

Fall 1994 Newsletter
 DELTA XI CHAPTER – DELTA TAU DELTA FRATERNITY, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA

Dewing Elected to Arch Chapter

Merlin Dewing '56, '58 was elected Secretary of Arch Chapter at the 1994 Atlanta Karnea, becoming the first North Dakota Delt to serve on the board of directors of our International Fraternity. He was elected for a two-year term, and will be a candidate to move up the chairs into the presidency of the Fraternity.

Brother Dewing was the unanimous choice of the nominating committee for Secretary, according to Chapter Vice President Shawn Gray who was a member of the committee. However, Dewing was challenged by Southern Division President Mike Deal on the convention floor. Barry Ellinger spoke on the convention floor for Brother Dewing, recalling Merlin's expertise in leadership development and financial management would be invaluable to the Fraternity. Northern Division President Greg Kazarian of Chicago made a strong statement in favor of Dewing as well. Dewing was elected by a three to one margin.

Despite his professional success, Merlin remains down to earth and has a great sense of humor. Undergraduates across the nation quickly realized this is a guy who can relate to college students even though he walks with world leaders in business. Delt's were eager to accept his offer to serve.

Merlin recently Audit of KPMG Peat professional services company offices in 90 countries consulting services throughout Dewing is partner, member of and PepsiCo's worldwide going to New York in 1985 as managing partner of Peat. He plans to retire from the establish his own corporate Minneapolis.

Brother Dewing 1994 Delt Leadership chapter leadership academy in of the Delta Tau Delta North Dakota and continues to

summer Merlin has hosted a retreat for the Educational Foundation at his Minnesota summer cabin on Pelican Lake. He serves on the board of the American Symphony Orchestra League in Washington, DC, and he chairs the Congressional Award Foundation, a national youth program. He also serves on the board of the Bush Foundation in St. Paul, Minnesota, and Lutheran Health Systems in Fargo, North Dakota. His service and leadership shows a wide variety of interests.

Brother Dewing is a 1956 UND graduate, where he also received his M.S. degree in accounting in 1958. He served two terms as president of the UND Alumni Association. Merlin has been commended for his leadership and his commitment of time, talent and resources with a Sioux Award and an honorary doctor of laws degree from UND in 1988. He is a 1985 recipient of an Alumni Achievement Award from Delta Tau Delta International Fraternity. Our Educational Foundation established the Dewing Leadership Award that is presented annually to an outstanding chapter leader.

Merlin, and his wife Barbara (McConachie '57) live in Darien, Conn. They have three children: Lisa, Scott and Jeff, all in the Minneapolis area.



retired as Vice Chairman of Marwick, the largest in the world with more than 350 providing tax, audit and the free world. Presently the firm's board of directors, engagement partner. Before vice chairmen, Merlin was the Marwick's Minneapolis office company next February and leadership development firm in

served as an instructor for the Academy in Atlanta and the 1993. He is the past-president Educational Foundation of serve on the board. Each

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Ellinger Chosen for Pilot Intern Program

In an effort to further exposure and test a new means of implementation, the Fraternity has teamed with the Prevention Research Institute of Lexington, KY (the program authors) to offer a semester-long student internship. Barry A. Ellinger, a junior aviation major from the Delta Xi Chapter at the University of North Dakota, has been hired to serve in the inaugural post.

Barry was chosen for his knowledge of the Fraternity, both at the local and International levels, and for his outstanding performance as a Delta Talking About Alcohol instructor at his own chapter. He has helped make Delta Xi Chapter one of the most consistent advocates of this program. Barry also served as a member of the Fraternity's Undergraduate Council, a sixteen member body that works in conjunction with the Arch Chapter. Barry worked in conjunction with various Delta alumni to provide on-site teaching of the program in a number of chapters, primarily in the Eastern Division. Gamma Sigma Chapter at the University of Pittsburgh served as Barry's home and host during his semester away from North Dakota.

The internship model contrasted the existing regional training model by eliminating the need to certify instructors in each chapter. If successful, the intern model will likely become the standard system, providing a better program to more men, not to mention the opportunity for several internships during each school year. *This article was taken from The Rainbow.*

President's Report

Delta Xi had an exciting start to our school year. Several North Dakota Delts had the opportunity to enjoy the Karnea in Atlanta, Georgia. Seven of our undergraduate members at the conference helped campaign for Merlin Dewing '56 and were happy to see our local alumni elected to Secretary on the Arch Chapter. Congratulations!!! Atlanta was also the site of the third National Leadership Academy. Our chapter was fortunate to have four members attend this year: Marc Tebelius, Shawn Gray, Doug Birkmaier, and Barry Ellinger. Delta Xi now has a total of eight members who have attended the Academy over the past three years. After the Karnea, we returned to the frozen tundra of Grand Forks, excited and motivated to start the new year.

The men of Delta Xi slowly returned from their summer breaks and were eager to start studying again, I believe many of the undergraduates missed the hard work that accompanies school. No really, this could happen. On August 25 we initiated five members, after being pressured into having a very long Delt Development Week. I am very proud of the *Ritual* performance and all the members involved who allowed the candidates to have a memorable initiation. My personal Thanks-

Tom Fleming had an excellent Rush scheduled for the House this Fall. Dave Johnson, Beta Eta Chapter, University of Minnesota '90, began our Rush with an afternoon retreat focusing on the key aspects of rush. This was beneficial to our members in preparing them for rush. Thank you Dave! Our rush has been quite successful with 21 pledges thus far with expectations for more.

Speaking of the pledges, we have a excellent group of young leaders. These men have impressed the active chapter *and* many of the young women on campus with their Pledge Teas. The Pledge Teas was an opportunity for them to meet and socialize with the women from other Sororities, and more importantly find a date for the Homecoming Formal. The Active Chapter awaits the Pledges' decision upon whom they have chosen to be the Pledge Princess for this year.

The Chapter has big plans for Halloween. We have teamed up with the Pi Phi's for a two night Haunted House. J.J. Hall, our special committee chairman for the event, has already devoted a lot of time to make sure everything runs smoothly and successfully.

Recently Delta Xi had a visit from Todd Jurkowski, a chapter consultant, who arrived and spent four days with our members. He shared many ideas with the chapter and left some expectations for us: primarily to implement the Adopt-A-School program, similar to a big brother program in other communities, maintain better financial control, and resolve our differences with Pete Smithhisler (Our Greek Advisor). Any recent Alumnus may like to know that Pete is leaving. He has accepted a position at Colorado State, Fort Collins University. Unfortunately, we may not be able to resolve as much as Todd would have wanted, Darn.

Lastly, the Chapter has a couple new faces around the house. One of those being our new Chapter Advisor, Don Toman and second new Financial Advisor, Steve Johnson, a Kansas City Delt. It's great having such good alumni support!!! Thank you from the undergraduate Brothers of Delta Xi.



Fraternally,

Dave Sickels

Dave Sickels
Chapter President

News About Delts...

Chapter Eternal

Brown O. Lokken '31 B.S. Mi.E. of Spokane, Washington died on June 25, 1994. His three brothers were Delt (John Lokken '24, Roscoe Lokken '29, and Wendell Lokken '32) and all have previously deceased.

Bernard Martens '49 B.S. Ch.E. of Milwaukee, Wisconsin died this Spring.

Alumni Wed

Bradley Cole '90 and Sarah Karlin of Graham, Washington were married on September 24th. They will be returning to UND this Homecoming and are hoping to see their friends. Brad has just been named president of a small manufacturing company, Individual Power Systems, that makes an exercise device. Brad and Sarah can be reached at (206) 847-2340.

Jeff Lewis '91 and Heidi Kopperman were married on September 16 in Duluth, Minnesota with many Delts attending. Jeff is a pilot for United Airlines. Jeff and Heidi live at 465 Fathom Drive #210, San Mateo, CA 94404. Their phone number is (415) 349-2627.

Bradley Schumacher '93 and Lisabeth were married on August 6th in St. Paul. Brad is a graduate student in communications at the University of North Texas. Brad and Lisa live at 4100 Morriss Road #711, Flower Mound, TX 75028. Their phone number is (214) 355-0358.

Michael Otremba '94 and Sarah Blais will be married on December 16 in Grand Forks. Mike is a flight instructor with the Center for Aerospace Sciences. Mike and Sarah can be reached at (701) 775-6245.

Delts in Graduate School

Five recent Delt graduates are pursuing advanced degrees. **Brad Schumacher '93** is pursuing a masters degree in communications from the University of North Texas and will be pursuing his doctorate after that. **Jon Furman '92** is pursuing an MBA degree at St. Louis

University in St. Louis. **Steve Mattson '93** is going for a law degree at the University of North Dakota. **Chuck Pineo '94** has started work for an MBA degree at the University of North Dakota. **Dave Kindrat '94** is going for a masters degree in speech pathology.

New Positions

Four recent Delts have taken positions at UND Aerospace, Center for Aerospace Studies. **Aaron Karow '94**, **Mike Otremba '94**, **Lee Fixen '94**, and **Jason Kronberg '94** have taken positions as flight instructors this Fall.

Two Delta Xi alumni, **Shawn Nezerka** and **Bill Donly** have recently been hired at Simuflite, a company which sells simulator time to companies which have aircraft. Both are currently living in Irving, TX.

Career Mentor Update

We are still looking for a few good men.

The Career Mentoring Program is off and running, well sort of. We are still in the building stage and are currently looking for Career Mentors for the Junior class. Working through the Educational Foundation, the committee would like to create a list of alumni who would be willing to invest both time and guidance to our undergraduate Delts. Matching one undergraduate and one alumnus in a chosen field, correspondence and communication can begin. Both will benefit and learn from each other.

We are currently looking for alumni in aviation (both pilots and management), law, marketing, medicine, engineering, and social work. If you would be interested in investing some of your time to help teach, learn, and grow with a fellow Delt, then please give me a call.

John Tredwell, Chair
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First Kramer Post-Graduate Scholarship Awarded

Steve Mattson '93 is the first recipient of the Kramer Post-Graduate Scholarship. Steve Kramer '68 of Springfield, Oregon established the scholarship last spring to encourage and assist Delts to pursue post-graduate education at the University of North Dakota. The recipient receives \$1,000 per semester for the term of their graduate studies. Financial need is criteria for the scholarship selection. In establishing the fund, Kramer noted that he was able to get through law school by working and loans, but with the escalating costs of education, that is nearly impossible today.

Steve Mattson is attending the UND Law School, after taking graduate courses in history last spring. Mattson is a graduate of Central High School in Grand Forks, and grew up in a military family. Steve lived in seven different states and attended three separate high schools. He served as social chairman and house & grounds chairman for the chapter, and was the recipient of scholarships for academic performance.

Steve Kramer '68, '73 serves as a Federal Administrative Law Judge with the Social Security Administration. He has lived in Springfield, Oregon since 1986. Steve visited the chapter last March for the 75th year celebration meeting with chapter members and alumni.

Erickson Aviation Scholarship

Since March, 1994 when the Chad Erickson Aviation Scholarship was established, thirty people have contributed \$7,600 in cash and pledged gifts. This is a tremendous response from Delt alumni, family and friends to honor Chad Erickson's life and set up an endowment to benefit outstanding aviation students who are Delts. Gifts to the fund have been received from Chad's mother, Jill Erickson, his fiancé, Teri Dimond, and family friends.

A five-member committee is contacting Delts who graduated from UND between 1986 to 1994. Members of the committee are Bob Williams '89, Robb Ramsay '90, Jay Wolf '90, Bob Lieser '87, and Fred Sontag '92. They encourage all Delts who knew Chad to contribute to the endowment fund, and participate in March, 1995 when the first Chad Erickson Scholarship will be awarded to a deserving aviation major. Selection will be made by a committee of at least three aviation alumni acting as a scholarship committee for the Educational Foundation.

Brother Erickson '90, died on December 1, 1993, serving as First Officer on Northwest Airlink Flight 5719 that crashed near the Hibbing, Minnesota airport. Several publications including the *Wall Street Journal* reported that the National Transportation Safety Board believes the Express One Captain was in an angry mental state, and pilot error was the main cause of the crash. The Captain, Marvin Falitz, had a history of intimidation, deliberately handling the controls roughly, and he distracted his copilot, Chad, over the runway lights when the altitude should have been monitored. Eighteen people died in the accident.

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The Chapter address is:

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The Chapter phone numbers are:

***(701) 777 - 7596
&
Current Events, and Info Line
*(701) 777 - 7471**

***Both are new numbers, so take note!**

Marking our 75th Year

To commemorate our chapter's 75 years on the University of North Dakota campus, the board of directors set a goal to raise \$75,000 for:

- 1.) Academic Scholarships
- 2.) The chapter leadership academy
- 3.) A short-term emergency loan fund

As of September 15th, 55 donors have contributed \$28,500 in cash and \$31,000 in pledges, for a total of \$59,500. 80% of our goal is realized. That is a tremendous alumni response. Additional participation will ensure the next \$15,000 will be raised to meet our goal.

North Dakota Delts have a national reputation for generosity, not only among Delts but among all 65 national fraternities. Our educational foundation is recognized in the fraternity world for outstanding fund raising success, program accomplishments, and for the tremendous loyalty and generosity of North Dakota Delt alumni. Congratulations! Please take a moment to celebrate your national standing. You are a member of a unique and fine organization.

There is still work to do, and needs to be met. Endowment earnings are down from a few years ago, scholarship demand is up, and students are struggling financially. The Chad Erickson Aviation and the George Allen Improvement Scholarships need to be fully endowed. New scholarships and awards are needed to encourage academic diversity in the chapter and reward achievement. Our leadership academy shows great promise, and needs to be fully endowed. We are undertaking a strong initiative on career mentoring, bringing alumni and students together in career fields. There are expenses to cover. A strong partnership between alumni and undergraduates offers great benefits to students, alumni and society. It is worthy of your investment.

This spring, North Dakota Delts were named a "top ten" chapter in the nation by receiving the prestigious Hugh Shields Award. Earlier Delt was named the top fraternity on the UND campus. Four times since 1985 our chapter was named to the Court of Honor -- a top twenty chapter. Thank you for investing in the Delt success story: it is a great dividend.

We started our lives on foundations and in institutions created by others. In the farm vernacular, we should leave the wood pile a little higher than when we found it. As Delt Chester Fritz often said, we should build a stronger foundation from which others can build, so they can raise their heads above the crowd. Your time and contributions make a difference. **Thank you.**

- Bruce Gjovig '74
President, Ed. Fnd.

Charitable Remainder Trusts

If leaving part of your estate to charity (such as the Delta Tau Delta Educational Foundation of North Dakota) is a priority, a Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT) is an excellent vehicle to accomplish this objective. A CRT provides for tax free growth of assets, while providing income to the donor and spouse. In establishing a CRT, a donor may contribute highly appreciated assets without incurring any capital gains tax and at the same time, receive a substantial current charitable deduction on his income tax return.

Once established, the CRT is a tax-exempt trust and pays no income taxes on income. Any dividends and interest produced by the trust are distributed to the donor and are taxed as ordinary income to the donor. Upon the death of the donor, the assets remaining in the CRT are distributed to the designated charities.

Since the trust pays no tax, the tax savings remain part of the earnings assets, benefiting the donor and charities. Investments within the trust can be structured to emphasize growth of the trust or income to the donor.

In making a deferred giving commitment to the Delta Tau Delta Educational Foundation or other charities, a CRT is an innovative financial planning strategy well worth considering to accomplish your goals. *This article was contributed to From 2700 by Mark Hoffman '90 of St. Louis Park, Minnesota. Mark can be reached at New Era Financial Group in Wayzata: 612-473-1116.*

FALL RUSH '94 ROCKS!

The Fall Rush of 1994 saw a change in attitudes in Delta Xi. Rush is seen as the most important priority on keeping our Fraternity alive and striving. Due to Financial stresses, the chapter is realizing that Rush is vitally necessary and that one of the priorities of the chapter is Rush.

Fall Rush was characterized by an emphasis on one-on-one activities. The annual Deltona Beach Party was a big success, with over 60 names received. Our first contact with much of our new pledge class was during this event. The National Fraternity's emphasis is on actively seeking out rushees instead of them seeking us out. To achieve this, we gave away root beer floats outside Wilkerson Hall in plastic cups with our name and schedule on it. A fun way of getting to know our rushees was to race against them. The Inaugural running of the Deltona 500 was a big success. Along with these activities and others, ΔΞ had a very busy rush schedule. However, we are not done yet!

As of October 9, ΔΞ has 20 new pledges, with the possibility of many more. The active chapter is still actively rushing, which is a great sign for rushes to come. The chapter goal of a 30 member pledge class is certainly attainable.

Alumni help with rush is always welcome and needed. Please send us names of incoming freshmen or transferees that you feel would make a good Delt. Wayne Twito '38 sent us the names of two incoming freshmen. One of them is now a Delt pledge. If you send us names, we will contact them! You can make a difference, so please help us!

Thanks Brother Twito and we will see you in October for Homecoming!

Tom Fleming '96
Rush Chairman

RUSH DELT!

Skalicky Establishes Scholarship

Norman Skalicky '55 of St. Cloud, Minnesota has established a new scholarship fund to encourage and assist outstanding students enrolled at the University of North Dakota to join Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. Each new member who pledges the Fraternity will be eligible for a \$100 scholarship in their pledge semester if they meet the scholarship's criteria.

The scholarship is being established to recruit outstanding new members. For both high school and college students with an established college GPA, the selection criteria includes a GPA of at least 3.00 along with leadership criteria would include such activities as Eagle Scouts, Honor Society, language clubs, science clubs, etc. In this way they have demonstrated potential for leadership and teamwork, which will maximize the likelihood the new member will be active in the Fraternity.

For the Fall 1994 Pledge Class, the Skalicky Scholarships were utilized as a rush tool to attract academically superior students who also have strong potential for leadership. Nearly every new pledge is eligible for the Skalicky New Member Scholarship attesting to its benefits in recruiting top members. Norm made an initial contribution of \$2,000 to the new fund, and it will be used in its entirety.

Since 1965, Norm has been president and chairman of the board of Stearns County Bank, a chain of Banks in central Minnesota based out of Albany, Minnesota. He also serves as president of Stearns Financial, a national leasing company operated out of Albany. Norm serves on the board of the Delta Tau Delta Educational Foundation, attends numerous chapter events and has been a guest speaker at the chapter on banking as a career. He is a 1955 graduate of the University of North Dakota in commerce. He has four children: Cheryl, Jan, Jeffery, and Kelly.

In establishing the scholarship Norm noted that the Fraternity offers an education as valuable as the classroom education. Making it easier for outstanding young men to join the Fraternity will greatly benefit the individual as well as the Fraternity.

1994 FALL PLEDGES

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 Jim Thompson
 Mike Corey
 Brad Gray
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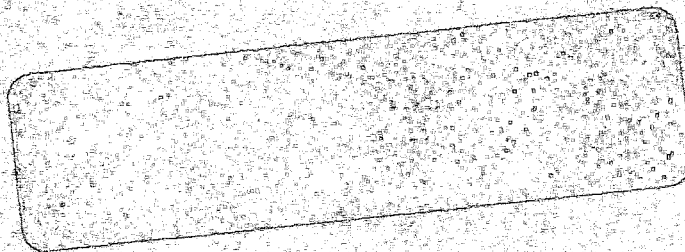
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