



Delta Dispatch

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Will we see you at Homecoming 2023?

Renovations and Recollections: **CELEBRATING 60 YEARS AT 302 E. GREGORY DRIVE**

Come Celebrate with Us at Homecoming!



October 26, 1963
Official House Dedication

New House
New Sign

On Left
James Lovett-VChief, Gary Hunt-Chief,
On Right
Dr Robert J Beals-Grand Pres.
William Everitt-Dean of Engr.
Charles Peterson-Eastern Province Councilor

Brothers celebrate the house's opening in 1963.



The chapter house circa 1985.

Since 1963, 302 E. Gregory Drive has been home to Delta Chapter. The exact construction date of the house is unknown, but it is estimated it was sometime in the late 1920s, coinciding with a fraternity boom at the University of Illinois and across the nation. The house was originally built for the Jewish fraternity Alpha Epsilon Pi, and artifacts of their ownership can still be seen in the stonework near the front door and around the fireplaces.

Today, the exterior of the house appears much as it did 60 years ago. A few changes have been made, including an enclosed fire escape on the east side, but the original brick and stone facade still stands strong. The windows were also replaced, and the wood fascia was repaired during the renovation. A small pine tree planted in the 1970s now towers over the southeast corner, providing much-needed shade and a highway for squirrels to reach the roof (much to the dismay of the undergraduates). A basketball court installed on the west side during the mid-'90s now doubles as an outside meeting area where you can stay warm by the fire pit.

The inside of the house has undergone moderate change over time, primarily to meet changing building and fire codes, deal with outdated mechanical systems, and maintain pace with trends in student housing. Changes over the years include enclosing the main stairwell, installing a sprinkler system, reconfiguring the third floor (twice) and the kitchen, and replacing the boiler and radiators with a split heating and (finally!) cooling system.

The constant through these changes is that Third and Gregory remains the home of Illinois' finest engineers. **You can see the familiar and the new for yourself at our annual Homecoming festivities, October 20-22.** Our traditional schedule includes a Friday night meet-and-greet, Saturday morning brunch/tailgate, the Homecoming parade and game, Saturday dinner, Sunday morning active/alumni flag football game, and the alumni meeting.

I hope to see you then!

Fraternally,

Matthew Braun '94

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HITTING THE GROUND RUNNING



Undergraduates Tackle New Semester

NEW ALUMNI SUCCESS

The 2023 graduating class of 22 new alumni has a wide variety of promising careers ahead of them! Employers include Ford, Northrop Grumman, Kimley Horn, Amazon, Procter and Gamble, Caterpillar, and Jump Trading. We wish them the best of luck and look forward to seeing them at Homecoming in a few weeks!

BACK TO WORK

Under the supervision of new House Manager **Jacob Stocco '25**, the fall semester began, as always, with Brotherhood Work Weekend. The standard deep clean of the house was completed, and we overhauled the exterior by uprooting every weed in sight and planting hostas and various perennial wildflowers native to Illinois. American Beauty Roses were, unfortunately, not on the planting agenda this year.

GROWING PAINS

The semester is still young, but the chapter is looking forward to all the classics! Recruitment will be very important this semester to regain the numbers we've lost over the past two years. The chapter is down to 36 undergraduate members with only 10 graduating this year. We're looking forward to some explosive growth this year that will lead the chapter back to stable financial footing.

MONEY MOVES

Increasing the overall chapter size is the long-term solution to solve our financial issues, but the chapter will implement several short-term strategies to serve as stopgap measures until we have enough funds to cover expenses. These options should be detailed in an email you received recently. If you have further questions or didn't receive that email, please contact us at exec@sigphis.org.

Thank you for continuing to support Delta Chapter. We are excited to welcome you back to campus October 20-22!



Fraternally,
Jack Stubenvoll '24
 Chief Engineer
 Lake Zurich, Ill.



National lets each chapter give out a \$300 book scholarship each semester for recruitment purposes, so we're taking full advantage to generate interest! Brothers Stocco, Loomstein, Adam, McGough, Luckett, Smith, Taylor, Metzger, Schick, and Stubenvoll man a tent highlighting the opportunity on Quad Day.



Brothers Murarka, Cagas, Stubenvoll, Lotarski, and others enjoy a nice game of cards at dinner.



From left, graduates Sivakumaran, Loveday, Murarka, Zaczek, Keserovic, Galik, Shin, Lotarski, and Cagas gather for a commemorative photo in front of Alma.

Update Your Biographical Information

And Tell Us What You've Been Up To!

This issue of the *Delta Dispatch* includes a bio update insert. Please review the information we currently have for you; if it has changed or if we are missing any info, please fill out the form and return it to us as soon as possible. You have the option of mailing the form back via USPS or returning it digitally. Check the insert for more detailed instructions.

We would also like to hear about what you've been up to! News items about you and your Delta Chapter brothers could be included in the alumni news section of our next newsletter.

Know Someone We Should Know?

SEND US YOUR RECRUITMENT REFERRALS TODAY!

Please send information on any potential new members to recruitment@sigphis.org. Along with your recommendation, please include contact information, GPA, extracurricular involvement, and any relevant legacy connections.

Thank you for helping to ensure Delta Chapter's continued growth!

Chapter Officers

Chief Engineer
Jack Stubenvoll '24

Vice Chief Engineer
Hrishi Kini '25

Risk Manager
Aaditya Kothary '26

House Manager
Jacob Stocco '25

Assistant House Manager
Nate McGough '26

Business Manager and Historian
Will Greene '24

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Pledgemaster
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Social Chairman
Connor Schick '24

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Social Chairman, Commissar, and Chaplain
Kent Lullo '24

Float Chairman
Parithimaal Karmehan '26

Network
Rohan Bokaria '25

External
Steven Rumbaugh '24

Recruitment
Alex Luckett '26

Recruitment and Assistant Business Manager
Josh Loomstein '26

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Corey Yu '26

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David Adam '26

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DO WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT EMAIL?

We love sending you physical mailings to stay connected throughout the year, but what about the news that can't wait that long? That's when it's crucial to connect with alumni online!

From event reminders and save-the-dates (like **Homecoming 2023 on October 20-22**) to breaking news, Delta Chapter wants to keep all our alumni in the loop through (limited) email updates. And you can enjoy the newsletter virtually as well!

If you aren't getting chapter emails or can't remember if we have your preferred address, please email us at updatemyrecord@penningtonco.com with "SPD IL Email Update" in the subject line and tell us which email you'd like to use. (Or check your spam folders—you never know!) You can also fill out the enclosed bio update and mail it in.

Thank you for helping us stay connected!

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