals	
3/27-3/28	NCAA Regional Finals	
4/3	NCAA Final Four	CBS
4/5	NCAA National Champ.	CBS



Dates and times subject to change. All times are Central.

Chapter

Highlights

Jim Calahan is BACK!

After a brief stint cooking and taking grief from another fraternity, Brother Calahan has returned to cook, smoke and keep the brothers in line at Delta.

Jim has been a longtime integral part of the chapter and over the years has spent a lot of his own money on kitchen items and on the brothers.



Welcome back, Brother Calahan!

While there has always been talk of a new kitchen, we have gotten by so far by the grace of Jim. Call the chapter house at 217-337-7511 or send a note to 302 E. Gregory, Champaign, IL 61820, to welcome back Jim. ■

Brothers

Thank you to the brothers listed who have already contributed to our 2003-2004 giving program. Your gifts to our Delta Chapter provide the support that enables us to continue our alumni relations program, including the publication of our Delta Dispatch newsletter. If you have not yet sent a contribution for the 2003-2004 giving year, please

do so today. For your convenience, you can now make a contribution via phone (800-975-6699), through our Web site (www.2stayconnected.com/spd-illinois; click on "Make Donation") or by completing and mailing the enclosed form. Because of brothers like you, there is a bright tomorrow for Sigma Phi Delta at Illinois. ■

American Beauty Rose

Joseph F. Kennell 1958
 Fred D. MacMurdo 1968
 Ronald D. Davis 1969
 Fred P. Baker 1977
 Paul J. Szabo 1981
 Steven P. Seaney 1990
 Burt A. Wagner III 1993
 Michael W. Lee 1994
 Aaron J. Brown 1998
 Derek Andrew Price 2003

Chapter Room

Donald L. Renick 1943
 Raymond A. Mueller 1954
 Harold W. Nero 1955
 Carter H. Wright Jr. 1956
 Duane W. Pick 1957
 John E. Morse 1958
 Thomas F. Hintz 1967
 Richard R. Parry 1970
 Michael J. Burke 1982
 Ronald B. Carmichael 1984

Richard A. Lenzen Jr. 1985

William B. Robey 1988
 Justin D. Durfee 1998
 Martin J. Neumann 1999
 Craig A. Loudon 2000

Mark C. Janke 1972

George B. Wallace 1979
 Raymond G. Prill 1985
 Andrew S. Hill 1988
 Christopher M. Newman 1995
 Russell P. Desalvo 1999
 Brett D. Durbin 1999
 Michael G. Golden 2002

Delta Brotherhood

Homer R. Hoving 1952
 Hubert C. Edfors 1957
 Kenneth L. Jerina 1968
 Lawrence J. Oresky 1968

Giving Categories: \$1000 - \$500 Castle Level, \$499 - \$250 Cog Level, \$249 - \$100 American Beauty Rose Level, \$99 - \$50 Chapter Room Level, \$49 - \$1 Delta Brotherhood Level.

Alumni

UpDates

George B. Wallace '41

(321 E. Highland, Redlands, CA 92373)
 Where is my old roommate **Peter Kurlak '41**? New this year — one great grandson, Christopher Aden Wallace.

Donald Renick '43

(1216 Olive Rd., Homewood, IL 60430)
 Keep up the good work!

Gary L. Herridge '64

(184 Smitherman Rd., Washington, WV 26181; herridge@illinoisalumni.org) Now retired from DuPont and taking care of "the farm" (30 acres). Enjoying my five grandchildren and doing some radio commercials for my church. Life is great, and I am truly blessed!

Terrence J. Foley '69

(4203 N. Ridge Ave., Arlington Heights, IL 60004) After 25 years in the petroleum industry, I returned to the municipal arena. All the kids are grown and gone — at least for now (one U of I graduate). I am always looking for information or news from brothers of the '66-'69 era. We were so awesome!!

Dean W. Pulliam '73

(2310 Clubside Drive, Beavercreek, OH 45431; dpulliam@woh.rr.com) It's been difficult to be an Illini living in Ohio, especially with three of our four sons

attending The Ohio State University. However, Andrew, our oldest son, and his wife, Melinda, and their son, Gavin, have recently moved to Champaign-Urbana where Andy is now a student at UIUC! Life has come full circle for Andy, as he was born at Burnham City Hospital in 1973 while I was a student at Illinois. Andy was admitted to graduate school in the College of Architecture and was granted a teaching assistantship. I told him that now he'd see what a REAL university is like!

Michael J. Burke '82

(1143 Harris Dr, Lompoc, CA 93436; m.burke28@verizon.net) I started a new business in February 2003, Money Mailer, a franchise. We mail coupons to residential addresses. My job is to sell the ad space; so far, so good.

C. Richard Schwerdtfeger '85

(18746 High Point Rd., Chagrin Falls, OH 44023; ricksphd@adelphia.net) Since moving from Colorado over three years ago, we are adjusting to cloudy weather and lake effect snows. Schools are good for our two boys: Dylan (14, a freshman) and Luke (12, seventh grade). I am the furnace engineering manager for Saint-Gobain Crystals where I design and improve large vacuum furnaces for growing huge optical crystals. I bought a 1970 corvette last fall to give

me something to do during the long gray winters (I told my wife it was an investment ... which it may or may not be!). Come by whenever you are in the area.

Richard A. Lenzen '85



Welcome, Baby Jackson Lenzen ... shown here with big brother Zachary and big sister Isabel.

(1078 Lake Lane Drive, White Lake, MI 48386-1711; dwlzenzen@comcast.net) It's been a year full of changes for the Lenzen family. Our third child, Jackson, was born on July 21. He has an older brother, Zachary (7), and older sister, Isabel (4). Also, I was promoted in August to supervisor of Durango frame, mounts and off-road equipment right as we launch the new vehicle at DaimlerChrysler in September. I should recover sometime next summer!

Andrew S. Hill '88

(5621 Fox Court, South Beloit, IL 61080-

(Continued on Page 4)

Alumni UpDates

(Continued from Page 3)

2305; minigmh@prodigy.net) I am going into my eighth year managing public works contracts for the City of Beloit, Wis. I am the assistant cub master for our Cub Scout pack, and my sons, Raymond and Matthew, are Bear and Wolf scouts. Gail and I have been married for 14 years. I finished my first season racing stock cars at the Rockford Speedway, placing 24th out of 69 drivers with one first-place victory.

William B. Robey '88

(7702 Asterella Ct., Springfield, VA 22152-3132; bud@lirh.com) I just returned from a seven-month deployment to the Middle East and the Horn of Africa. I was selected for lieutenant colonel and will be renewing my annual Vegas Super Bowl trip this year.

Steven P. Seaney '90

(434 Linden Avenue, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137-4067) Our daughter, Renee Catherine, was born Sept. 18, 2003. Renee and Lisa are doing great!

Dennis J. Duchene '91

(6175 Blaverly Dr., New Albany, OH 43054-8895) My wife, Alison, and I are happy to announce the birth of our first child, Madeline Grace Duchene, born on Jan. 3, 2003.

Michael P. Rohan '93

(11726 Brookview Lane, Orland Park, IL 60467; MPRohan@msn.com) In late January, I will be second-chairing my first trial, an attempted murder case at 26th and Cal. in Chicago. If you see a headline in the paper about a guy becoming the first

person to ever get the death penalty in Illinois for not killing somebody, you'll know who to blame ...

Burt A. Wagner '93

(6519 Tower Dr. #T2, Alexandria, VA 22306; bwagner3@bigfoot.com) There was very little orange in the crowd, but I wore mine when Illinois played North Carolina. Too bad we missed something like nine free throws in the last two minutes, which lost the game by seven points ... ugh! I am working on my master's degree in human resources development. No one will believe this, but I'm actually a 4.0 student now!

Anybody heading out to the Washington, D.C., area, drop me a line, and I'll buy the beer. Flounder

Michael Lee '94

(6594 Woodcrest Drive, Avon, IN 46123; mlee19@mac.com) My wife, Regina, gave birth to a baby boy, Anthony James Lee, born Aug. 16, 2003. We also celebrated our 10th wedding anniversary on Aug. 2, 2003.

Michael F. Drymalski '95

(232 W. Wildplum Ct., Appleton, WI 54913; drymalski@juno.com) We had our first child, Brian Michael Drymalski, on Jan. 12, 2003.

Aaron J. Brown '98

(18132 Lakeside Lane, Houston, TX 77058; abrown6605@houston.rr.com) I went hiking in the Grand Canyon in June and went 24 miles in 17 hours. It is one of the most

physically challenging (and awesome) things I have ever done. I highly recommend it, just not all in one day!

Jimmy A. Jones Jr. '99

(4040 Grove Ave., Berwyn, IL 60402-4433) I am currently stationed in Germany and recently got engaged.

Erik N. Schultz '01

(158-1 Delta Dr., Minot AFB, ND 58704; enschultz@hotmail.com) My wife and I are expecting our first child in the spring of 2004!

Michael G. Golden '02

(1619 Easton Ct., Wheeling, IL 60090; mgoldn1@comcast.net) As of Dec. 18, Stacy and I are engaged and are planning to get married in the summer of 2005.

Derek A. Price '03

(6001 Marine Parkway, Apt. F-106, Mentor-on-the-Lake, OH 44060; sigphi11@yahoo.com) I graduated in May with my bachelor's in bio-engineering and got a job with Steris Corporation in an eastern suburb of Cleveland, Ohio. ■

In Memory

Since publication of our last issue, we have learned of the death of

M. Stanley Helm (1/21/03)

Wolfgang O. R. Junkel '51 (10/3/03)

Sigma Phi Delta mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.

The Latest Delta Dispatch is here!

FIRST CLASS MAIL
U.S. Postage
PAID
State College, Pa.
Permit No. 2



Sigma Phi Delta Fraternity
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
Alumni Relations Office
P.O. Box 3244
Oak Brook, IL 60522-3244

Address Service Requested