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Delt Education Foundation: *1978-1998*

The Delta Tau Delta Educational Foundation has by all measures been very successful since its historic launch twenty years ago. The North Dakota Delts negotiated with the IRS for two years to establish the first chapter educational foundation of its kind in the nation, an honor shared with Phi Delta Theta. Thus, UND unknowingly became the home of the national fraternal educational foundation movement which has spread to campuses from coast to coast providing much needed funds to renovate tired chapter houses

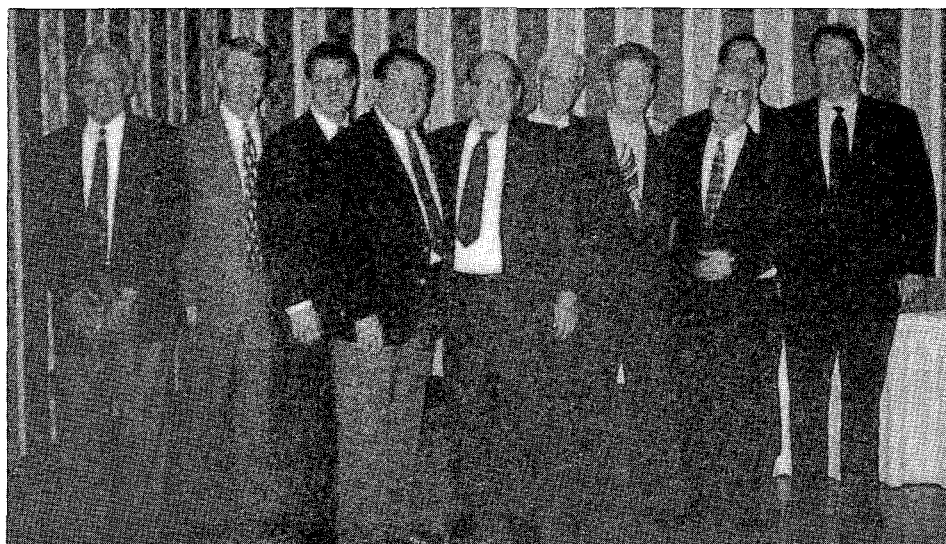
and offer incentives and programs like scholarships, awards, and leadership programs. Most importantly, educational foundations provide an innovative vehicle for more alumni participation with undergraduates of potential and promise. This novel experiment is changing the way fraternities operate, helping them focus on their historical mission of fellowship, education, community service and leadership.

The Founders

Our founding members were Ordean Dahl '34 of Litchville and now Olympia, WA; George Allen '36 of Edina (dec.); Harold Bangert '28 of Fargo and San Francisco (dec.); Scotty Cranna '30 of Devils Lake; Bruce Listoe '55 of Ashby, MN (dec.); Bruce Gjovig '74 of Grand Forks; Merlin Dewing '56 of Minneapolis; Neil Fleming '65 of Cavalier; Kenton McGregor '69 of Grand Forks; and Guy Rzeszutko '74 of Grand Forks and Pocatello, ID. The founding members were seeking a tax-deductible vehicle to raise funds for a new chapter house in the days of raging inflation and high construction costs. The

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Alumni in attendance at the Delta Tau Delta Spring Formal. From left: Ralph Anderson, Ken Johnson, Don Toman, Lew Schoneman, Duane Williams, Dr. Don Naismith,, Shane Knutson, Norm Skalicky, Bruce Gjovig, and Bob Muhs



Letter From The Editor

By: Bob
Dvorak, Alumni
Relations

The end
of the Spring
was a time
that pasted
all to quickly
for us.



The men of Delta Xi have worked hard to prepare for the summer and the upcoming fall events. At present time, the house appears to be filled which will alleviate many problems of past semesters. Fall rush looks very promising. Aaron Luebke has done a great job preparing the men for the vital recruitment process. The Central and Red River scholarships have been followed up on and Travis Rause and Dave Toman look to have promise.

As Alumni Relations chair, I look forward to October 10th, the celebration of the 20th anniversary of our Educational Foundation at this year's Homecoming. We will again be at the Fabulous Westward Ho and have the honor of having the Northern Division President, Mr. James Russell *Purdue*'75 from Carmel, IN, as are key note speaker.

As of late, we have made a push for electronic mail communication with alumni. Along with the help

of Bruce Gjovig, the Alumni mailings have increased email communications. I look forward to continue this push on the information super highway.

House Corporation

By: Joel D. Medd, President of House
Corporation

"The progress made on renovating the chapter house since the flood in April of 1997 is truly amazing. The Delts are true leaders in this effort and overall on campus, and were the first fraternity to complete the renovation effort. The chapter members are to be congratulated for their efforts. Some came back right after the flood and began the cleanup and repairs. Without such prompt action matters would have no doubt been worse and progress would have been delayed."

This was the general sentiment at the House Corporation Board of Directors Meeting on March 28, 1998. There was a great turnout by Chapter Officers from Chapter President Jim Thompson on down.

The total for Chapter House repairs and renovations has reached \$328,000. The House Corporation requested an additional \$85,000 from the Educational Foundation to pay for repairs and improvements over and about what insurance covered. About half will be in the form of a grant and half will be borrowed and will be a loan to be repaid to the Educational Foundation. Norm Skalicky, '55, a significant donation towards the recovery.

In recognition of his continued support and leadership, we voted unanimously to name the library the Skalicky Library. The House Corporation thanked Norm at the Library dedication on March 28th this spring.

The house will remain open this summer with rent set at \$125/mo per member with the Chapter members being responsible for utilities. The annual rent was not changed and will remain at \$4500 per month for eight months with an additional \$100 per member per year to be paid toward our liability insurance.

Again, thanks to all those contributing toward making the Chapter House the best on the University of North Dakota campus.

"Delt Ed.Foundation" continued

immediate problem to solve was building a new Shelter before the old one collapsed, burned down, or was removed by the widening of Columbia Road. It was do or die.

Shelter Built

Through foresight, the House Corporation invested in neighboring properties in 1967 and 1975, which were sold in 1977 to buy the property next door from UND, the current Shelter site. Still, \$80,000 of alumni funds were needed to start construction. The initial response from alumni was slow, steady but growing. Fulfilling a 25 year goal, the new \$430,00 Shelter was built in 1979, and goals were set to furnish the library, purchase the lot across the alley for parking and expansion and to pay off the mortgage at the savings and loan so no outside force could affect our long-term housing future. Our initial goals were met, as new goals were being formulated. Our dreams grew as success grew, and our initial investment was showing favorable returns.

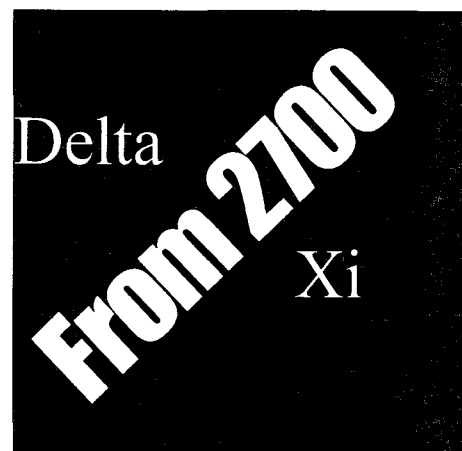
Educational Emphasis

Soon the attention of the board was shifted to a new emphasis, building an endowment to assist the Fraternity in its educational mission and to serve as an insurance policy against financial hard times. Our minutes and records from 1979 offer hope of endowments and scholarships. We wanted to be among the first to have computers for our members, which we did. We saw the need to provide academic scholarships and recognition awards for individual and group excellence, and to provide educational programming, and assistance to attend conferences and Karneas. The goal was to become the best Fraternity at UND, and the best chapter of Delta Tau Delta through educational development and support of excellence.

Recognized Leaders

In 1979 we offered just two academic scholarships (George Allen Improvement Scholarships and the Carlyle Onsrud Pledge Scholarship) and two recognition awards

(Edward X.Hallenberg Red Key Award and the Gjovig Grand Old Delt Award). By 1981, under the leadership of the Educational Foundation president Merlin Dewing '56, the scholarship program framework and goals were set with a matrix of academic scholarships, recognition awards and educational programs. The first endowment goal for scholarships was a modest \$40,000. By 1983 that endowment goal grew to \$300,000. Within the first years of organizing, North Dakota Delts drew national attention for its fund raising successes and its growing academic, leadership, and career mentoring programs. By 1987, the North Dakota Delts were the recognized leaders in the fraternity world with its educational foundation, a leadership position we enjoy a decade later because of continued outstanding alumni support and participation. Today over \$1.8 million in cash, pledged and deferred giving has



been invested, a phenomenal success story. This is a record our founders would not have believed possible. This is likely the highest giving record per alumni in the fraternity world among all 6000 chapters in 65 fraternities nationwide. WOW. We don't have the most alumni, or the richest alumni, but we do have the most generous alumni.

Return on Investment

Alumni investment provided the financial support, guidance, and volunteer effort necessary for our individual members and the chapter to excel. Many Delt alumni have realized great career success and have been leaders in their profession, associations, and communities; in no small part because of the Delt influence and network. Our chapter has been recognized many times as the best fraternity on campus, and among the top ten chapters nationwide in Delta Tau Delta. This is a very measurable return on your investment of which all investors and participants can be proud. Our stock in Delt is at historic highs.

The return on our investment is both tangible and

intangible. We notice recognition awards and career successes; and on occasion note valuable lessons, expertise, brotherhood, and values. Our favorable influence on hundreds of young Delts is not easy to measure. But we can say with confidence that providing an extraordinary Delt experience will make a great difference as young men start their professional and family lives. Investing in people is a long-term deal as one never knows if the influence demonstrates itself early or late. Many do not recognize the influence Delt has on their ability to be a leader, team player; or be a person of honor, loyalty and integrity. We often see the influence and benefits on others before we see it in ourselves. Mirrors give distorted reflections and memories fade like old photos. Some alumni donate in appreciation of what they received, many because they want to invest in future leaders.

The Future

Being the lead dog means never getting to slow down or the followers will pass you by. There is much we can do to enhance our educational,

academic and leadership programs, and there are many generations of new Delts to come. This novel experiment continues to show great promise, and further innovations and successes are clearly at hand. We must continuously infuse new support, ideas, and leadership into our organization to remain as leaders. Luckily we have a great pool of talent and resources to draw from. Unfortunately the Grand Forks crew is tired and worn after a year of recovery efforts after the historic flood of 1997. This provides an opportunity for others to participate and lead. The past is magnificent and heartwarming, and the future can be just as wonderful if our chapter and our alumni seek excellence in ourselves and in others. Nothing is sustained without effort and investment. Thank you for all that you have done to make the Delta Tau Delta Educational Foundation a great success story, and please remember to invest in its future. Please join us at our 20th year celebration during Homecoming '98!

Bruce Gjovig '74
President

Chapter Eternal

Ole Jensen '30 89, of Overland Park, Kansas passed away on April 20, 1998. Ole was born in Sharon, North Dakota, joined Beta Chi fraternity, and graduated from UND in accounting. He married Mary Virginia Jensen who died in 1995. Ole was a partner and principal for Arthur Young and Co. Accountants, retiring in 1971. He was a significant contributor to the Delta Tau Delta Educational Foundation, and was a trustee at Avila College in Kansas. He is survived by daughters Mary Jo Truog and Elizabeth Carmean, four grandchildren including **John Carmean '90** of Blaine, Minnesota; sister Mabel Ness and brother **Martin Jensen '30** of Sharon, ND.



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Ralph Gorenflo '33, of Cass Lake, Minnesota passed away on May 5, 1998. Ralph was born in Cass Lake, joined Beta Chi fraternity, and graduated from UND with a bachelors of science degree in education. He married Marian Gwinn in 1939, and she died in 1996. Ralph worked as a teacher, served in the Army Postal Corp during World War II, and became postmaster in Cass Lake after the war. He retired in the mid-1970's and spent winters at Weslaco, Texas and summers at Cass Lake. He is survived by two sisters, Leila Creech, M.D. of Cass Lake and Erma Welsh of Bethesda, MD.

Delta Xi on the Web

Delta Xi has its own site on the world wide web. Now that the chapter has a webmaster, Bob Dvorak, the web site is running again and will be another location for alumni and chapter news.

Along with the help of Bruce Gjovig, the chapter is trying to experiment with an electronic newsletter and mailing list.

If you have an email account and would like to be included in this new electronic newsletter, send a message to Alumni Relations Chairmen, **Bob Dvorak** at bodvorak@plains.nodak.edu and **Bruce Gjovig** at gjovig@prairie.nodak.edu

If you would like to look at Delta Xi's homepage, we are located at

www.und.nodak.edu/org/deltatau/deltxi.htm

Come visit us!

Quotes

"I believe in Delta Tau Delta ... its past, present, and future. I believe in the benefits and the strong influence that an excellent Fraternity can have on our young men attending the University of North Dakota that will carry on through their active life just as we have benefited from our affiliation with the Fraternity during our undergraduate years."

- Ordean Dahl '34, Olympia, WA

"Most of us have started our careers on foundations built by others; and it gives one considerable satisfaction to know that he has helped build foundations from which others may climb higher, have a fuller life - perhaps even the 'abundant' life."

- Chester Fritz '12. Gstaad, Switzerland

"I have always felt that my association at Beta Chi and Delta were as valuable to me, or more, than my education itself...If the Fraternity life can make some of them better, as I know it did me, I feel it is a good moral as well as sentimental investment."

- J. Paul Robinson '32, Garrison, ND

"It was most inspiring to meet the 'greats' of Beta Chi who then were actively pursuing a Delta Tau Delta charter. I recall the wonderful people...who were an inspiration to me then and still are. Having the opportunity to meet these people, and then to spend four years in the chapter...was a honor and privilege I shall always cherish."

- J. Vincent Reuter '41, San Diego, CA

"The chapter house was old and decrepit in the 1950's. I remember having extensive conversations about redoing it back then. But what the fraternity lacked in looks it made up for in the quality of its members. Being president of the fraternity my senior year was a heady experience that prepared me for my life's work."

- Merlin Dewing '56, Shorewood, MN

Alumni Review

Duane Williams, BSC 1953 retired May 31, 1997 after almost 22 years as credit manager of the Grainware Co, an acrylic giftware manufacturer, which was acquired in September 1991 by the conglomerate, Carlisle Companies of Syracuse, New York. Previously my career included 13 years with New York Life Ins. Company in accounting administration in Minneapolis, Cincinnati and Chicago with five years as Treasurer of the former Bagpiper Stores of Michigan. I was a victim of the 1955 recession and the eight stores all eventually closed. I am presently enjoying retirement in Lake Zurich, Illinois.

- Duane Williams

Alumni Reviews

Do you have any accomplishments you'd like to share with fellow alumni? Would you like to check up on a fellow brother or other alumni and see what they are doing? We are interested in presenting your stories to the rest of Delta Xi's alumni. If you are interested please email **Bob Dvorak** at bodvorak@plains.nodak.edu

Recruitment

Do you have any names of prospective young men that would make great members at Delta Xi? Do you know of any men that are legacies and are coming to UND in the fall? The men of Delta Tau Delta are interesting in hearing from our alumni in concern to recruitment. We know that this is one area that an alumni can easily participate in by just sending us a minimal amount of information on a prospective new member.

If you have any prospects please send the following information to Aaron Luebke, the rush chairmen at 2700 University Ave. G.F. ND 58202:

NAME:
HOMETOWN:
MAJOR:
INTERESTS:
ACTIVITIES:
RELATION:
PHONE:

We would be grateful for any information that you could supply us with.

- The Rush Committee

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Technology

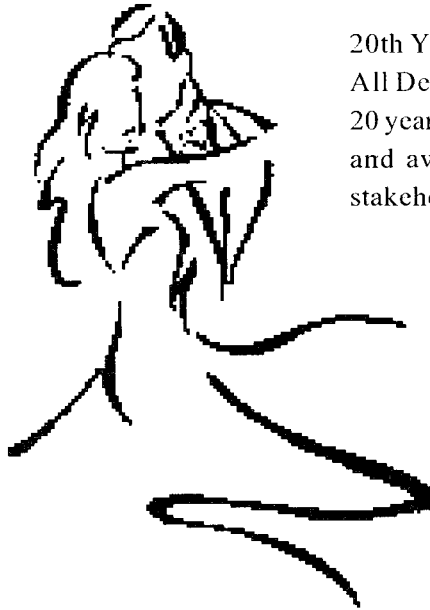
Delta Tau Delta has always offered its members the best technology and computer equipment on campus. As times change and advances take place, upgrades are necessary for computers, printers, and other equipment.

We are currently looking for newer computers to upgrade our equipment. If anyone owns or has knowledge of available equipment, we would appreciate to hear from you. Some of the items we are looking for are:

- Computers (Pentium only)
- Laser Printers
- A new copier
- General software
- Slide projector

If you have any information regarding these items, please contact **Bob Dvorak** at bodvorak@plains.nodak.edu or if you would like to donate money towards the purchase of these items, you may contact **Bruce Gjovig** at gjovig@prairie.nodak.edu

delta tau delta **Homecoming**



20th Year Celebration of Delta Tau Delta Educational Foundation

All Delta 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 5:30 p.m. and dinner starts at 6:30 p.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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