

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Delta Alumni Winter Meeting

January 29, 2011

Noon

The Ram in Schaumburg

### Alumni Work Weekend

April 2011, Dates TBA

Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Delta Fraternity

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# Delta Dispatch

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### 100th Homecoming Celebration Sees Largest Delta Turnout in Years

By Tom Dagenais '99, Delta Alumni President

Greetings brothers,

I hope that the upcoming holiday season finds you and your loved ones healthy and happy. For many of you, this edition of the *Delta Dispatch* alumni newsletter is being sent electronically for the first time. In an effort to cut costs, we are sending electronic versions to all alumni for which we have a valid e-mail address. If you are receiving the paper version and you'd like to help us out by being included on the valid e-mail list, please register at our Web site ([www.spdillini.com](http://www.spdillini.com)). Also, for anyone with thoughts on the merits or drawbacks of paper or electronic newsletter delivery, we welcome your feedback at the Web site.

In recent news, the Delta Alumni celebrated

the 100th Homecoming at the University of Illinois over the weekend of Oct 22-24.

The weekend was a great success. After Friday evening's parade and pep rally, actives and alumni met at Murphy's Pub to catch up over a few beers. Then on Saturday the Illini defeated Indiana to move one step closer to bowl game eligibility. After the game, more than 25 alumni met at the house for a cookout prepared by longtime house chef Jim Callahan. This was the best Homecoming turnout we've had in years, with half a dozen alumni from the '80s mixing with about 20 alumni from throughout the '90s and the '00s.

*"All together, Homecoming was quite successful this year. We hope that even more alumni will be able to join us next time!"*

On Saturday evening there were multiple groups of Delta alums spread throughout town - some went to Buffalo Wild Wings to watch the fights on TV, some went to the Illini hockey game, and some just re-lived their undergrad days at the campus town bars. On Sunday morning there was a quick alumni meeting at the house to take care of business. For those who are wondering about the longstanding tradition of the active-alumni flag football game - this routine was discontinued a few years back after injuries to members of the alumni executive board (yours truly included) happened two times in three years. Instead we now cap off Homecoming by watching the Bears game in the chapter room or going out in groups to grab lunch.

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## ALUMNI OFFICERS

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With a username and password, you'll have access to our photo albums, searchable directory, message boards and much more!

### Calling All Alums!

#### Attention Interested Alumni

-- we are seeking 3 volunteers to participate on the newly formed Building Fund Committee. The committee will be run by Treasurer Rick Woods and will oversee all Building Fund investments. The committee will meet either in person or via conference call twice per year for about 1 hour each meeting. The committee members will be selected by the Executive Board, so if you would like to have some input into how our Building Fund is invested, please contact President **Tom Dagenais** via email ([tjdag99@yahoo.com](mailto:tjdag99@yahoo.com)).

# TREASURER'S REPORT

## Despite Lower Donations Last Year, Delta Alumni Financial Position is Sound

By Rick Woods '86; Treasurer, Delta Alumni Corporation

It's hard to believe that winter is upon us and the Fighting Illini football team may be bowl-bound this year!

Despite lower donations in the 2009/10 fiscal year, our Delta Alumni financial position continues to be sound. As of the end of September, we had nearly \$32k in our checking account and \$32k in our Building Fund. To put this in proper perspective, our expense budget this year is \$63k of which \$23k is for mortgage, taxes and insurance, \$21k is for house maintenance and \$9k is for our website, database management and alumni outreach programs and another \$5k is for utilities.

Our cash balance is about \$69k, which is about \$10K better than the same period last year and about the same as the start of this fiscal year. The difference when compared to last year is due to a couple of large projects we undertook at this time last year as well

as underpayment of the chapter rent in September last year. Donations in the fiscal year ending May 31 totaled just over \$10k which missed our fiscal year goal by about \$5k and was off the prior year by \$3.6k. Because we executed a nearly identical alumni outreach program as last year, we attribute the donation decline to the recession and general malaise of the economy. Because we did not take in as much as budgeted, we have had to budget nearly flat this fiscal year for house maintenance, furniture and fixtures. Because the house is aging rapidly, every year it becomes more and more challenging to maintain the house in a basic state of upkeep without increasing our maintenance resources.

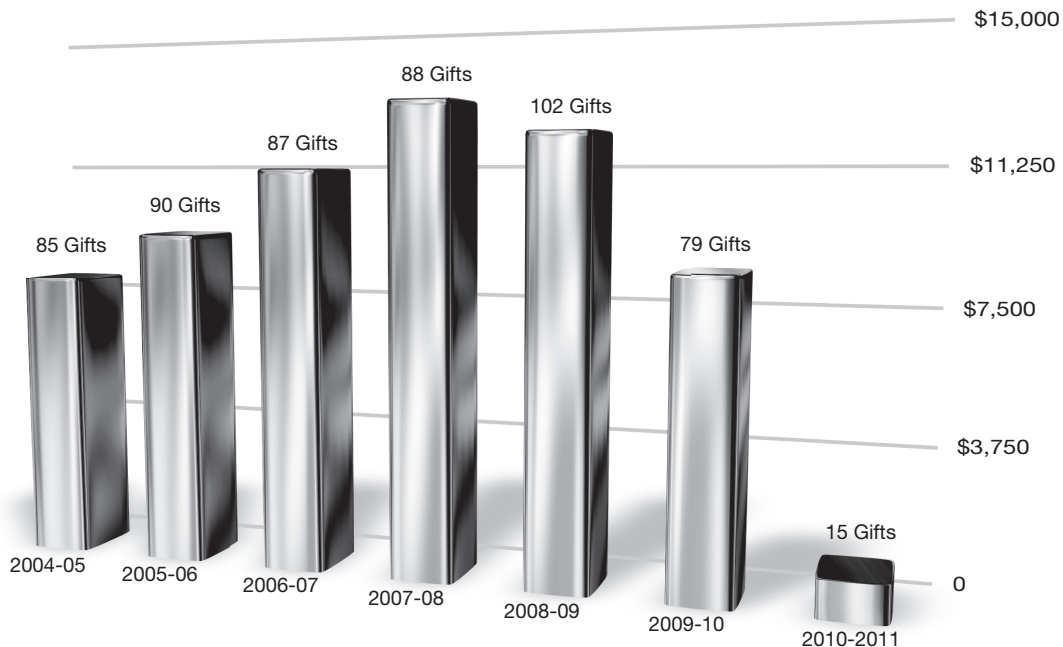
But there is some good news—the Chapter is completely caught up with rent as well as with National dues/fees and the Chapter has paid back all that was owed to us that carried-over from last semester. I cannot say enough good things about the

job that new house Business Manager Chris DeFlumeri has done to restore order to the house finances! As a result of the chapter's newfound financial stability, we have started the process of buying the house a new stove with the goal of getting it installed either this semester or just before Spring instruction begins. The current stove is truly a relic, dating back to well before my pledge semester of Fall '82. If anyone has any idea when the old (current) stove was installed, please contact us with the approximate year!

In closing, please consider donating generously in our annual giving campaign. Delta Alumni is totally a volunteer organization with no paid positions and virtually no overhead, so you are assured that all donations go towards the upkeep of the chapter house, our programs to keep in touch with Delta Chapter Alumni and our programs contributing to the growth of our Active Chapter members.

## Six-Year Giving History

Since 2004, we have raised a total of \$63,388. We have charted our progress so you can see how each year compares to the last. The 2010-2011 Giving Year Kicked Off On September 1. So far this year, we have raised \$1,041.63. Let's keep the momentum going and make this our most successful year ever!



**Total Donors - 183 • Total Gifts - 546**  
**Total Amount - \$63,388.00**

## HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

Thank you to the following alumni for their contributions so far in the 2010-2011 giving year!

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Eric Eugene Hoffman '06

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*\*Reflects gifts received from Sept. 1, 2010 through Nov. 9, 2010*

### **Make a Gift**

We rely on alumni support to keep our communications program going. If you haven't already made a contribution in 2010-2011, please consider doing so today.

#### **There are three ways to make a gift:**

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- Online at [www.spdillini.org](http://www.spdillini.org)
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## ALUMNI UPDATES

### '80s

#### **Tony Wilson '85**

(6132 Manchester Park Cir., Alexandria, VA 22310; wilson.tonyw@gmail.com) A little dated, but Ritsuko and I moved to Germany, arriving Stuttgart on Dec 23, 2009. I accepted a U.S. government position at U.S. Africa Command as the Knowledge Management

Officer. It's my dream job. Oh yeah, and we're having a good time in Europe.

### '90s

#### **John Womeldorff '90**

(3345 N. Racine Avenue, Unit D, Chicago, IL 60657; spddorf@yahoo.com) My wife Shauna and I are happy to welcome our first

child, Daniel John Porter Womeldorff. He was born 10/01/10, weighed 6 lb 14 oz, and was 20.5 inches. We are still amazed at the changes we see in him every day.

*We want to know what's new with you! Share your news, updates, stories and photos in the alumni updates section at [www.spdillini.org](http://www.spdillini.org).*

## ACTIVE CHAPTER REPORT

### **Delta Chapter Increases Presence on Campus**

*By Jeff Rizzo '08, Active-Alumni Relations Chair*

This fall has been a productive semester for the Delta Active Chapter. The semester began with the initiation of the Spring 2010 pledge class, which has yielded the three newest members of the Fraternity. This brings the amount of active members to 33 with 23 living within the Chapter house. The fall rush also proved to be a success with the addition of 11 pledges wishing to learn more about the fraternity.

The chapter has looked to be involved in many aspects around the Illinois campus. They were able to put together a fearsome flag football team, which took first place

in their division and ranked in the top ten at the University. The team unfortunately fell in the playoffs and did not make it to championship game. They have also been able to put together a number of social events so far this semester including co-hosting a "Barn Dance" with AOE (Alpha Omega Epsilon) sorority as well as SWE (Society of Women Engineers). The active chapter has also held events with the Engineering Career Center and a number of companies, including British Petroleum, in an effort to help bolster their professional development. Amidst all the activities they've been involved with so far

this semester, they've also found the time to help with an ultimate Frisbee tournament to support a local charity.

These are just a few of the accomplishments of the Active Chapter so far this school year. There should be plenty more to come in the Spring semester as the Actives will be welcoming this semester's pledges in as active members, hosting the Spring 2011 rush events, practicing to participate in the annual Phi Mu broomball tournament to benefit the Children's Miracle Network, and of course cheering for the Illini men's basketball team!

# HOMECOMING PAST & PRESENT



In this photo from 1967, returning alums received a "larger-than-life" welcome.



Brothers show off a Pepsi-themed float in Homecoming 1985.



Check out the spikes on this float from 1989.

This year, Delta Alumni celebrated the 100th Homecoming at the University of Illinois. Take a look at these photos from homecomings past. If you have homecoming memories and photos to share, send them to our editors at [alumninews@affinityconnection.com](mailto:alumninews@affinityconnection.com) (mention Sigma Phi Delta at Illinois).

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