

2012 Illini Football Upcoming Games

9/29	Penn State (Foundation Day)
10/6	at Wisconsin
10/13	at Michigan
10/20	BYE
10/27	Indiana (Homecoming)
11/3	at Ohio State
11/10	Minnesota (Dad's Day)
11/17	Purdue
11/24	at Northwestern
12/1	Big Ten Championship Game

IN MEMORY

We recently learned about the passing of the following brothers:

Robert DuFore '54
Dan Duwell '59

ON THE WEB

If you haven't yet registered at www.spdillini.org, be sure to do so today! As a registered member, you can:

- Browse the photo albums
- Search for brothers in the directory
- Post to the message boards
- And much more!
- To register, you'll need your Member ID (found above your name and address on this newsletter). Then, follow the First Time Login instructions on the home page.

Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Delta Fraternity

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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

SPD House Features, Including Speaker Fixtures, are the Setting for Lasting Memories

By Kyle Ives, Eng Mech '07, Delta Alumni President

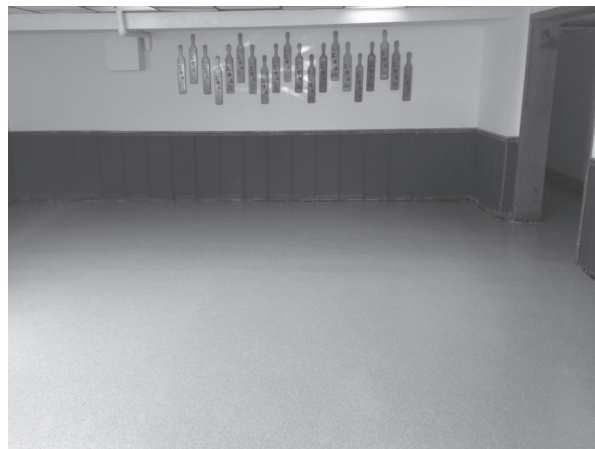
I hope this annual newsletter finds you doing well. This past summer has been one of excitement and activity in and around the chapter house. With a record number of Alumni Work Weekends this year (two), once again the Alumni and actives have stepped up to sustain and improve the chapter house. The results are evident inside and out, including a brand new set of stairs leading to the entryway. A special thanks also goes out to all of the alumni and actives who made it down to Champaign on short notice for the special Summer Alumni Work Weekend to do the difficult work of breaking up the basement tile and preparing the house for brand new flooring on all levels – special durable epoxy flooring in the kitchen and dining rooms, and new carpeting throughout the house.

One of the great benefits of a fraternity is the bonds of the brotherhood that last well beyond our undergraduate years. No matter how many years pass, SPD is able to give us memories and shared experiences that can bring us together. And the fraternity house is often the setting for many of those memories.

"We should all know about these legendary house speakers. They are Speaker Lab K copies of the awesome Klipsch Korner Horns which still sell today for \$9,000 a pair!"
– Tim Copeland

Permanent fixtures in the house—such as the dorms, the front porch and bushes, or Jim Callahan—serve to bridge the gap between alumni across the years and give us shared experiences which help bring us together.

One of these fixtures is the house speakers. These handmade custom speakers have served the house well for years, producing the music needed for rush events, afterhours, and random Saturday night celebrations. When



The Delta house received new flooring during one of our Summer Alumni Work Weekends.

these mainstays in the house began to fall into disrepair, the active chapter decided to call upon the alumni for help. **Tim Copeland '83** heeded the call. Collaborating with fellow alum **Phil Hauck '75**, Tim helped to pass on the history of the speakers to the active chapter and will be ensuring they retain their proper place in the fraternity house for years to come.

Whether it be donating your time to help during Alumni Work Weekend, repairing the legendary house speakers, or donating funds to help ensure the continued maintenance and improvement to the chapter house itself, your contributions are *vital*. Sigma Phi Delta can continue to thrive only because of the generous contributions of alumni like you, alumni who recognize all the fraternity has given to them and work to secure that possibility for many years of undergraduates to come.

UPCOMING EVENT

A Weekend Full of Fun Planned for Homecoming 2012

Join Your SPD Brothers in Champaign October 26-28!

We hope to see you in Champaign October 26-28 for our annual Homecoming celebration - a weekend full of fun activities including Friday's happy hour and parade, Saturday's tailgate, game and lunch, and Sunday's alumni meeting. **Rick Woods '86**, treasurer of the Delta Alumni Corporation, is organizing the 30th reunion of the Fall 1982 pledge class. If you'd like to join that group of miscreants, contact Rick at rwoods613@gmail.com or at 815-262-1602 for information on hotel rooms and game tickets.

Homecoming Schedule of Events:

Friday 10/26

4 p.m. - Happy Hour (FireHaus)

We'll be meeting at FireHaus on 708 S. 6th Street in Campustown to kick off the festivities.

6 p.m. - Parade (Campustown) & Pep Rally (Quad)

Step outside of FireHaus to cheer on the SPD float. Then head over the Quad for the pep

rally and to watch the actives collect their first place Float Competition trophy.

Evening - Meet at the chapter house to find groups of alums heading out informally for dinner or for an evening at the Campustown bars. Or just hang out at the house to play cards, relive past memories, and catch up with old friends.

Saturday 10/27

8 a.m. - Tailgate (TBD).

Meet actives and alumni at the chapter house before the game to do some tailgating. Follow the trail of sleepy alumni to a pay lot near the stadium.

11 a.m. - Illini Football Game vs. Indiana (Memorial Stadium)

There will be plenty of alumni watching the game at the stadium or at the chapter house, or listening to the game on the radio while they continue to enjoy the tailgating experience in the parking lots near the stadium.

3 p.m. - Late Lunch (Chapter House)

Master Chef Jim Callahan will have lunch prepared after the game. Stop by and check out the house and reconnect with fellow alums. Head over to the chapter house meet up with groups of alums to head out informally for dinner or for an evening at the Campustown bars, or simply stay at the house to play cards or just catch up.

Sunday 10/28

10 a.m. - Alumni Meeting (Chapter House)

Topics of discussion will include the chapter house physical plant (recap of summer upgrades, results of this fall's city inspection), Active Chapter Awards and Scholarships, and Building Fund management.

12 p.m. - Lunch (Chapter House)

Stick around to eat lunch at the house, recap the weekend's events, and watch the Bears play the Panthers in the noon game before heading home for the weekend.

HOUSE UPDATE

Summer Sprucing and Renovations Improve House Image

By Patrick Cox '01, Vice President

While school may have been out for the summer, we were busy completing two major house maintenance projects. The first was to install new carpeting throughout the house including in the chapter room, library, stairwell, and the second and third floor hallways. The second project was to remove the ceramic tile in the dining room and basement hallway and replace it with a commercial grade epoxy flooring. These two flooring projects were

long overdue and will definitely help in keeping up the image of the house.

I would like to give thanks to those alumni and actives who met up at the house on the weekend of July 28 and took on the arduous task of removing all of the ceramic tile in the dining room, along with removing all of the carpeting in preparation for the completion of these projects. I would also like to give special thanks to Active Brother **Erich**

Maxheimer for being our on-site summer contact and assisted us in completion of these projects.

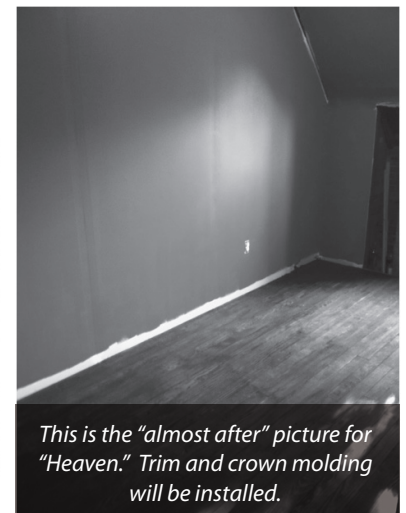
Check out these great before, during, and almost after shots of "Heaven," a single bedroom in the house.



This is "Heaven" before renovations.



Here is "Heaven" in progress.



This is the "almost after" picture for "Heaven." Trim and crown molding will be installed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Delta's Finances Show Clear Need for Alumni Support

By Rick Woods, Delta Alumni Treasurer

THE BIG PICTURE

Our Delta Alumni 2011/2012 fiscal year ended May 31, 2012. At the end of our fiscal year, our checking account balance stood at \$48,765 which was \$6,479 (+15%) better than the same period last year. At the end of our fiscal year, our Building Fund investments balance stood at \$33,601 which was \$1,164 less (-3.3%) compared to same period last year. Netted out, our cash and investments stood at \$82,366 which was an improvement of \$5,315 (+6.9%) versus the same period last year.

INCOME HIGHLIGHTS

Regarding income, I have both good news and bad news to share. The good news: Since our use of Omega Financial three years ago to collect our rent payments from the chapter, the chapter has had an exemplary record of paying their rent in full and on time. This past fiscal year was no exception with \$51,320 in rent collected, all on time. The bad news: Our donations continue to trend downward. As recently as 2008/09, our donations stood

at \$13,678. In the next fiscal year our donations fell to \$10,137. The most recent fiscal year shows that donations fell to \$5,298, or a 61% drop in just three years! Because of the donation decline, we missed our income plan by \$3,952.

EXPENSE HIGHLIGHTS

We underspent our expense budget by \$11,037 of which \$9,054 was due to underspending on maintenance and capital projects. This was not due to any decision to defer expenses in reaction to the donations decline. Instead, we pushed two large flooring projects into the summer months while the house was vacant. Visitors to the house this fall will see new carpeting on the first floor, the stairway and 2nd floor hallway. They will also see a brand new and attractive epoxy floor in the basement dining room and hallway replacing the harvest gold tile that was put down approximately 1983. We carried over some of last year's budget to help fund these projects.

2012/13 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

At the June annual alumni meeting, Delta Alumni approved a fiscal budget with the following features:

- 2.5% rent increase to \$52,600 and a modest uptick in budgeted donations at \$6,000, for a total income budget of \$58,600.
- Maintenance/improvements spending totaling \$13,500 which is comparable to the \$14,000 spent in FY 2010/11. The balance of the spending budget is nearly identical to what was budgeted in the last fiscal year, or \$45,260 resulting in a total expense budget of \$58,760.

For reference, the biggest line items in our annual budget are:

Mortgage:	\$9,360
Property Tax:	\$9,200
Affinity Connection (website, database, alumni outreach):	\$9,000
Property Insurance and Workman's Comp:	\$6,550

ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

Delta's Year of 100 Brothers

We wish to thank the 82 alums who donated last year to Delta's Annual Fund. Thanks to your contributions, we were able to keep our alumni network secure and updated, and provide all 600 members with a consistent communication program. This work helps ensure that the legacy of Sigma Phi Delta continues. But our work is far from over.

To remain competitive, we need to grow our active base by appealing to today's student population. This means maintaining and improving a home that is in constant need of repair. The more money we raise, the more improvements we can make to the house (and to your alumni programs).

The SPD legacy is worth supporting. This

is where you became a man; you formed the foundation for your lifelong friendships; you learned life-changing personal development skills such as leadership, time management, philanthropy, and professional development; and became part of a family of brothers more than 600 strong.

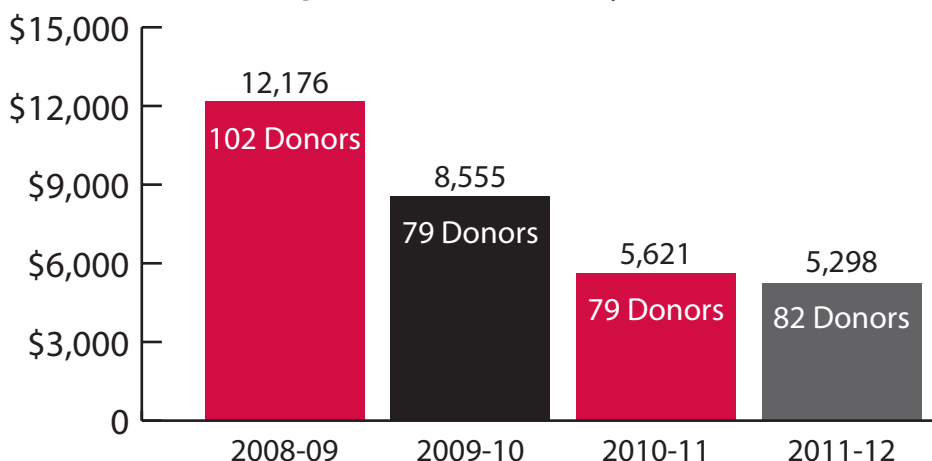
Based on this chart, you can see how donor participation might impact our total dollars raised. Sadly, only 13.6% of the brotherhood gives back to the chapter. Our numbers have dropped and stalled over the years. We'd like to see a return to our "better days" and have at least 100 brothers give back. Surely, there must be 100 brothers out there who appreciate the impact SPD had on their lives, and all the good work we continue to do.

Please consider this year—the year of 100 brothers—to be the year you come back to Delta Chapter.

If you have any great ideas to improve our alumni program, please let us know.

Thank you again for your support!

Delta Chapter Donations History (Last 4 Years)



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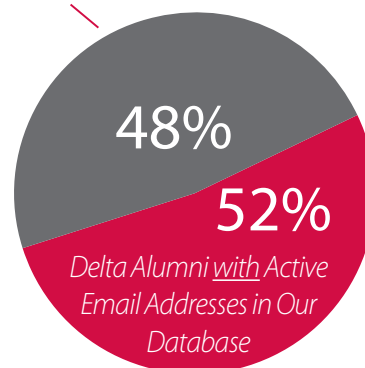
Email Crisis! We're Missing Addresses for 48% of Our Members

Our alumni association sends an email newsletter each month with news, updates, and event details in between issues of the *Delta Dispatch*.

We currently have active emails addresses for barely 52% of our living alumni. If you have not been receiving these monthly eletters, please update your email address today by logging onto www.spdillini.org or by emailing our alumni office at feedback@affinityconnection.com (mention SPD Illinos).

Thanks for helping us to stay connected with you more frequently and cost effectively!

Delta Alumni *without* Active Email Addresses in Our Database



Total living alumni: 726

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Stylin' in the 80s

We love coming across old photos from our chapter's history! This picture shows Delta brothers in front of the house in 1985. (Some of those haircuts are back in style now.)

See many, many more old photos on our web site, www.spdillini.org. You can also share your own archived photos by uploading them to the site, emailing them to content@affinityconnection.com, or mailing them to the return address on this newsletter.



LOST LIST

Keeping Up With Our More Senior Members

As the decades roll by, we seem to lose contact with some of our more senior alums. Sadly, these alums aren't receiving our printed newsletters, nor are they getting our monthly "e" newsletters that include updates from news and alumni profiles to info on upcoming alumni events.

If you know the whereabouts of any of these Delta alums, or can provide a valid mailing address or email, please send us a private email at content@affinityconnection.com with this information. Make sure to mention SPD Illini in your email.

Thanks for your help! And for keeping our Chapter's alumni network flourishing!

Oramal H. Smith '43
William J. Trader '44
Walter L. Glitzenstein '46
Yale Naset '47
Hugh H. Connolly '48
George L. Reiter '48
John S. Crandell '49
Erwin H Beneke '50

Steve Krc '50
Richard Choronzny '51
William L. McNabb '51
Kourosh Zaimi '51
Richard A. Winsauer '52
Henry W. Kozak '54
Edwin H. King '58
Charles F. Steinbrink '59

Christopher M. Martel '60
Virден E. Staff '61
William E. Shaffer '62
Wesley V. Walters '62
Dennis L. Anderson '64
James L. Bailey '66
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