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## Karnea 1998: Kansas City

By: Scott Sinner, External Vice President

Kansas City Karnea was the event of the summer for four Delta Xi undergraduates. Scott Sinner, Jim Thompson, Andy Hafner, and Dave Carroll attended the national conference which was held August 12-16. Bruce Gjovig joined the delegation as an alumni delegate.

There were many events occurring at the Karnea this summer. The Delta Tau Delta National Educational Foundation announced a fund drive in which they were trying to raise 7 million dollars. They are well on their way, collecting nearly 4.5 million dollars from the alumni.

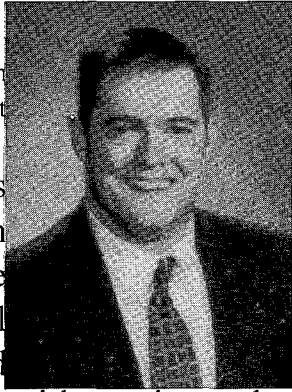
Also, International President David Hughes' term as president was up and Dr. Tom Huddleston was elected as the new President of the Fraternity. Finally, for the exciting news. Delta Xi chapter has been named a host chapter for the 2000 Karnea in Minneapolis. We will host along with Minnesota, Mankato State, and South Dakota. Our duties will include doing ritual and assist with the greeting of people to Minneapolis. So mark it down in your calendars tonight. The second week in August 2000 at the Radisson South. I trust

we will have a formidable delegation at the Conference.

The attending undergraduates learned a lot of valuable information which we brought back to the chapter and translated into an excellent Fall rush. We also met a lot of new friends, and had a lot of fun. Mike Corey stated, "My Delt experience was not complete until I went to Karnea, now I can say I am proud of what I did during my undergraduate years at Delta Xi."

# From the desk of the President

By:  
Jim Thompson  
House president



School is back in session, the football team started the season with a win at the Potato Bowl, and University Avenue is once again packed with students traveling to and from class. What is the significance of all these? Delta Tau Delta is once again running on all cylinders after the lull of summer. One other event that is a sign of the new school year and of most importance to us is the Fall Rush. Delta Xi has reached a point where recruitment of young, talented, and eager men is of utmost importance. The Chapter would experience a drop off in numbers because of the significant number of seniors. Rush has been the Chapter's focus since the spring. Planning for recruitment started then and I am happy to tell all of you that Rush was a huge success. The men of Delta Xi pulled together to make this one of the most successful recruitments we've had. Twenty-two men have accepted the challenge to become new members. Congratulations go out to every man in the Chapter as well as to

Aaron Luebke and Scott "Woody" Sinner for their hard work and dedication. These two men led by example and motivated others to follow their lead.

With Rush coming to a close, the chapter is now focusing on Sorority Philanthropy events and the start of New Member Education. The semester appears to be a busy one, but that is why we joined this organization: To make ourselves well rounded young men.

I hope to see many alumni and their families and friends the weekend of October 10th for our Homecoming Formal. The Westward Ho will again be the site for the festivities. Have a good fall and get in touch with us soon.

## House Corporation

By: Joel Medd '69  
President of House Corporation

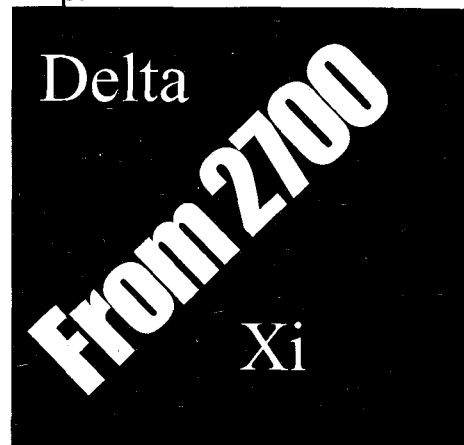
The House Corporation is proud of the chapter's accomplishments and its continuing efforts to keep Delta Tau Delta the best house on campus.

After the big flood, the Chapter House was extensively repaired and renovated. It is

virtually a new house from top to bottom. We finally got around to replacing the windows and we even replaced the roof.

All of this was not covered by insurance. The House Corporation had to borrow more money from the Educational Foundation. The House Corporation needs contributions to pay off this loan and maintain the house. Bruce Gjovig reminded me that we need to think of what our own houses would look like if we continually had fifty or more young men using them!

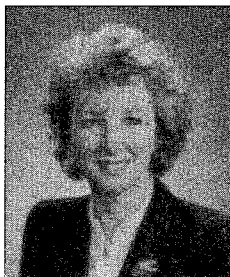
Bruce continues to work with our contractor to finish up with needed repairs. We are looking at doing some landscaping repairs this fall. Chapter Advisor Don Toman also does a great job of working with the Chapter to teach responsibility to maintain the fine house we provide. Thanks to all the alumni who have helped in the past and thanks for any future help.



# House Mother's Report

By Carmen Toman, House Mother

Welcome back to all the guys! The house is buzzing with activity again.



It seems like summer came and went too quickly, however it is nice to have the house full of activity! As this past year was quite hectic for me (due to the flood), I was not able to get over to the house too often. This year you will see me, so keep those "manners" present! It was great to see NO caps being worn at the first formal meeting. Good job!

There is a great group of pledges this fall. We will be meeting to review etiquette for particular settings and then brush up on day to day etiquette. There won't be a test, so don't worry.

I have heard comments on campus that the Delt's are gentlemen!!! What a compliment! Keep up that image! A few additional reminders include:

- Food is passed counter-clockwise
- Salt and pepper are passed together
- Answer the telephone by the third ring

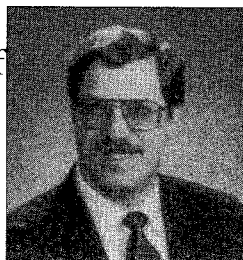
- When a guest walks into the room, rise and greet them with a firm handshake
- Do not wear caps during class

Again, Welcome back actives and Congratulations to the new members!!

## Chapter Advisor's Report

By Don Toman, Chapter Advisor

It's the start of a new school year and the Chapter is buzzing. They



have found new energy and proceeded to work together to accomplish a goal of obtaining 22 new pledges! The timing of this feat was critical as approximately 20 members will be graduating by spring. The key to this success was the result of the chapter not only realizing that it takes more than a few members rushing, but actually having them being visible, having fun and talking to potential members (in essence, making friends). Now the real work begins; teaching these new members to be productive

members and instill the values of Delta Tau Delta than bond us as Brothers. This pledge class is also a special one for me as my son, Dave, is one of them. It will be a proud moment when I pin the Badge on him. I look back and remember my pledge days and how many things have changed, but how many of the important things remain.

There is still a lot of things to do at the chapter such as keeping the Shelter in good condition, getting the finances in order, meeting deadlines and keeping everyone motivated to accomplish the necessary day to day activities that distinguish a top chapter from a mediocre one. I sense more cohesiveness this fall and have faith that they will get the job done while having fun.

On a personal note, this will be my last year as Chapter Advisor. I have enjoyed my five years as CA, but have found it increasingly difficult to find the time necessary that an effective active advisor needs to spend with the Chapter. The time has come to find someone with new energies and ideas to help guide the chapter. If anyone has a desire to become more involved, please contact me. Thank you.

Fraternally,  
Don Toman

# Alumni Highlights

## Educational Foundation Report

By Bruce Gjovig '74, Academic Advisor

Dear Brothers:



The next scheduled meeting of the board of directors of the Delta Tau Delta Educational Foundation will be Saturday, October 10th at the Shelter, about 10:00 a.m. immediately following the House Corporation meeting. Your attendance and participation would be greatly appreciated. In our 20th year, changes are about to occur.

Changing of the seasons is marked by geese flying in formation overhead. The lead goose sets the direction, height, and tempo which determines the distance of the flight. When the lead goose tires from cutting the wind, it falls back in formation allowing another to take the lead, flying in the wake. Gentleman, that is where I am at. I am suffering from burnout, and need to turn over the leadership to others at Homecoming. Please prepare to choose your next leader.

My passion for, and belief in, the ideals of Delt remain steady. The Delt Educational Foundation is doing important work to help young men of

promise reach their potential for leadership, career success, and a lifetime of important relationships. We will continue to make a tremendous difference in the lives of young Delts. I remain most appreciative for what Delt has done for me professionally and personally. I take great pride in helping develop the foremost chapter educational foundation in the nation, not only in Delt but among all 65 national fraternities. There is more we can and should do, but the energy and leadership must come from a new source. I have a high need to fall back in the wake and do other things.

My current passion is to grow the UND Center for Innovation into a nationally renowned technology entrepreneur center beyond what it is already. On Sept. 17, I go to Washington, DC to receive the SBA Tibbett's Award recognizing our rural SBIR technology entrepreneurship program as a "model of excellence." However, we are just starting to grow the center, and it has the potential to make a

tremendous difference in our regional economic and business landscape. This is where my passion lies, and where I wish to put my energies.

The time is not found to get campaign letters and correspondence out. The last fund raising letter was done December 1997. Even so, some contributions continue to arrive. Many things are left undone which are needed to effectively run a first-rate organization. I do not have the energy at the end of the day and week to crank it all out. I have debated with myself for months whether the energy and interest would return. It hasn't, so it is best to let others lead who are ready for the challenge and opportunity, who have a vision and ability. After 25 years of alumni service, it has been a rich and rewarding experience to serve Delt. Thank you.



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# **Rush Report**

By: Aaron Lueke, Recruitment Chair

The chapter as a whole realized the importance of rush this fall. With a large senior class, it was very apparent that this fall rush would be a crucial time for Delta Tau Delta. It also was obvious by the excitement of all the active members when our rush events began.

Having the goal set at gaining twenty pledges, the chapter knew we had our work cut out for ourselves and I as rush chair can say we met the challenge head on surpassing that goal by gaining twenty-two outstanding men.

I feel a key to our success this year was the very visible rush events we had, such as Singled Out, which was a spoof on a TV game show where we hosted three lucky couples to a free dinner and limousine ride. As well our rush events had a lot of planning and undertook much marketing the house to the prospective members. For example, cups were made this year which sported the Delta Tau Delta logo and rush event schedule. The cups, which were paid for by the House Corporation, I feel were a key in getting the advertising we needed to obtain prospective members. This helped them remember us after they had

visited the house.

With the excitement from a very successful fall rush, planning is underway to insure an equally successful spring rush.

## **Academics**

By: Jeremy Falk, Academic Affairs

Once again academic excellence has proven itself alive and well in the Chapter house. We recently tied for first place among fraternities on campus with a 2.96 GPA for the spring semester of 1998. This fall we will strive once again to be the highest academically performing fraternity on campus. Having many juniors and seniors completing their last few years as undergraduates will once again instill the importance of academic excellence in our new members and set an example for the future.

On November 7th and 8th we will once again be having Delt Edge. Stan Telford will be leading many of the juniors and seniors through resume and interviewing styles and skills. We would like to thank all the alumni for their continued support of this dynamic and beneficial program. Your continued support and insight are always welcomed and appreciated!

# **Pledge Education**

By: Perry Hurth, Pledge Educator

Pledge education kicked off on September 7th. With the excitement of youth, energy was through the roof! With twenty-one new pledges in attendance everyone was pumped to get the ball rolling on the new semester. Later that evening, another new member was added to push the running total to twenty-two new members for the Delta Xi chapter.

The new pledge class is filled with youth, only two are upperclassmen. Twenty new members are freshman, which is outstanding for the once top heavy chapter.

The final day to pledge for the fall semester was September 13th, yet rush is never over.

**A list of the 1998 Fall Pledge class can be found on Page 6. Take a look at the new additions to Delta Xi!**

**Remember, Oct. 10th House Corp at 9:00 a.m.**

**Ed. Foundation at 10:00 a.m.**

***Delta Xi's***  
**Newest Members**

Matt Bramwell	Pre-Law/Accounting	Plymouth, MN
Bill Brooks	Aviation/Music	Edina, MN
Brad Dexheimer	Aviation	Sheboygan, WI
Pat Dixon	Computer Science	Fargo, ND
Tim Eagle	Recreation and Leisure	Bloomington, MN
Brian Esco	Aviation	Spokane, WA
Nik Feist	Accounting	Cavalier, ND
Joe Juetten	Aviation	Mendota Heights, MN
Jon Melander	Undecided	Mahtomedi, MN
Pat Merdan	Industrial Technology	Bloomington, MN
Kevin Mowery	Undecided	Lakeville, MN
Ben Orsua	Aviation	Coeur d' Alene, ID
Jeremy Prinkki	Aviation	Red Lodge, MT
Travis Rausch	Computer Science	Grand Forks, ND

## *Still more...*

Brad Savage	Aviation	Mahtomedi, MN
Chris Schletty	Air Traffic Control	Rosemount, MN
James Storie	Computer Science	Cavalier, ND
Mike Tanner	Aviation	Apple Valley, MN
Sam Tanzer	Pre-Med	Minot, ND
David Toman	Criminal Justice	Grand Forks, ND
Shaun Vermilyea	Aviation	Burnsville, MN
Dan Moe	Engineering	Grand Forks, ND

### **President Baker Resigns As of June 30, 1999**

Following is a statement made by President Baker on Aug. 21:

Despite the excitement, energy, and anticipation that I always feel when our students arrive for the new school year, today is not a happy one for me. Earlier today the State Board of Higher Education approved a negotiated agreement regarding the terms of my departure as President of the University of North Dakota. As part of this agreement, I have, with great regret and deep sadness, tendered my resignation as President and Professor of Political Science, effective June 30, 1999.

Leaving the University of North Dakota after seven years of service is not what I would have chosen. I had

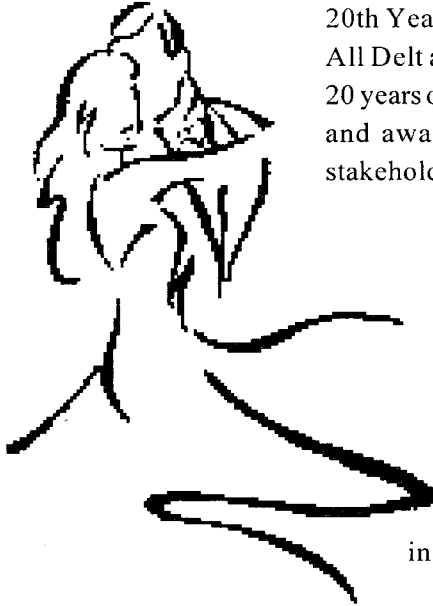
thought that my statement at the February board meeting, the zero salary increase approved for me at the June meeting, not to mention the many accomplishments of the past year, had brought the difficulties that occurred in January to a close. However, because of the public criticism that began again on July 1, I have concluded that an environment does not exist that is conducive to my long term continuance and success as President. I look forward to serving this year, contributing in whatever ways I can to the upcoming legislative session, bringing a number of projects to conclusion, and facilitating the transition to my successor.

For the past six years, it has been

an honor and a privilege for Toby and me to represent UND and its very special and incredibly dedicated students, faculty, staff and alumni. We will look forward to doing that, with gusto, for one more year and after that to supporting this extraordinary institution in whatever way we can. Today we want, simply, to express our most sincere and heartfelt gratitude to the hundreds of people who have written us, called us, e-mailed or voice-mailed us, or stopped us on the street corners and in shopping malls to express their support for us and our leadership. It has meant more to us than any of you can imagine.

Thank You.

# delta tau delta **FORMAL**



20th Year Celebration of Delta Tau Delta Educational Foundation

All Delt alumni, spouses and friends are invited to attend Homecoming '98 to celebrate 20 years of the Educational Foundation. Especially invited are all recipients of scholarships and awards; participants in leadership, career, or conference programs; and the stakeholders who have invested in the Educational Foundation.

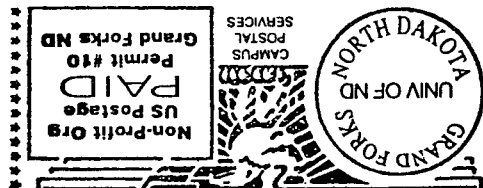
**What:** 1998 Delta Tau Delta Alumni and Parents Fall Formal

**When:** October 10th, 1998. Social begins at 5:30p.m. and dinner starts at 6:30p.m.

**Where:** Grand Forks Westward Ho, 3400 Gateway Drive  
(701) 775-5341

**Cost:** \$15.00 per person

Come for a night of entertainment and fun. Northern Division President Jim Russel Purdue '75 of Carmel, IN, will be our keynote speaker. For more information call the Alumni Relations Chair, Bob Dvorak, at (701) 772-9109.



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