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Delts invade Chicago: Divisionals '97

By Dave Carroll

Once again, the chapter of Delta Xi made yet another impression on the 1997 Northern Division Conference. This year we managed to gather 28 brothers and chartered a bus to Oakbrook, Il where we were by far the largest attendance chapter of any. With the conference taking place at the Lodge on Hamburger University, we were fortunate to use McDonald's facilities at the hotel as well as the campus.

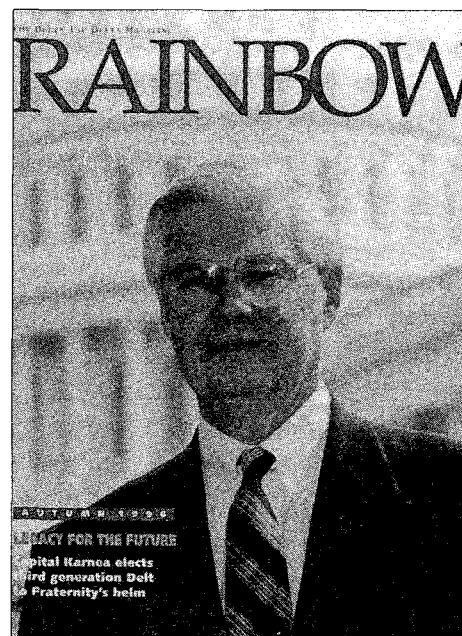
As far as awards are concerned, Delta Xi took home six including the Academics Awards achieving above the all mens average and being first on campus among fraternities for grades. Other awards received were for Adopt-A-School, Best Newsletter, and one of seven Court of Honor Awards which is given to the top 20 chapters internationally.

The Northern Division adopted a new award from the Southern Division this year called the Brother Miles Award. This award is given to a chapter that totals the largest amount of miles by calculating the

number of members attending the conference times the amount of miles traveled. As to no surprise, we became the first recipient.

The main focus for this divisional conference was concentrated on the mission and values and how to incorporate them into rush, pledge and membership education. We also held two business sessions in which the Northern Division president Jim Russel and Treasurer Jim Kappel were reelected for two more years.

Unfortunately, we did not win a Hugh Shield Award this year as it would have been our fourth consecutive flag. All in all, this years Northern Division Conference was rewarding as well as a reflecting point for our chapter.



Here Intrnational President Dave Hughes is featured in "Rainbow" magazine after his election at Karnea in Washington, D.C.



Here International President Dave Hughes takes time out to pose with the men of Delta Xi.



From the desk of the President

By Mike Corey,
House president



One of the main focuses of Delta Tau Delta is to instill leadership among all of

its members. Delta Xi took a giant step toward that process when we held our local **Leadership Academy** on February 8-9. The event was held at the Red Willow Bible camp in Binford, ND. There were 19 Deltas from Delta Xi attending the program. Delta Xi alumnus, Bob Fiedler, '71, was one of the facilitators in attendance. It was an outstanding experience by those who attended and we hope to help those who could not attend gain some knowledge from the rest of us who did.

It is an exciting time at Delta Xi. We recently passed a **participation amendment** to our by-laws, to promote attendance both at chapter meetings and various chapter events. The effects have been astounding. We are seeing the highest participation in years. We are certain this fact will pay off in productivity and creativity from the chapter.

We have seen great strides taken in our **Academic Affairs program** this semester. JJ Hall, Director of Academic Affairs and his committee, have come up with some creative ideas in how to increase our academic performance. Their main focus is on bringing up the lowest academic achievers, taking a direct role in helping those students who may be struggling with their grades.

We are in the process of changing our **spring philanthropy** project.

We were not getting the output we would like from our annual volleyball tournament, so we are looking at some different avenues in which we can increase our donations.

We were disappointed in not winning a Hugh Shields Award this year after doing so for three years. However, we decided that we are going to make it a top priority for this coming year to get back to the status of top ten chapter. We are aware of the trouble spots which hurt us in the Annual Achievement Agreement. We have already taken steps to strengthen those areas and now it is a matter of everyday performance for the next year. We are confident in that one year from now we will bring another Hugh Shields Flag home for Delta Xi.

Rush Report

By Bob Dvorak, Rush Chairman

Walking through the frozen tundra of the UND campus, one finds it next to impossible to see any signs of life, let alone people. Mother nature was less than helpful for the spring 1997 rush. More often than not, events were canceled or unproductive due to blizzard conditions and campus closings. Despite all of these uncontrollable factors, Delta Xi was able to have successful events. Activities such as Delt movie night and the rental of the Lifetime Sports Center with the Gamma Phi Beta sorority provided very effective events.

Over the the spring rush calendar, Delta Xi has pledged a

strong core of nine new members: **Perry Hurth, Ryan Barrette, Tim Eagle, Khalin Dendy, Matt Kuzel, Duane Klubunde, Brian Emerson, Derrek Micko, and Andy Vogele.** These men have shown amazing potential and represent the beginning of a strong class that will only grow in the time before spring formal.

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Steward	To be announced

Tomans' Corner:Advisor & House Mother

Chapter Advisor's Report

By Don Toman, Chapter Advisor

Greetings! Once again it's time to put the pen to the paper (or should I say keyboard strokes to the computer?). I am tired of winter! There have been numerous blizzards and record snowfalls in ND this year and I await the spring for the flooding season. For those unfortunate to live in the North, you know what I mean, for those alumni not living in the North, you should be thankful.

Oh yes, back to the Chapter. In January, we initiated eight men to the membership role of Delta Xi. There are currently seven pledges for the spring class. In February, 28 of us from Delta Xi attended the Northern Division Conference in Chicago. We recieved the greatest number of awards of any chapter there, including the Court of Honor which is given to the top 20% chapters in the International Fraternity.

We missed receiving the Hughs Shield this year, which would have been the fourth consecutive year. Although the chapter is strong in many areas, including getting first on campus in grades again, it didn't obtain its rushing goals and meet financial obligations. They are working hard to improve in these areas and I feel on their way to obtaining a Flag next year. There has



been more emphasis placed on the Mission and Values of DTD and on membership responsibilities and awareness. I am already noticing an improvement in participation. This focus should bond the brothers as they strive for common goals and make Delta Xi an even stronger chapter.

The house under the management of its shelter and grounds chairman, Mark Martens, has had a number of facelifts and improvements along with being generally more clean. The last Initiation class also did a wonderful job in restoring the brotherhood room. I invite you to visit. Hope to see you at the spring formal. Fraternally, Don Toman, Chapter Advisor.

House Mother's Report

By Carmen Toman, House Mother

How comfortable are you in the following situation: You are with your girlfriend and her parents, dining Saturday evening in an exclusive restaurant. You are quite nervous, not only because you are meeting her parents for the first time, but her father is the President of the University you are attending AND you notice the restaurant you are in serves five course dinners!! That means there will be soup! You have always been

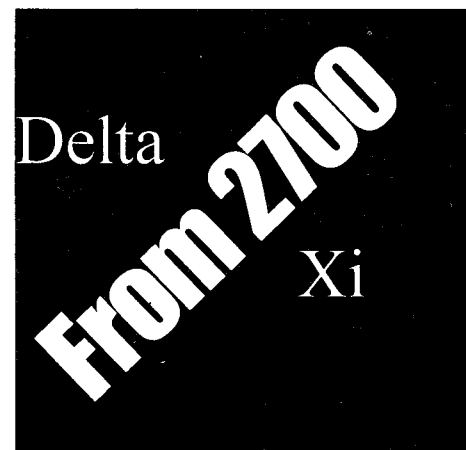


careful NOT to order soup, because it is so messy. Now you're wondering how (not only) to set a good impression, keep the conversation moving but also what to do when the soup is served!!

Will you ignore the soup when it is served, or will you try to get the big round spoon into your mouth without spilling, or do you use the teaspoon and hope no one notices?

You CAN enjoy the table conversation and your soup, too! Here's how: Be sure to use the correct spoon (it is the big, round one). It does not go all the way into your mouth, but rather you sip from the side -- QUIETLY! That way you are in control. You dip the spoon away from you and then bring it to your mouth. If the soup is hot, do not blow on it. Rather, wait a while, enjoy the conversation and then when it has cooled slightly, you can enjoy it. If the soup is your favorite and good to the last drop, be sure to "tip" the bowl away from you to get the "last drop."

By knowing the proper etiquette, you can enjoy the company you are with and be very comfortable. In other words -- Make a great impression with your girlfriend's parents!



Alumni Highlights

Educational Foundation Report

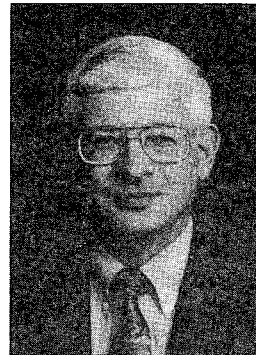
By Bruce Gjovig

Just twenty years ago, a small group of North Dakota Delt alumni were diligently raising funds for a new chapter house, and arguing with the IRS about the merits of an educational foundation for our chapter, and why it met the requirements for 501 (c)(3) status. Both goals were successful. Twenty years later Delts have some of the best fraternity housing on the UND campus, and we made fraternity history by starting the chapter educational foundation movement. Today we also enjoy having a top chapter on campus, and one the best in the nation. The North Dakota Delts can be proud of what has been accomplished.



On February 8-9, the **North Dakota Leadership Academy** was held for nineteen Delts. As we did in 1995 and 1993, we brought in experts from our national fraternity and the corporate world, and teamed them up with a North Dakota Delt alumnus who exemplifies leadership. This year, the featured speaker was **Robert Feidler '71**, the past president of the American

North Dakota
Delt Alumnus,
Robert Feidler
'71



Since 1997, our Educational Foundation has become nationally renown for our scholarship, educational, and leadership programs. Our North Dakota Delt alumni are known as the most loyal and generous in the fraternity world. Around the Greek world, people are amazed at the level and depth of support of our alumni. We embarked on a bold experiment to bring together alumni involvement and investment together with undergraduate education and effort. It worked, and we continue to discover ways to make the undergraduate experience at Delt as positive and educational as possible. We need to take pause and celebrate our 20th year. We have come a long way, and our future looks bright.

Bankruptcy Institute and president of a consulting firm specializing in international insolvency issues in Central and Eastern Europe. Most corporate leadership programs target people in their late thirties and forties when they are in the mid-careers. Rarely does an undergraduate get an opportunity to be exposed to leadership training this early in their careers. What a difference this can make. A big thank you to **Stan and Doris Moe '34** of Los Angeles, CA for underwriting this program. Stan is another national leader in the corporate world and understands the need to prepare the next generation of leaders.

On April 12-13 we will be holding the **Delt Edge** career development

program for our seniors and juniors. This sixteen hour program outlines how to research good jobs and firms, find jobs through networking, prepare an outstanding resume, and prepare for an interview. Our last two Delt classes said it was the most important preparation assistance they received before they assumed the job search.

All this and more is made possible by involved alumni who are willing to invest in young men of promise and potential. Thank you. Your investment is paying great dividends in ways we will not fully appreciate for many years. This is a long-term investment of the best kind - in the growth of young people.

Delta Xi would like to congratulate it's newest pledges!

Brian Emerson Grand Forks, ND
Perry Hurth Casselton, ND
Ryan Barette Chaska, MN
Khalin Dendy Grand Forks, ND
Matt Kuzel Grand Forks, ND
Duane Klabunde Garrison, ND
Tim Eagle Bloomington, MN
Derek Micko Shakopee, MN
Andy Voegel Apple Valley, MN



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Now it's my turn

(A note from a current pledge)

By Perry Hurth

Delta Tau Delta can be very influential in the lives of young freshman as well as upperclassman alike. Most young men don't bother giving a chance to see what Delta Xi has to offer. People see the stereotypes and opinions that give Fraternities a bad rap. Yes, its true that some chapters aren't as well organized or strive for excellence such as us Delts do today. Delta Xi can offer so much if you let it. I realize this only as a pledge through talking to actives an alumni as well as attending Divisionals and the Leadership Academy.

Knowing that this is only the beginning of my commitment to a life of excellence, it excites me when I think of the future. I can not even imagine the learning experience during activation week, as well as just being an active member will be.

Tim Eagle, a fellow pledge brother said of his Delta Xi experience, "It is such a good learning experience that if everyone had a chance to join a quality organization such as Delta Tau Delta, it is worth your while." Tim took the opportunity to attend Divisionals in Chicago a few weeks back and realized the Fraternity had "a sense of deepness on the inside compared to what you hear on the outside." People don't realize the opportunities that this organization has to offer. Stubbornness and ignorance will get you nowhere.

Matt Kuzel, since being a pledge said, "I have gained a different perspective than I thought before; to see the importance placed on involvment on leadership, community and general improvement of myself."

Everyone is really looking forward to this pledge semester. With the help of Pledge Educator Matt Peters and the comfortable atmosphere he implements, the excitement level is high. As for all you actives-we may be small but it is the quality, not quantity. Look for great things from the Spring '97 Pledge class.

Chapter Eternal

Oliver Henning Olson '34 passed away on December 7, 1996 in Mission Viejo, California. Oliver graduated from the University of North Dakota with a Bachelor of Science and Business Administration.

Henning proudly served his country during the second World War as a 1st Lieutenant in the 71st Artillary Field Division.

After being employed for many years by Universal Credit Corp., he later became the owner and operator of Olson Ford Agency in Glencoe, Minnesota.

After moving to Los Angeles, he started up 2 car washes in the Wilshire Miracle Mile and Crenshaw Districts. Oliver retired in 1979 to enjoy traveling and golfing.

Howard R. Reuter '37 passed away on January 13, 1997. Howard graduated from the University of North Dakota with

a degree in Accounting.

During World War II, Reuter served in the U.S. Army. With the Degree in Accounting and leadership abilities as Lieutenant of the infantry, he was awarded Captain of the Military Police.

Working with his uncle at Crandell & Reuter public accounting firm, he left for the army. When he returned, his uncles company and another merged. This is where Howard stayed until Howard's retirement in 1976.

House Corporation

By Ken Johnson '70 House Corp. V.P.

I would like to take this oppurtunity to say that I am very proud of the young men of Delta Xi. They continue to excel at the national and local level. It is gratifying to see what is happening at 2700 University Avenue. They have built the kind of chapter we all dreamed would result from a new chapter house. The chapter house however, is no longer as it was 20 years ago. Carpets that recieve heavy use wear out, wall coverings must be replaced, trim must be painted, and water pumps wear out. We try to keep up by using revenues from the chapter, but that is not quite enough. Help is always needed.

If Delta Tau Delta meant as much to you as it has to me, please make this the year you include Delt in your donation plan. It will make you feel good and it will be put to good use.

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You are invited to the event of the semester, the 1997 Delta Tau Delta Spring Formal. Bring your family or friends to beautiful Grand Forks for a night of dinner, dancing and discussion. We hope to see you there!

What: 1997 Delta Tau Delta Alumni and Parents Spring Formal

When: March 22, 1997. Social begins at 5:30p.m. and dinner starts at 6:30p.m.

Where: East Grand Forks Comfort Inn

Cost: \$15.00 per person

Come for a night of entertainment and fun. Former North Dakota Governor George Sinner will be our keynote speaker, not to mention the crowning of the 1997-1998 Delta Tau Delta Sweetheart! For more information, call the Alumni Relations Committee Chair, Matt Opsahl, at (701) 777-1472.

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