

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cardinals vs. White Sox

July 22, 2015

First pitch at 7:15 p.m.

U.S. Cellular Field

Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Delta Fraternity

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IN THE NEWS

Nationally Ranked

According to a survey done by *U.S. News & World Report* in the spring of 2014, the University of Illinois—Urbana-Champaign is ranked #6 in the nation for best undergraduate engineering programs. The University of Illinois is ranked ahead of Carnegie Mellon University and Cornell University.

LOST LIST

Uh-Oh, Where'd He Go?

We're missing e-mail address for 300 of our brothers! Below is a list of brothers whose e-mails we can't find. We want to make sure that each of our brothers is getting the "411" from Champaign! See the list below:

Matt D. Walters '05
Richard H. Fifarek '00
Michael S. Nolan '95
Marc A. Kazen '90
Roger K. Vick '80
Norman G. Laws, Jr. '75
Edwin H. King '70

To see the full list, click the "Lost Email List" on the homepage of our website. We hope to add some of you soon!

WORK WEEKEND RECAP

Actives and Alumni Make Work Weekend A Success



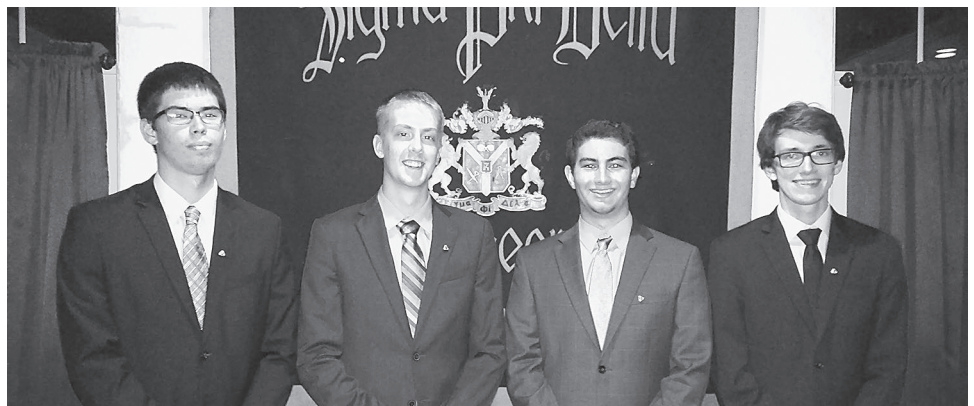
Alumni Work Weekend 2015 saw over a dozen alumni come back to the castle in Champaign! John "Too Tall" Leighton set the distance record, driving 16 hours from New Jersey to mix the best plaster Trevor Schaff has ever applied. The ceiling and west wall on the third floor were treated to new insulation, electrical,

and sheetrock. In addition, actives and pledges worked alongside alumni to complete additional tasks.

Thank you to all alumni who made the trip out here! **Check out more photos at our website:** www.spdillini.2stayconnected.com/index.php/photos.

CHAPTER UPDATE

Meet Our New Executive Board



We recently elected a new executive board for the 2015 fall semester. Congratulations to **Broderick Schofield '17 (President)**, **Carl Remler '17 (Vice President)**, **John Del Ciello '17 (Secretary)**, and **Joseph Barton '17 (Business Manager)**.

Schofield, an aerospace engineer, says that he joined SPD to network and befriend other engineering students.

"While I hadn't initially planned on rushing, I ended up trying it and loving it and can say that Sigma Phi Delta is where I have my best friends," says Schofield.

We welcome our new leaders and can't wait to see Sigma Phi Delta flourish under their administration.

For bios for the entire executive board, visit our website at <https://spdillini.2stayconnected>.

Former Executive Director Reflects on Success in Career (and Blind Dates)

Sometimes Bob Featheringham wonders how his life would be different if he hadn't joined the fraternity that helped to shape it.

As the former executive director of Sigma Phi Delta's national organization, Featheringham has seen a lot in his day. He began his SPD brotherhood at the Indiana Institute of Technology in 1958. Since then, he's remained heavily involved in the brotherhood that built him.

When asked why he joined Sigma Phi Delta 55 years ago, Featheringham said that at that time, most of Indiana Tech's student body was comprised mostly of engineers.

"Joining a 'social' fraternity when I could be with other engineers seemed ludicrous, furthermore, Lambda was seen as the leading (scholarship, intramural sports, leadership, etc.) house on campus. When I asked myself the question, 'Why not join the 'best' fellow engineering students who excelled in all ways,' I could not conceive of an alternative," said Featheringham.

Upon graduation, Featheringham began what would become a 39-year career with the defense industry, advancing to Division Vice President and General Manager with a defense contracting company.

Retiring in 1999, Featheringham started his own business with his current wife, Connie, called Two Feathers Consulting. Two Feathers provided business development for companies that were seeking to work with the Army at Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey, until Ft. Monmouth was moved to Maryland in 2011.

Featheringham had an extensive career, and he credits some of his success back to his time in Sigma Phi Delta.

"As an officer in Lambda Chapter, I developed many skills that propelled me forward in my career. My superiors, subordinates, and customers use words like ethical; integrity, honesty, loyalty; management skills, mature judgment; leadership qualities, best leader I ever served, when describing the qualities they observed in me. These attest to my application of the fraternity's Code of Ethics to my work environment, which led to my advancements."

Just as Sigma Phi Delta has given to Featheringham, Featheringham, in turn,



On September 17-19 Homecoming weekend, Indiana Tech celebrated its 80th birthday and honored those alumni who graduated in 1960 and were celebrating their 50th reunions. Five Lambda brothers attended the alumni honors luncheon and held their own Lambda reunion; they are (from left to right): Bob Featheringham '60, Don Stinson '52, Mel Wessler '60, Joe Fallon '56 and Bernie Havens '52.

recognizes the importance of giving back to his fraternity, both monetarily and through his time.

"Once I became Executive Director I gained insight into how precarious the fraternity's financial situation was. I took on the additional duties of fundraising chairman, hoping to invigorate the moribund alumni donation program. And from 2002 through 2009, I raised over \$235,000 from alumni and friends," said Featheringham. "I continue to support the fraternity financially because I believe that it's important to populate the profession with Sigma Phi Delta men that subscribe to our Object, Code of Ethics, and Ritual."

Sigma Phi Delta is unique in many ways, some of which Featheringham has made sure to point out. On the financial side, however, they are particularly unique in that SPD is a volunteer organization. This means that, unlike their competitors, Sigma Phi Delta is in charge of recruiting its own members and administering an international organization.

"Without strong financial and volunteer help from alumni, Sigma Phi Delta (the smallest and youngest of the three engineering fraternities) will atrophy and die. How will our profession differ if it does not include ethical engineers that subscribe to our Code of Ethics?" asks Featheringham. His hope is that the good brothers of Sigma Phi Delta will uphold

their bond of brotherhood and not allow this to happen.

Looking back on the impact that Sigma Phi Delta has had on his life, Featheringham realizes that his life, both personally and professionally, would have been quite different if he had never chosen to rush.

"In the fall of 1958, Lambda brother Mike Koch '61 asked me to accompany him on a double date with him and his girlfriend. Mine was to be a blind date, and two years later, she became my wife. (Brother Vince Kavlick '60 was my best man.) Unfortunately she died in 1995 after 34 years of marriage. My life would have been entirely different had I not gone on that date."

What's next for Brother Featheringham?

"I am not sure what the future holds, but I would like to be able to make a contribution somehow, some way. Retiring fully is not appealing, so I continue to be a work in progress, seeking new opportunities."



Send Us Your Success Stories!

Have you experienced success in your career due to your membership in Sigma Phi Delta? Tell us about! You can send Alumni Updates to alumninews@affinityconnection.com and see your story in the next edition of Delta Dispatch!

HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

Thank You Donors!

Thank you to the following alumni for their contributions to their brotherhood in the 2014-2015 giving year!

Robert J. Beals Society (\$600+)

Rick Woods 1986
Patrick A. Cox 2001

Ronald B. Carmichael 1984
Donald R. Buckner 1989

Chapter Room Level (\$50-\$99.99)

Robert D. Malinowski 1964
John P. Kos 1976
Andrew S. Hill P.E. 1988
Christopher Ryan Garner * 2011

Russel C. Smith Society (\$400-\$599.99)

Kevin T. Serafin 1992

Cog Level (\$100-\$249.99)

Theodore W. Johnson 1962
Glen A. Zumwalt 1963
James N. Blecker 1966
Michael M. Perz 1973
Timothy A. Staber 1987
Scott A. Steele 1990
Ryan Johnson * 2010

Delta Brotherhood Level (Up to \$49.99)

Raymond G. Prill 1985

Castle Level (\$250 - \$399.99)

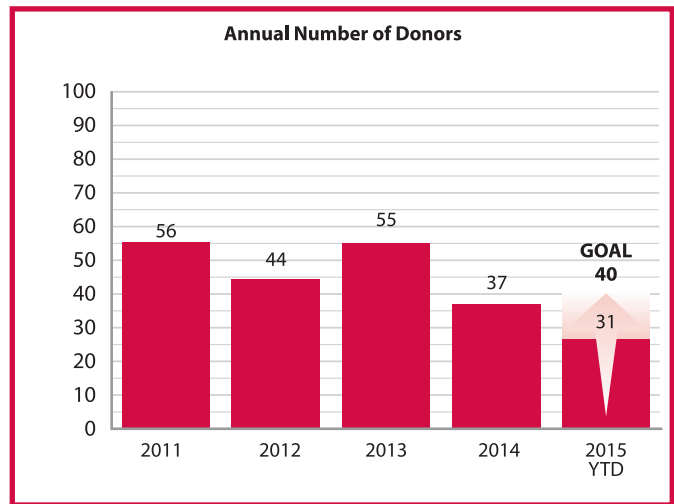
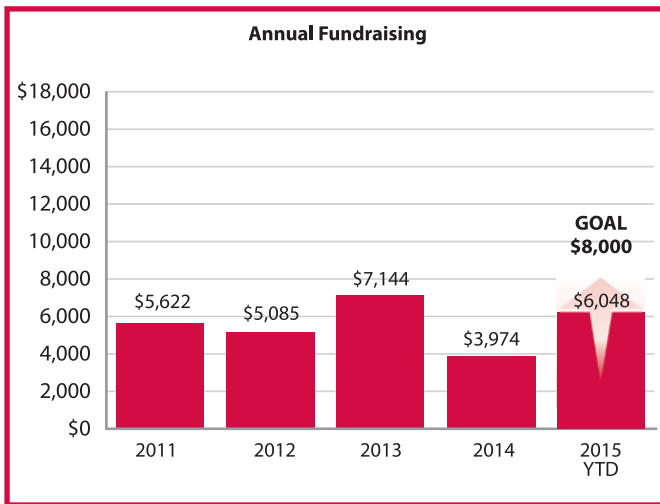
Hubert C. Edfors 1957
Joseph F. Kennell 1958

ANNUAL FUND

Giving is Still Going Strong

With the wind in our sails, we're moving full speed ahead this year with our Annual Fund! We've increased our total by \$2,000 from last year, but it's still \$6,000 shy of what we raised in 2007-2008. Let's

keep this momentum going through the rough waters and help us climb back to the top! Your gifts remind your Sigma Phi Delta brothers of your continuous support!



By the Numbers

Database Counts

Active Alumni: 509
Lost Alumni: 65 11.32%
Valid Emails: 294 51.22%

Top Year in Dollars (Last 8 years)

2007-2008 \$13,020

Top Year in Donors (Last 8 Years)

2008-2009 84



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ALUMNI UPDATES

What's New with You?

Hubert C. Edfors '57

(6S 180 New Hope Rd., Naperville, IL 60540; hcedfors@att.net) I enjoyed working for corporate industry over a 20 year period for quite a few different employers. However, I went on my own after that and did free-lance contract work for the next 15 years. I did love being independent and saved my excess money for an early retirement in, or about, 1955.

I still have not run out of money and very much enjoy working in the Fox Valley subsection of IEEE. A few of us retired guys bring technical programs to local IEEE members at the Illinois Institute College in Wheaton, IL.

Roy R. Johanson '64

(PO Box 221, Oak Island, NC 28465) SDP taught me a lot about manners and managing people as House Manager. Now I am a full time R.V.er.

Dana L. Wallace '94

(1907 Hollyhock Dr., Rockford, IL 61107; dana.wallace@fairbanks-morse.com) I have accomplished one of my goals in life—to raise my children to be better than me. My daughter Andrea just turned 18 and is graduating from high school with a class rank four spots better than mine. She also beat my ACT score and will be attending Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, MI where she is in the

top 3% of all freshman applicants to the college.



Jon Dandurand '16

(145 East 6th Avenue, PO Box 121, Clifton, IL 60927; lol_jrd@yahoo.com) Pledge class of 2010, I had my first child, Emerson Rose Dandurand, on August 31, 2014.

Get Ready For Our Family Friendly Canoe Trip!

Love the outdoors and been looking for a chance to reconnect with your brothers? Look no further! We will be having an overnight canoe trip on the Wisconsin River for Delta alumni, actives, and families June 27-28.

We'll arrive Saturday morning, push off a little after noon, paddle down the river, and stop on a sandbar to camp overnight. We'll paddle a little more Sunday morning, then head home. The total distance will be 25 miles.

The rental rate is \$83.90 per boat for a



two-day rental. All boats seat two people.

The place is a little over 3 hours from Chicago, or about 4.5 hours from Champaign. Shuttle departure time will be 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, so you should plan to show up around 11:00 a.m.

Please bring basic camping equipment (tent, sleeping bag, etc). If you're not sure of what to bring, email **Tom "Peeps" Parkinson (Fall '10)** at twparkins@gmail.com. It is a river, so there are few/no bathrooms—we will be "roughing it"! Tom will plan the meals and we should be able to have a campfire and propane stove.

Save the Date— Annual Meeting/ Golf Outing

We will be holding our annual meeting and elections followed by a friendly game of golf at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 20, 2015 at the Whitetail Ridge Golf Club, 7671 Clubhouse Dr., Yorkville, IL 60560. Don't forget to mark your calendars for a chance to reconnect, make a difference in the Delta brotherhood, and relax a little.