

George Allen Dies Era has passed

George Aaron Allen '36 died of respiratory complications September 23, 1993, at Edina Minnesota. About 40 Delts attended his funeral in Minneapolis, and burial was at the family cemetery near Donnelson, Illinois on October 2nd. He is survived by his wife Almira (Summers) Maynes of Salt Lake City, UT; his son Robert Allen of Bloomingdale, IL; his daughter Judy Smedley of Bakersfield, CA; 3 stepchildren, 15 grandchildren, 2 great-grandsons, and many, many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. Robert and Sarah Allen; his first wife Glenna (Pat) Hagness in 1990; and his sister Julia Ann Lind.

Delts were George's extended family, and hundreds of North Dakota Delts appropriately nicknamed George "Mr. Delt." As a charter member of Delta Xi 58 years ago, he visited the chapter nearly every year, most years he visited several times. He served the Fraternity in many capacities: Founding member, chapter leader, IFC President, house corporation president, fund drive



chairman, and charter president of the Education Foundation. Just as important he was a brother, friend, mentor and role model to generations of young Delts.

Brother Allen was an outstanding leader that was involved in every major accomplishment and milestone. He was one of the three brothers who attended the 1935 Karnea to make a successful bid to be a chapter of Delta Tau Delta. The (ALLEN page 2)

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new chapter house, the first fraternity education foundation in the nation, and the endowment all remain as testimonies to his dedication, generosity and leadership. Time and time again he was the visionary builder, the optimist who believed, and the first step forward for a cause. In five decades, his warm hand of guidance was felt at each turn and during every project. Always he made us feel good for being a member of Delta Tau Delta.

For his service, loyalty and dedication; George received the Distinguished Service Chapter Award from the International Fraternity in 1981, the highest honor the fraternity bestows. In Delt history, less than 350 Delts of more than 130,000 initiated have been so honored. At Homecoming 1987, the Chapter held a "George Allen Appreciation day" to say thank you to George for his exemplary record and generosity of spirit, time and funds. A painting of Brother Allen hangs in the chapter living room, tribute to how North Dakota Delts feel about Brother Allen. Each semester the George Allen Improvement Scholarships will be awarded to those members who have a semester GPA above their cumulative grade point. George always believed that

the Fraternity was more educational than social, and that it was a important adjunct to a classroom education. He attributed much of his success in the business world to his education as a Delt. "My loyalty is just a way of expressing appreciation for what was given me," George said in a 1981 article. His contributions to the Fraternity totaled \$100,000 over a 20 year period.

His career spanned 41 years with the General Adjustment Bureau (GAB), a worldwide insurance adjusting firm. As a senior adjuster and administer for the company, George was called upon to handle the most difficult of cases for the company such as flood and tornado disasters, and the aftermath's of Watt's Riots and the Indian occupation at Wounded Knee, SD. He was considered the top negotiator of losses in the company, and was called the "Henry Kissinger of Insurance." He retired in 1977, and received special recognition in 1987 for his outstanding service to the insurance profession.

A eulogy at the funeral was given by Bruce Gjovig '74. He said, "With George's passing an era has past. Mr. Delt is gone, but his enduring spirit lives in each Delt's heart, and his influence will be good for both time and eternity. The era is over because our role model cannot be copied. There is no one quite like George. He is one of the greats. George's great heart, warm hand of friendship, and quick affectionate smile were his trademarks; and his style was marked by his easy, persuasive manner. Our lives are much richer and fuller because of his caring touch, and we are

better people because he was our friend and brother."

On Saturday, October 23rd, the chapter will be holding a "We love George" party at the chapter house to celebrate George's life, his accomplishments, and to mark the passing of Mr. Delt. Nick Tomlin '94 wrote a song in George's memory which was first presented during the Homecoming Talent Search competition, and it placed first. Nick subsequently played it during the '93 Delt Homecoming Banquet, and it was well received among parents and alumni in attendance.

The family requests that memorials be sent to Delta Tau Delta Educational Foundation, 2501 26th Avenue South, #31, Grand Forks, ND 58201.



Fleming Elected Chairman

At the last meeting of the board of directors of the Delta Tau Delta Education Foundation, Neil Fleming '65 was elected chairman of the board, replacing George Allen '36 who died days before. George was the charter chairman of the board of the Education Foundation since its formation in 1977. Others elected to the board include:

President

Bruce Gjovig '74, Grand Forks, ND

Vice-President

Robert Muhs '76, Apple Valley, MN

Treasurer

Kent McGregor '69, Grand Forks, ND

Secretary

Todd Potas '82, Plymouth, MN

Directors:

Merlin Dewing '56, Darien, CT
Norm Skalicky '55, St. Cloud, MN
Lew Schoeneman '58, Minneapolis, MN
Robert Dahl '64, White Bear Lake, MN
Tom Wirtzeld '73, Northfield, MN
John Tredwell '83, Racine, WI
Robert Henkes '86, Kenosha, WI
Brent Koth '82, St Paul, MN
Ed Hanson '73, Baudette, MN

Ex-officio members of the board are: House Corporation President Joel Medd '69, Chapter Advisor Tom Hanson '69 and Chapter President Mike Otremba '94.

Much of the meeting was spent reducing the 1993-94 budget to reflect lower earnings and fewer contributions than expected. Over \$8,000 was cut from the annual budget from such items as the leadership academy, speakers program, summer rush, scholarships, and some of the underwriting of attending Karnea. Should contributions increase over the rest of the year, the budget again be increased. Up to \$30,000 was authorized to loan the House Corporation to fix the 15 year old bathrooms which were having water problems. Although constant maintenance and repair has been budgeted each years, this was the first major renovation in 15 years. It was suggested that the next meeting should be held in Minneapolis in January or February, 1994.

Honoring George

Last year at Homecoming I announced that this would be my last year as President of the Foundation. It was a position that was most rewarding, but it is a position that should be shared with others. Little did I know that this year I would be asked to succeed George Allen as chairman of the Education foundation. It was with mixed emotions that I accepted this position. Earlier this year George had asked me to assume this responsibility as he wanted to step down. I told George that there should never be another person as chairman and that the position should be retired with him.

Three weeks before his death, George and I visited on the telephone. He had written to me saying he would be retiring as chairman of the board and asked me again to succeed him. George was insistent and with reluctance I told him that if elected I would serve. The position of chairman is an honor that I firmly believe only belonged to George Allen. No one could ever take his place and it would be foolish to try. George was ill and I think both of us realized that we were saying good bye.

His funeral in Edina on Saturday, September 23rd was attended by Delts from seven decades. It was a true celebration of George's life; we laughed, we cried and we sang, at George's request, "Delt Shelter". His son and fellow Delt Robert and Brother Bruce Gjovig gave beautiful eulogies. George would have been pleased. His passing leaves a tremendous void that all of us will have to work extra hard to fill.

The day before George died, my son Thomas pledged Delta XI. I am sorry that I wasn't able to share the news with George. He would have been as proud as I am.

Rest in Peace my friend

Neil Fleming

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And now for some words from House and Grounds by Bryan Maloney

As if this year has been any different, House and Grounds started fall 1993 with complete house participation. Recently initiated neophyte Bryan Maloney was named House & Grounds chairman for fall 1993. He has done a great job at keeping the house in shape, along with the other residing actives.

Thanks to the outstanding Alumni support our bathrooms are getting a well deserved facelift. It has been somewhat of an inconvenience for thirty guys to share two showers BUTT in the end once the project is completed it will have been well worth the wait. Thanks Alumni!! We are looking forward to presenting an immaculate chapter house this March for our 75th Anniversary.

Hope to see you there...

The Presidents Column

Dear Brothers,

Another school year has just began and our chapter is facing a number of hurdles. We returned to school on August 22nd, and we began the school year with Delt Development week. The week was as exciting and traditional as ever. I would like to congratulate our eight new active members. Following Delt Development Week we went straight into fall rush. Quite honestly, our rush was off to a slow start. Currently we have 17 pledges as compared to the 26 members that will be graduating by the end of this school year. With this situation in mind the chapter realizes the need to rush potential members to enlarge our pledge class to equal our graduating members.

Looking into the future, the chapter will be celebrating its 75th anniversary this spring in March. Which is an all alumni reunion. We are looking forward to seeing all of you there. Our guest speaker will be Norval Stephens, our International Fraternity President. Our Alumni Committee is working diligently to make it a memorable occasion with a variety of exciting events.

Here are some recent accomplishments by our chapter and its members:

- ★ Aaron Karow and David Sickels attended the second Delta Tau Delta Leadership Academy. Delta Xi is leading all the chapters with a total of

4 members attending this outstanding new program.

- ★ Michael O'Donnell Conducted a rush retreat with our chapter. Mike is President of Ask Me Multi Media Software, and national counselor for rush for Pi Kappa Phi.
- ★ Named top fraternity at UND last spring by receiving the Presidents Commendation Award for Greek Excellence. We will have to work hard to maintain that status.

Well the semester has began, and our calendar is full of events and activities. The chapter is in a critical stage now, and a some decisions needs to be made. I will be writing to you once more and hopefully with a list of positive results and accomplishments.

Fraternally,

Michael Ottemba,
Chapter President

On the lighter side...

"Back when I was growing up, there were some things guys just did not do and cheerleading is about six of them."

Dave Barry

Fall Rush Report 1993

This year's fall rush officially started on Tuesday, Sept 7 and ended on Saturday, Sept 11. However, since school started on Aug. 30, we started our rush activities on Aug. 28 and have been rushing ever since. Our rush got off to a sluggish start this semester, and we had only 9 pledges by Sept 11. Realizing that we could do better, the chapter pulled together and redoubled its efforts to rush new members. Since then, we have expanded our pledge class to twice of what we had, bringing us to a total of 18 pledges.

We started fall rush with our annual Deltona Beach Party, a lawn dance promoted by a local radio station. We gave away pizza, fried chicken, and pop, and had a drawing where we gave away a pair of concert tickets. We had a new attraction this year, the Velcro wall, as seen on the Late Night with David Letterman. Unfortunately, there was pouring rain most of the night, but we adapted by serving the food inside and placing a few speakers in the living room, and there was still a large number of people who came and visited. We managed to make a lot of contacts through the lawn dance, not only from the rush cards which were filled out as people toured the house, but also from the names of the people who signed up for the drawing of the free tickets.

Although the lawn dance was the major activity for fall rush, we also managed to keep a fairly full schedule of events for the next two weeks. We had a barbecue and a softball game with sororities on two consecutive nights, and

also golfed and went to the UND Swimming pool for water polo. We also participated in the Fraternity Forum, set up by the Interfraternity council. The Fraternity Forum involves each house setting up a information table outside the union so students can stop to talk to representatives from each house.

We hope to keep these positive aspects in mind as we continue to rush through the fall semester. Despite a slow start, the chapter has solidified its efforts and certainly made up the ground it may have lost. Bruce Gjovig, has described rush as simply a process where we make new friends, and we hope to use that attitude to mold strong Delts.

Doug Birkmaier,
Rush Chairman

Watch your mailbox

The new Pledges of Delta Xi would like to have a better knowledge of the history of our chapter. And to do that they are going to be writing letters to you, the Alumni. They will not be able to reach everyone but are looking forward to meeting as many of our Alumni as possible.

The 1993 Fall Pledges are:

Kipp Greicer	Tom Fleming
Tate Hilmoe	Matt Ellison
Eric Gunderson	Chad Wolney
Scott Nordin	Lance Levesseur
Ryan Olson	Daniel Lee
Randy Polenski	Paul Sorensen
Matt Larson	Mike Fritchen
Richard Goulet	Shane Knutson

House Corporation Approves Expenditures

by Joel D. Medd, House Corporation President

The House Corporation met on October 2nd, 1993 with good attendance by Alumni and chapter officers.

The biggest issue on the agenda was the fact that the House Corporation Executive Committee had decided that it was essential to authorize emergency repairs on the bathrooms since there was leaking through the floor and seeping through the ceiling and down the walls. The House Corporation has requested and the Education Foundation has approved loaning up to \$30,000 to the House Corporation to fix the bathrooms. The contractor has already completed one of them and is starting to work on the other. This extensive fixing was in essence, putting in bathrooms which should have been put in initially but there were not enough funds at that time.

Other projects have been put on hold and basically only emergency repairs are being done because of all the money that is needed for the bathrooms. This comes on top of major expenditures to pave the sidewalk and alley behind the house. House Corporation Vice-President Ken Johnson points out that we will be facing major repairs on the roof shortly and money needs to be set aside for this. The windows need

replacing but there is no money for this at this time. The House Corporation Executive Committee felt a fund drive would be appropriate to help fund this house maintenance.

Because of these repairs the House Corporation has had to increase the rent, which has made living at the House more expensive. It appears however that the Chapter is doing an excellent job of financial management but the members are definitely feeling the strain of rental increases. There has also been an increase in rent because the Educational Foundation has paved the back parking lot and thus is charging the House Corporation more to use it. These charges have had to be passed on to the members.

The Contributions of George Allen were noted and they will be missed--he is the major reason we have the new house.

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Pledge Class President Matt Ellison and Pledge Princess Sara Grady

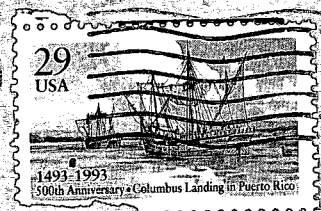
*And if I go,
While you're still here...
Know that I live on,
vibrating to a different measure
-behind a veil you cannot see through.
You will not see me,
so you must have faith.
I wait for the time when we can soar together again
-both aware of each other.
Until then, live your life to its fullest and when you need me,
Just whisper my name in your heart
...I will be there.*

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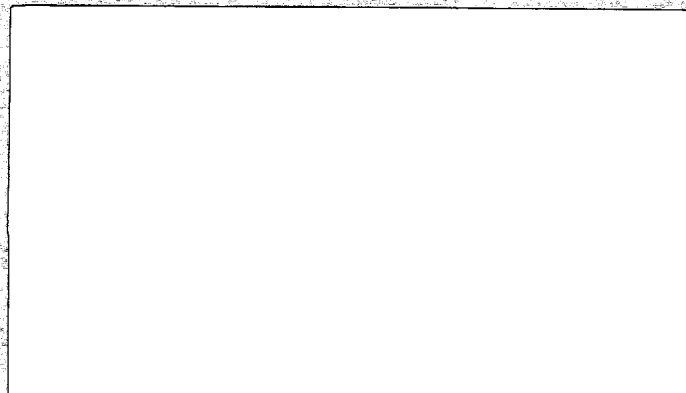
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