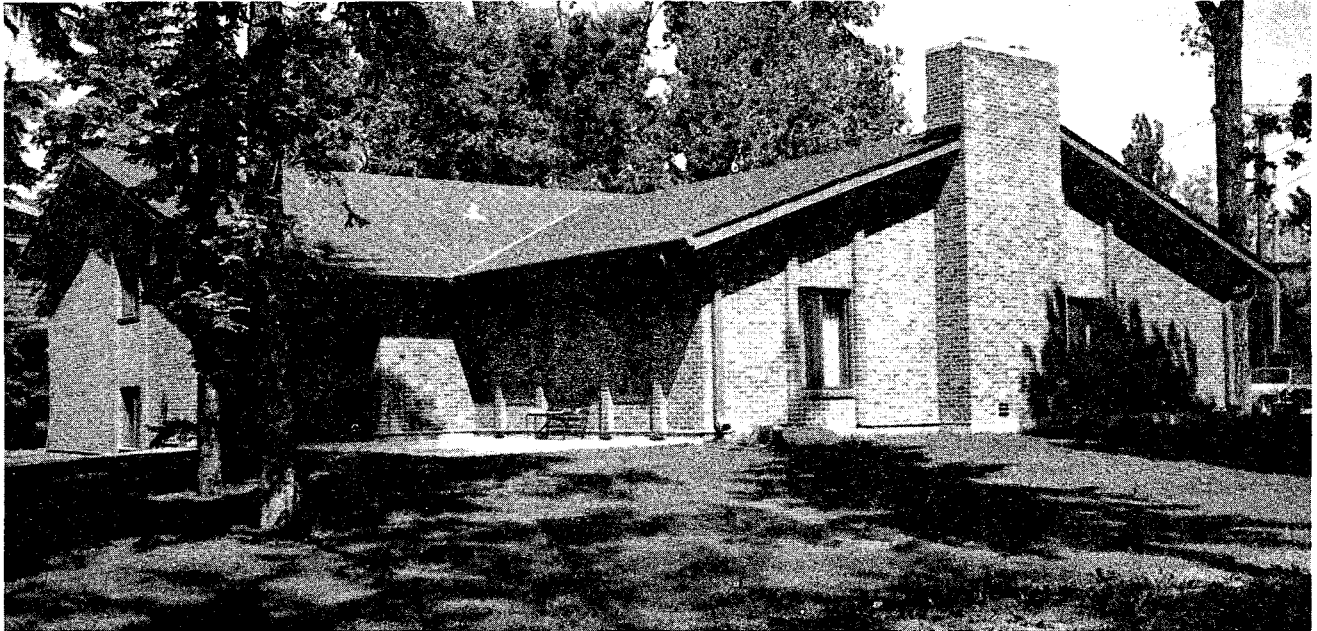




University of North Dakota DELTA TAU DELTA FRATERNITY Fall 1986



FROM DELTA Xi

MERRIT WELCH '29 TO BE HONORED AT HOMECOMING



MERRIT WELCH

Merrit Welch Appreciation Day has been declared for October 4th by Delta Xi Chapter, the House Corporation, and the Educational Foundation to honor Merrit's outstanding record of loyalty and service to Delta Tau Delta.

Merrit Welch graduated in chemistry from UND in 1929, but there was no jobs available in chemistry so he signed on with Implement Dealers Mutual Insurance Company of Grand Forks. This started a successful insurance career, and more than 50 years of service to the Fraternity.

Merrit was involved in getting Beta Chi ready to be affiliated with Delta Tau Delta, recolonizing the chapter after WWII, was chapter advisor from 1946 to 1963, was a leader on the House Corporation from 1948 to 1975, established the building fund in 1956 that led to the building of the new chapter house, and has been a member of the Grand Forks and Central Arizona Alumni Chapters. Merrit has been a guiding influence for many a young Delt encouraging excellence and expecting strong chapter leadership and business management. Brother Welch has been faithful to Delt Ideals, and answered every call for assistance.

Merrit was a successful Insurance executive serving as President of Implement Dealers Insurance Co. from 1964 to 1979 and serving as chairman of the board from 1965 to 1984. He was a director for American Life and Casualty Co. of Fargo of which Harold Bangert '28 was president and chairman of the board. He was also director of the Statesman Insurance group of Des Moines, IA and American Liberty Insurance Co. of Birmingham, AL.

Merrit and his wife, Blanche, reside in Minot, North Dakota during the summer and 2252 N. 86th St. in Mesa, Arizona 85201 during the winters. Please join us at Homecoming in showing our appreciation for his dedicated service and loyalty to Delta Tau Delta.

BROTHER DELT BRINGS NEW LIFE TO DEPOT

When architect Cass Gilbert designed the Great Northern Railway depot that was built along DeMers Avenue in 1891, the \$100,000 price tag was believed to be the highest of any depot in the midwest.

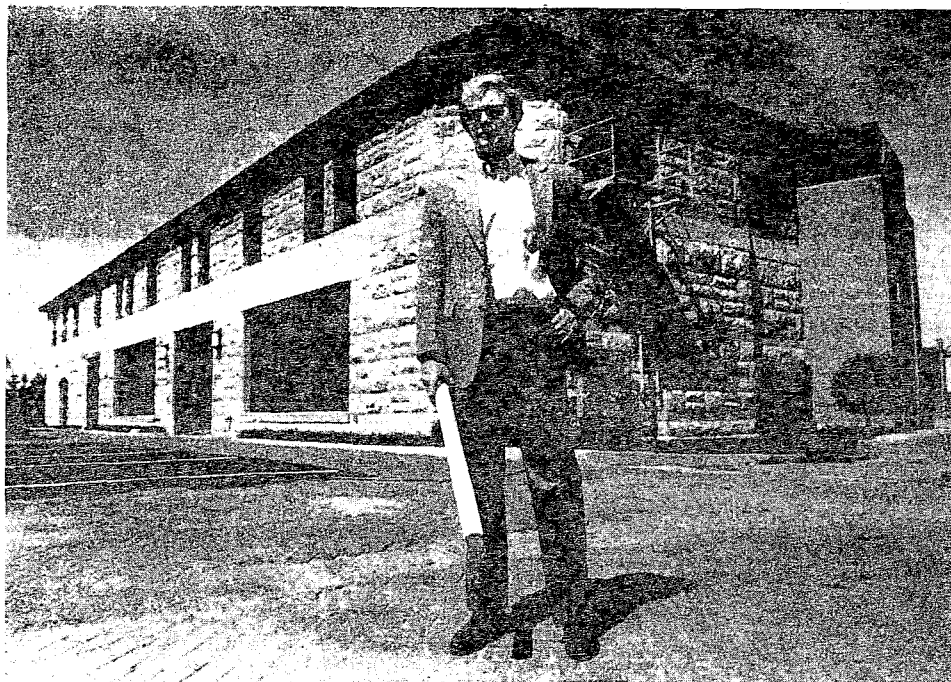
And when architect William Schoen, '74 Delt and member of House Corporation, of Schoen Associates and two partners finish restoring The Depot, the \$500,000 investment will put a new shine on a tarnished piece of Grand Forks history.

The reconstruction, which began last year by gutting most of the interior, produced some surprises. Among them was the discovery that the building had no insulation, according to Schoen. He also learned that the railroad had offices in the attic, where there was no natural light.

Schoen said the project hasn't turned him into a history fanatic. But he recently was appointed to the city's Historic Preservation Committee.

"I guess the more you get to know about it," he said, "you do get hooked."

(Condensed from Grand Forks Herald article of 7/6/86.)



Jackie Lorentz, staff photographer

William Schoen finds that he's getting a little hooked on history by his work restoring the old train depot on DeMers Avenue.

President's Report

With the onset of Fall comes a new spirit, a new pledge class, and a new set of goals. Delta Xi, with a sobering grade point average last semester, has taken a sharp look at why we are here and has reminded itself that the first reason is for academics. Therefore, we have taken steps to create an atmosphere as well as an attitude which is more condusive and geared towards the books.

By the way, my name is TJ Foley. It is an honor to serve as president and I will do my best to get us moving in the right direction. With me is a great group of officers and chairmen.

OFFICERS

- Jim Deblock 1st Vice President
- Brian Hoffman 2nd Vice President
- Dave Ulmen Treasurer
- John Carmean Assistant Treasurer
- John Harkness Recording Secretary
- Tony Mayer Corresponding Secretary
- Dave Pitts Sergeant at Arms
- John Bos Academic Affairs

CHAIRMEN

- Todd Mace Alumni Relations
- Mike Christianson IFC
- Bob Cohrs Social
- Brad Cole Pledge Education
- Mark Eagon Public Relations

- Kirby Gonyer House Manager
- Pete Griesbach Intramurals
- Greg McPhail Rush
- Scott Stordahl Stewart

The chapter has made a strong committment to the betterment of the chapter, specifically a committment to grades, and an overall betterment of our standards of living. We appreciate your continuing support of our chapter.

Thanks to all and have a great year.

TJ Foley, President

The Charles Burke Broadcasting Scholarship Endowment

The North Dakota Broadcasters Association, with a pledge of \$5,000 has established the Charles Burke Broadcasting Scholarship Endowment within the University of North Dakota Foundation. Charles Burke, a 1925 and 1942 graduate, was the owner of the KFGO Radio in Fargo, North Dakota. He died in 1959. He was very involved with Beta Chi and Delta Tau Delta over the years.

A \$500 scholarship will be awarded each year to a sophomore, junior or a senior student majoring in broadcasting. Recipients must be in good scholastic standing with a minimum GPA of 2.0, plan to pursue a career in radio and television and show a need for financial assistance.

Fall Pledge Class

Fall rush this year is going very well. Presently we have 11 outstanding pledges, ranging from aviation to optical physics. This semester we are looking for at least 20 pledges.

This year we are looking for high quality men. The average grade point average of our pledges is 2.7. At least three of our pledges came from alumni recommendations.

If any alumni have any rush prospects for us, it would be greatly appreciated. Please write to Greg McPhail, Rush Chairman. Fall Pledges presently are:

Chad Erickson.....	Dassel, MN
Robert Ramsay.....	Burnsville, MN
Robert Turner.....	Burnsville, MN
Al Leiseth.....	Moorhead, MN
Jason Williams.....	Ada, MN
Mark Engstrom.....	Forest Lake, MN
Mark Hoffman.....	Sioux Narrows, Ontario
Joe Willmus.....	Ramsay, ND
Tim Sawicki.....	Hugo, MN
Rick Wilhelmy.....	Mahtomedi, MN
Eric Reid.....	Burnsville, MN

Karnea '86 A Bluegrass Event

Twelve Delta Xi Delts attended this year's Karnea in Lexington, Kentucky, from August 13th through the 16th. The road trip, in a UND van, started from North Dakota with seven men stopping in Minneapolis to pick up the rest. The ride down took twenty hours and many stops along the way. The topics of Karnea centered around Chapter legal liability and alcohol awareness, along with the usual; rush, leadership and pledge education sessions. The brothers warmly greeted the travelers upon their return to the shelter by bombarding them with water balloons and asked the questions later. The brothers who attended the Karnea are: TJ Foley, Dave Ulmen, Jim Deblock, Scott Blood, Brad Cole, Scott Stordahl, Bob Cohrs, Mike Rott, Greg McPhail, Ron Nelson, Mark Eagon and Chapter Advisor Tom Hanson. Our special appreciation is extended to the Education Foundation for helping to underwrite the expenses so that so many Delts could participate.

Weddings

Congratulations to John Abramoski and his new wife, Colleen, who were married Saturday, July 5th, in Grand Forks. John is currently employed by Boeing Company in Seattle.

Kurt Groeger and Sherri Graff were married August 9th in Grand Forks. Kurt graduated this spring with a degree in mechanical engineering and now resides in Corning, NY, working for Engineering Testing Labs.

Also, congratulations are in order for Alumnus Todd Potas and his new wife, Janelle, married May 24th, and for Alumnus Jeff Poulson and his new wife, Michelle, married August 16th.

UND FLYING TEAM DEFENDS NATIONAL TITLE

They did it! The **UND Flying Team** brought home the gold to UND for the **second year in a row!** They won by a winning margin of 40 points at the National Intercollegiate Flying Association's 38th Annual Tournament of Champions in Waco, Texas.

The victory was sweet indeed with UND also winning — for the third year in a row — the **judge's trophy** for best overall team. Up until last year, no school in the tournament's history had ever won both top prizes. The team's coach, Kent Lovelace, was recognized as Outstanding Coach of the Year.

Delts on the team are **Robert Breckner** (assistant coach); **Robert Geisler** and **Will Ward** (co-captain).

Geisler was one of four graduating aviation students nationwide to win the new and much-coveted Beechcraft scholarship. The scholarship — worth about \$6,000 — entitles Geisler to participate in the King Air turboprop course at the new multi-million dollar Beechcraft Training Center in Wichita, Kansas. There, he will train on state-of-the-art interactive video systems, cockpit procedures trainers, and full-motion simulators.

Geisler was one of ten finalists from across the nation selected by the University Aviation Association Scholarship Committee and interviewed by Beech officials during the NIFA tournament. The four winners were announced at the awards banquet on Saturday, April 19. Congratulations, Rob!

Delta Xi Wins First-Ever Court Of Honor

Jim Deblock said he didn't know what to say when he heard the announcement.

"Our mouths just kind of dropped open," Deblock said, referring to Dave Ulmen, Scott Blood and himself — the delegates to the 1986 Northern Division convention — after Delta Xi won its first Court of Honor. The Court of Honor is the second-highest accolade that an undergraduate chapter of Delta Tau can receive.

Twenty-five Court of Honor awards were given this year. Criteria for the award is based on campus and city involvement of members, scholarship, and overall achievement in the opinion of the national chapter.

The 1986 award is a reflection of the spring and fall semesters of 1985, in which Delta Xi celebrated its 50th anniversary on the UND Campus.

The Court of Honor cannot be won without contributions from the entire chapter, alumni as well as undergraduate, but much of the credit for the award should go to Bob Henkes, who spent hours compiling a very complete report to the national office along with his dedicated leadership and effort.



Homecoming 1986

This year Homecoming weekend will be October 3rd and 4th. The festivities will begin Friday night with an Open House from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. Come and reminisce about old times and get acquainted with the new.

Saturday's events will start at 9:00 a.m. with the House Corporation meeting to be followed at 10:30 a.m. with the Educational Foundation meeting. The parade will start at 10:30 a.m. The Deltas are going for the best designed float along with their teammates from Gamma Phi Beta sorority and Sigma Nu fraternity. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. The afternoon holds most of the excitement as UND hosts Mankato State in the Homecoming football game at 1:30 p.m. If you hadn't heard, UND broke eleven records in their first home game against Texas A&I and still lost 67 to 44.

The chapter will be having a banquet honoring Merrit Welch Saturday evening (see related article this newsletter). Cocktails will be at 6:30 p.m. and dinner served at 7:00 p.m. Cost will be \$9.00. The banquet will be at the Ramada Inn in Grand Forks. We have limited space, so to ensure your space, call Todd Mace at the shelter for your reservations at (701) 775-7234.

1986 SPRING AWARDS

- Gjovig Grand Old Delt Award - Scott Ramsay
- John A. Tredwell Excellence in Ritual Award
 - Bob Henkes
 - T.J. Foley
 - Joe Johnson

ALUMNI NEWS

Rodney Smette recently was appointed retail banking manager at First Bank of East Grand Forks. Smette previously was assigned to First Bank in Rolla, where he was manager of the retail loan department.

Donald M. Stonestrom '48, received the 1986 Distinguished Service Award from the Philadelphia chapter of the American Defense Preparedness Association. Donald was the director of development for the aerospace division of ICI Americas Inc. He retired last fall after 34 years with the company. Donald and his wife, Barbara, live in West Chester, Pennsylvania.

Rev. Carroll E. Simcox, '33, published his 17th book. Carroll and his wife, Georgiana, live in Hendersonville, North Carolina.

Kenneth R. Medd, '67, is an administrative manager for National Medical Enterprises in Taif, Saudi Arabia. Kenneth lives in Taif.

- **Edward X. Hallenberg Award**
For Outstanding Fall Pledge - John Carmean
- **Robinson Award**
For Chapter Achievement - Scott Ramsay
- **Kellog Award For Campus Achievement**
Jim DeBoer
Mike Rott
- **Dewing Leadership Award** - Bob Henkes
- **Koble Athlete Award** - Scott Stordahl
- **Welch Outstanding Chairman Award** - Ron Nelson



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