

## ON THE WEB

### Our Website Gets a Makeover

Check out our new and improved website at [www.spdillini.org](http://www.spdillini.org). In addition to the sleeker, cleaner design, some of the improvements include:

- A streamlined directory makes searching for brothers simple and quick
- User-friendly alumni profile, update, and photo sections to keep you connected to brothers and your college years
- Top of the line security that ensure safe and protected online giving
- Event management software to promote reunions and alumni events, track registrations, and publish an attendance list so you will know what other brothers will be there
- Complete social networking integration with Facebook and LinkedIn, allowing you to have a one-stop browsing experience

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## RUSH

### Rush Recommendations

We are always looking for high-caliber young men to join the ranks of Delta. More importantly, we rely on our alumni to recommend potential candidates. Please send recommendations at any time during the year to **Andrew Hill** at [HillA@ci.beloit.wi.us](mailto:HillA@ci.beloit.wi.us) and he will pass along the information to the appropriate undergraduate.

Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Delta Fraternity

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## ALUMNI EVENT

### Delta Brothers Encouraged to Reunite at 2013 Homecoming

By Andrew S. Hill, P.E. (GE '88)

First, I want to say thank you to **Kyle Ives** (Eng. Mech. '07) who served two years as President of the Delta Alumni. I am honored that this office has now been entrusted to me. This is a year of reconnection for me, as my son Ray is now an engineering hopeful at the U of I. I will be vicariously living on campus, restoring traditions, and I implore you to join me. We are celebrating 50 years at 302 East Gregory Drive! Come back home brothers; we will wear name tags so all feel welcome.

#### 2013 Homecoming Schedule:

##### Friday, October 25

**4:00 p.m.** Illini Block Party on Wright Street Hosted by UIAA.

**6:00 p.m.** Homecoming Parade.

**7:00 p.m.** Homecoming Pep Rally on the Quad featuring: Marching Illini, head football coach Tim Beckman and the Fighting Illini football team, Homecoming Court, Illini Comeback guests and UI Alumni Association's Lou Liay Spirit Award.

**8:00 p.m.** Sigma Phi Delta social gathering at

Brother's Bar, (formerly Mables).

##### Saturday, October 26

**9:30 a.m.** Brunch at the Chapter House featuring a Bloody Mary buffet!

**10:00 – 11:30 a.m.** Sigma Phi Delta Alumni meeting at the Chapter House. Brothers only. The Vosecky Award will be presented and the *five man lift* will be demonstrated.

**12:00 p.m.** Tailgating.

**2:30 p.m.** Kickoff of game - Illini vs. Michigan State.

##### Sunday, October 27

**10:00 a.m.** Sigma Phi Delta Active vs. Alumni Football game. South of Huff Gym.

**1:00 p.m.** Illinois vs. Michigan State women's soccer game - Illinois Soccer & Track Stadium.

We hope to see many Delta Brothers return to 2013 Homecoming! As always, please let me know if there's anything I can do to help reconnect you to SDP.

## STATE OF THE CHAPTER

### Delta Chapter Welcomes New Initiates and Projects Continued Growth

By Drew Richard (IE '15), Chapter Historian

The Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Delta is preparing for a very promising semester. The Spring 2013 pledge class has just completed their initiation week. These four initiates did various projects throughout the house, such as sanding and re-applying polyurethane to the main floor, fixing some chipping in the walls, cleaning and organizing the boiler room, organizing the file room, repairing a wall in the basement bathroom, and cleaning and organizing the dorms, as well as the regular bi-annual cleaning.

As it stands currently, there are 30 active members of the chapter, not including the four initiates. Our rush events started the week of September 2, but the recruiting process began months ago. We elected five recruitment chairs for this semester who have been in contact with freshman engineers for months. As a chapter, we are confident and excited for a large pledge class this fall. Overall, everyone is looking forward to having a great semester and improving ourselves and the chapter.

## CAMPUS NEWS

### Hotspots, Dads, and the Best of Illini Football

There's always a bit of a buzz during football season. September 28 was Dad's weekend and the Illini campus was packed! Fall weekends like this is what makes our alumni experience so special.

It's an amazing experience to return home, experience college life, stop by the house and meet the actives, and relive the glory days. Above all, reconnecting with your fellow brothers reminds us that we are all part of a strong community devoted to maintaining the SPD legacy at Illinois.

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On a social note, sorority bid day just happened so our social calendar should be in full swing as we expect several exchanges and date events with different sororities. We

always pride ourselves on getting our work done on time so we can have fun after—that's what makes our social events so fun.

Before coming into the area this fall, please visit our website at [www.spdillini.org](http://www.spdillini.org) for information on upcoming activities. We



will try to post details about any social events planned for football weekends.

Many of the hangout spots in the area are the same, with good times always being had at The Illini Inn, Joe's and Red Lion. There is a new addition to the Champaign restaurant scene called Destihl, which is also a brewery.



It's always been packed and the brothers seem to enjoy it. Biaggi's, Cofusion, Guidos, and Seven Saints continue to be popular hangouts. So, plan on coming back to Illinois this fall, take the actives to one of the local hot spots, tell them some of your good stories, and offer to pick up the tab.

Also, if there are stories you want to share with other alumni on our website or in a future edition of our alumni newsletter, email our editors at [alumninews@affinityconnection.com](mailto:alumninews@affinityconnection.com).

## ALUMNI IN ACTION

### Master of Surprise Magic Mark: Where Miracles Take Place

**Mark A. Jensen '91 (AAE '91)** has always been into magic since college; he is now the President of the Texas Association of Magicians (TAOM). This year, Jensen, along with many other magicians and volunteers, put together an amazing show at the magic convention over Labor Day Weekend in Dallas, TX. Surprisingly, the convention is more than just an event that brings magic to life; it is a chance to awe the crowd and create inspiring stories.

Over 550 magicians attended the convention from all over the world. Jensen made a surprising announcement that the event was meant to be first time and never to be repeated. This additional sense of mystery really escalated the crowd's eagerness and expectations.

TAOM brought together several of the biggest names in magic as well as a few main stream celebrities. There was a special presentation on Doug Henning, which was so well received that one of the industry leading magazines is putting together a feature story for it. The event also included a panel discussion

called *Magic, Movies and a Cast of Characters* that featured two well-known magicians: Tom Mullica and Johnny Thompson, along with two well-known actors: Burton Gilliam and Daniel Baldwin.

The whole weekend was packed with even more surprises, thanks to Jensen. There was a 'Magic at the Midway' event and a Comedy Magic Showdown contest, featuring three of the greatest magic acts in the world. However, this does not fully represent Jensen's definition of surprise!

The big surprise came at the end of the show when the emcee called out Jensen asking about a judge he had mentioned. A robed gentleman was escorted onto the stage. He was none other than Judge Harry T. Stone from *Night Court*. Yes, Harry Anderson was in the house, and it was a SURPRISE that knocked the audience for a loop!

The convention was more than just magic; it was highly devoted to philanthropy through a charity auction, which included donations from Lance Burton, Mac King, and Carl Weathers (Apollo Creed in the Rocky

Movies.) TAOM supported two charities during the event, the Alzheimers Association and the Ronald McDonald House. It was truly an opportunity to bring people together for the fun of magic while inspiring them about giving back to our society.

Let's hear what Master of Surprise Jensen has to say when he's not leading a major event or fundraiser:

*I've been living in the Dallas area with my wife Kim, who was a little sister I met at the house, since 1991. We've been in Murphy, Texas since 1995. Our claim to fame is that South Fork Ranch of the Dallas television show is about 2 miles down the road from us. We have 2 kids: Kaylee, who just started 6th grade and Matthew who just started 9th grade.*

*I am currently a Lean Six Sigma Master Black Belt working on contract for Alcatel-Lucent. I work virtually from home most of the time, so my new business attire is t-shirt and shorts.*

**Reconnect with Mark at [jensencareer@gmail.com](mailto:jensencareer@gmail.com).**

## 2013 CONVENTION

### Convention Highlights Leadership Restructuring and Recruitment Training

#### Two New Supreme Council Positions

Two new members were added as voting members of the Supreme Council. As you may have seen in previous emails, **Erik Schultz (DELTA '01)** is the new Director of Chapter Development (DCD) and Joshua Lester (EPSILON '02) is the new Director of Alumni Relations (DAR).

The Director of Chapter Development shall be responsible for the development and maintenance of processes, best practices, and metrics pertaining to the internal operations of Chapters. The Director of Alumni Relations shall be responsible for the planning and implementation of programs and projects

that strategically engage Alumni Members.

#### Corporate Restructuring

To better reflect the organization of our corporate structure, the Supreme Council will consist of C-level Executives (CEO, COO, CFO, CMO, CIO), Vice Presidents, and Directors. Staff will consist of Managers and Councilors. As such, Province Councilors are now Province Directors.

- Western Province Director (WPD)
- Central Province Director (CPD)
- Eastern Province Director (EPD)

The Communications Director is no longer a member of the Supreme Council and

his title has been changed to Communications Manager.

#### Sixth Board of Trustees Member

A sixth appointed member of the Board of Trustees has been added. His role will be to function as a Legal Liaison. Brother Pete Lapiana (PI '83) has been appointed to this role.

#### Phired Up

Recruitment specialists Phired Up spoke on the floor of the Convention sharing their techniques of Dynamic Recruitment. We hope to utilize their ideas moving forward.

## ANNUAL FUND

### Improved Alumni Donations Is Cause for Optimism

By Rick Woods, Delta Alumni Treasurer

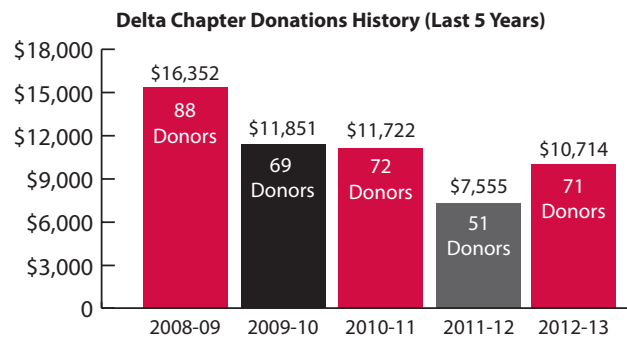
We just recently completed our 2012/2013 annual giving campaign, and we exceeded results from the prior year by over \$4,000 with 20 additional donors. A stronger economy likely plays a role as well as improved communications with our approximately 575 living alumni. Although this is encouraging news, we are still far below the levels of donations we reached in 2007/2008 and 2008/2009.

Interestingly, the strongest givers are the eras who graduated in the 90's and 00's. Typically with other fraternities, the older generations lead the way. Another interesting fact is that we have 212 alumni who have

donated in the past but have not donated recently.

Your donations are the lifeblood of keeping the chapter house up and running. We have a houseful of young and hard-working engineers who count on us to help provide a comfortable and up-to-date living space. With decreased donations over the recent years, we have had to defer some maintenance which is taking a toll on the house. For those who contributed this past year, thank you! For those

who didn't contribute last year, please consider contributing in the coming year and help us improve the condition of the chapter house.



## FROM THE ARCHIVES

Old pictures are like treasures that unlock our memories of the past. Getting dressed up for social functions is a major part of the fraternity experience. From it, young men learned to practice good manners, appreciate our traditions, and adhere to certain standards of social etiquette. (And yes, some brothers even went on to marry their dates.)

Do you have a great story or picture to share about your SPD social events? Submit them to our alumni relations firm at [alumninews@affinityconnection.com](mailto:alumninews@affinityconnection.com). We may publish your story in a future newsletter or on our website at [www.spdillini.org](http://www.spdillini.org).



## LOST LIST

### Help Us Find Our Lost Brothers from the 40s, 50s, and Beyond

We are missing contact information for the following brothers from the '40s and '50s. Unfortunately, these men are not receiving *Delta Dispatch*, our monthly e-newsletter, and special event mailings. Please help us reconnect these brothers to Delta chapter. Please send an email with that brother's contact information to our alumni relations firm at [alumninews@affinityconnection.com](mailto:alumninews@affinityconnection.com). Don't forget to mention SPD at Illinois in your email.

James A. Freek '41	Keith L Fortin '47	Kenneth D. Morland '50	Thomas G. Muir '53	Hubert C. Edfors '57
E. Dale Marston '41	Clark A. Marsh '47	Edwin A. Nolan '50	Richard C. Reichel '53	John W. Kistenbroker '57
George B. Wallace '41	Yale Naset '47	Robert H. Renwick '50	Leonard W. Winget '53	Ronald S. N. Lee '57
William W. Witort '41	David R. Opperman '47	Frank J. Scire '50	George A. Zimmer '53	Alfred W. Naurocki '57
Eugene W. Parry '42	Richard E. Sellstrom '47	William L. McNabb '51	Henry W. Kozak '54	Rudolph T. Polacek '57
Douglas E. Zavodny '42	Hugh H. Connolly '48	Arnold D. Sauers '51	Waldemar Rawicki '54	Charles J. Polito '57
Hector H. Aiken '43	Kermit L. Knetsch '48	Kouros Zaimi '51	Walter S. Ruczynski '54	William T. Reinert '57
Donald L. Renick '43	Robert A. Kroening '48	Barney J. Cacioppo '52	Ronald P. Vacek '54	F. Alan George '58
W. Daniel Reuter '43	George L. Reiter '48	James A. Garman '52	William Widugiris '54	John C. Holmquest '58
Oramal H. Smith '43	Roy E. Bickelhaupt '49	Joseph E. Gross '52	Donald E. Carr '55	Edwin H. King '58
Anthony Vilona '43	John S. Crandell '49	Douglas S. Miller '52	Delos T. Kittoe '55	Allan R. Barger '59
Fred A. Wilson '43	Robert J. Mathews '49	Raymond K. Reusch '52	Thomas S. Sandelski '55	Dan A. Duwell '59
Frederick H. Bascom '44	Kenneth A. McOwan '49	Elmer H. Schirmer '52	Robert L. Sorensen '55	Howard H. Hottes '59
Randall D. Smith '44	John Podmajersky '49	J. Roy Wilhelm '52	John B. Witt '55	Ronald C. Johnson '59
William J. Trader '44	Melvin E. Reiter '49	Donald R. Bailey '53	Hiroslaw Noyszewski '56	Charles F. Steinbrink '59
John W. Henry '45	Steven A. Rose '49	George D. Conlee '53	Herbert Schultz '56	Clarence O. Weis '59
Maurice L. Kimbrough '45	Everett W. Schwarm '49	Jerald B. Conroy '53	Perry A. Tanner '56	
Wayne A. Smutz '45	William C. Hahn '50	Herbert H. Hornischer '53	Robert K. Waddick '56	
C. C. Wiley '45	James P. Henneberry '50	Kenneth C. Kopp '53	Richard W. Yates '56	
Walter L. Glitzenstein '46	Steve Krc '50	William H. Krebs '53	Louis A. Braun '57	
Michael A. Wilson '46	George McCain '50	Edward R. Middleton '53	Robert N. Deem '57	

**Download the complete list of lost Delta brothers at [www.spdillini.org](http://www.spdillini.org)**

## EVENT RECAP

### Alumni Outing for Illini Football Game a Resounding Success

*By Rick Woods, Delta Alumni Treasurer*

Your Delta Alumni Exec Board recently organized a very successful outing to the Illinois vs. Washington football game held at Chicago's Soldier Field on September 14. Over 50 Delta alumni, actives, family and friends joined together for food, drinks and



*Kyle and Lauren Ives greet distinguished alumnus Gary Hunt at the tailgate.*

college football on a perfect and sunny day. A great time was had by all at both the huge tailgate and game with many friendships rekindled and stories shared. Even though the Illini stumbled to a 34-24 loss against the 19th ranked Huskies, everyone went home happy, having had a great time and knowing that our fraternal relationships are as strong as ever!

One of the highlights of the day – the oldest alum in attendance was Gary Hunt who graduated in 1965. Gary was the chapter's Chief Engineer when the chapter moved to the current house on

302 E. Gregory. Gary brought along some great photos of the chapter house during that time—a future newsletter will feature these photos and a story of the move to today's chapter house.



*Overall view of tailgate before the game*