

From 2700

Delta Xi Chapter of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity
Alumni Newsletter, Spring 2004

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The Hugh Shields, This Time it's Here to Stay

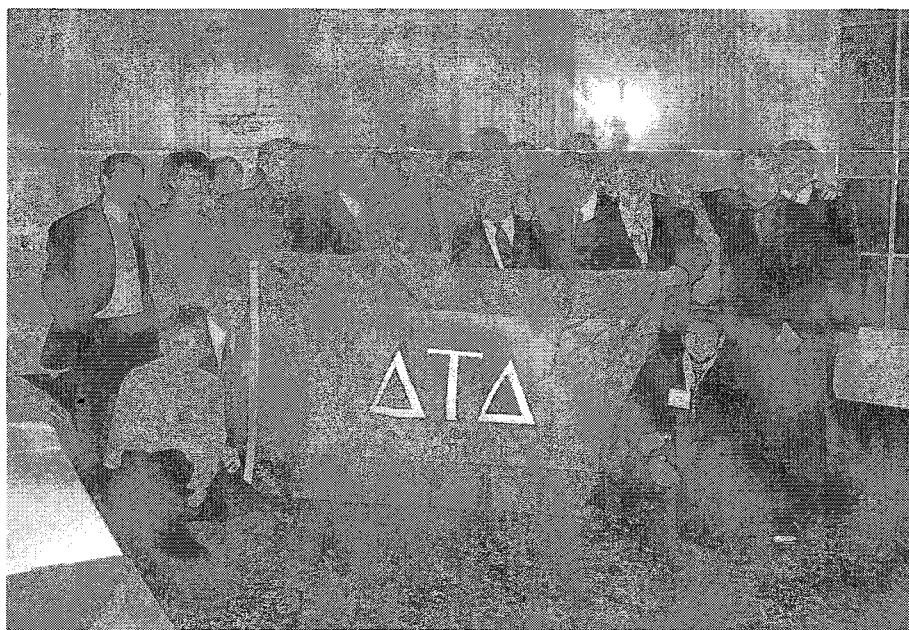
Last September I walked into the library on a Sunday night for our weekly Exec. Board meeting. During our chapter advisers report Charles DeMakis asked us if we wanted to win a Hugh Shields flag. Of course we responded, "yes." He gave us the t-shirt that he had from when he was an active member and got a flag. We put that shirt into the case in the living room, where the flag once was, so we could see our goal everyday.

In 2003 Delta Xi excelled in many areas, we had a very successful volleyball tournament last spring and a great haunted house last fall, to raise money for our community. We had 18 new members last fall and 4 more this spring. Our alumni support has grown

in the last year after Tyler Bernier and Ian Daly made a trip around the Midwest to visit with alumni around the area. In 2003, Delta Xi also won the Presidential

to make the 14 hour trip to Peoria, Illinois for the Northern Division Conference. On the bus ride hopes were high, everyone was expecting a Hugh Shields flag.

Sunday morning as we walked into the final awards banquet. A Hugh Shields flag is given only to the top 10 chapters in the world, it is our fraternities highest honor.



During that meeting Division President Don Kindler presented Delta Xi with a well deserved Hugh Shields flag. This is the fifth time that Delta Xi has received this award, which means we will have a permanent flag hung in our living room where that Hugh Shields t-shirt has been hanging for the last 6 months. The Gen-

Award for Greek Excellence (PAGE) from UND. Along with this, the chapter also received recognition for academic success and excellence in chapter management.

On Thursday February 26th, twenty-seven Delts got on a bus

We arrived in Peoria early Friday afternoon and checked into our hotel. On Saturday Delta Xi received awards for having number one GPA on campus, alumni involvement, and for their work with adopt-a-school at Winship Elementary.

Spirits were high

lemen that won this award are upstanding citizens that have all put a lot of hard work into Delta Xi, and I am proud to be a part of such a great organization.

-Brother Tom Everson

From the Chapter Advisor

Since August of 2003 I have had the privilege of serving Delta Xi as the Chapter Advisor. The experience thus far has been tremendously rewarding on my part. Between balancing being a full time law student, full time husband, part time law clerk and full time Chapter Advisor the process has been challenging. I truly feel honored to be able to give back to Delta Xi as Chapter Advisor.

The chapter is at its very height of success. Recently they were honored with their fifth Hugh Shields Award for Chapter Excellence since

1993. The chapter was also honored with numerous awards including alumni programming, academic excellence with first on campus, adopt-a-school participation, as well as exceeding the all men's / all fraternity average on campus. The Delts were also honored at UND with the Presidents Award for Greek Excellence.

The Chapter is running at peak efficiency and their dedication to lives of excellence is obvious in their work in the classroom, community, Greek community, and in their chapter. This past

fall we had an outstanding recruitment that resulted in eighteen new men taking the oath of an active Delt. I greatly enjoy participating in Administrative, Executive, and Chapter meetings. These men make it easy to advise them on Delt issues as well as areas that allow them to become better individuals. The Chapter is filled with incredible leaders and dedicated members who strive to make Delta Xi the best it can be.

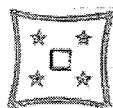
I look forward to continued success of Delta Xi and a rewarding run as Chapter

Advisor. These men and this chapter should truly make us proud of being Delts from Delta Xi. If you have any comments or questions for me feel free to e-mail me at bluewater70c@hotmail.com

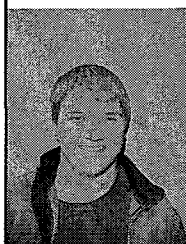
Fraternally,

Charles DeMakis '00

Delta Xi Chapter Advisor



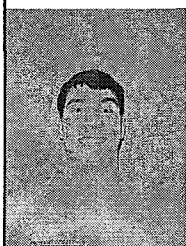
Our New Members



Name: Eric Leach
Hometown: Olympia, WA
Major: Forensic Sciences



Name: Blake Ouzounian
Hometown: Santa Monica, CA
Major: Criminal Justice



Name: Steve Tobelmann
Hometown: Plymouth, MN
Major: Commercial Aviation/ ATC



Name: Greg Thieschafer
Hometown: Sauk Center, MN
Major: Undecided

This Semester's Intramurals

The two delt intramural teams that are still playing are the hockey and volleyball teams. The hockey team has finished their regular season with a 4-4 record, while the volleyball team is 4-0 with four matches to go in their regular season. The hockey team has been playing great hockey, winning two of their final three games to finish .500. The volleyball team uses size and power to defeat their opponents in hard fought matches. The delt

teams have played great and have made the Delta Xi chapter of Delta Tau Delta proud with their dedication and aggressiveness throughout the intramural seasons this year.

- Brother Mike Dodge



Brother Drew Willemsen walks behind a row of eager Deltas, ready to get out on the ice.

A brother in Politics

The following is a Press Release from the Grand Forks Herald on Feb. 22, 2004.

Grand Forks – UND student Nick Hacker said he will seek the Republican Party nomination for the senate seat at the district 42 Republican Convention in late March. He will run for the senate seat currently held by Democratic Sen. Michael Polovitz.

Hacker is a senior at UND majoring in finance and entrepreneurship. He serves as a member of the North Dakota Higher Education Roundtable, is Chief Justice of the UND Interfraternity Council and vice president of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. He is also active in Adopt-a-School at Winship Elementary School, a student volunteer program to daily work with the elementary students to focus on education, literacy, and after school

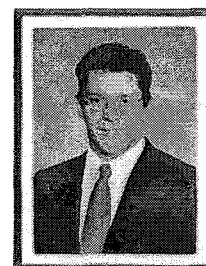
youth activities. Winship is a neighborhood school in District 42.

Hacker said that student representation is needed in Legislature as important issues like higher education funding and job development are decided upon. He stated he cares most about creating high quality jobs for college graduates and keeping more graduates instate through career opportunities. He sees entrepreneurship as a major provider of high quality jobs, and the Centers for Excellence funding will help link tech entrepreneurs with excellent university centers. He also is concerned about ensuring access to higher education for lower income students as tuition is pushed higher, and wages, financial aid, grants and scholarships may not be keeping up with 15-17% annual increases in tuition.

Hacker said people asked him to run, and this is community service he is willing to give as he builds his career in Grand Forks.

Hacker says he wants to appeal to both students and homeowner voters and feels that support for better jobs and enhanced higher education are goals common to both voter groups.

Hacker lives in a family owned home on 2nd Ave. and works in District 42 at the Hilton Garden Inn. District 42 includes the northwest portion of Grand Forks.



State Senate Candidate for District 42, Brother Nick Hacker

Brotherhood Trip to the Vogt's Cabin

On February sixth through the eighth, thirteen members and one alumni, Fred Vogt, of the Delta Xi chapter of Delta Tau Delta had the time of their life. It all started with the idea of having an intense snowboarding and skiing weekend getaway. Earl Vogt generously offered his families cottage of seclusion for this weekend of Delt fun. Once we had our destination for Mercer, Wisconsin set we began the search for the perfect sector of time to place this event among our many other activities. After a few changes, we committed to the weekend of Friday, Feb. sixth through Sunday, Feb. eighth.

Once we had our time and destination in place the next step was to plan for breakfast in the mornings and a dinner. This was not a small task in itself; how much are the guys going to actually consume? Well, we ended up buying ten pounds of ground beef chuck, thirty six hamburger buns, one head of lettuce, a jar of pickles, two sixteen packs of cheese, a container of ketchup/ mustard, four two liters of Coke and Mountain Dew, sixty four bottled waters, four pounds of hash browns, two boxes of bacon, three eighteen packs of eggs, a large bag of paper plates/ plastic cups, and a bunch of paper towels. We coordinated four vehicles to make the trip; one left Grand Forks, ND at 12:30pm, one at 1:45pm, one at 4:30pm, and one at 6:00pm. The drive took about seven hours for three out of the four groups

but it took one of the groups about nine hours because they executed a wrong turn.

The first group set up, opened the propane valves, started the lantern lights, and got the wood burning stoves going. The cottage was only accessible by snowmobile and we only had one to transport everyone. We utilized the sled that was attached to the snowmobile to move more people and supplies. Once the last of the groups arrived, we broke out our Delt songbooks, sang our voices hoarse, and then went to bed at around 4am.

Wake up call was at 9am and breakfast was finished around 10:30am. Ten of us headed to Indian Head in Michigan for our day to play in the snow and three guys stayed back with the dogs and where going to go snow shoeing. We had about three guys skiing and seven guys snowboarding. The day was perfect for outside snow activities; it was twenty degrees and sunny. The lifts where scheduled to stop by 4:30pm so most of us made our last run at about 4:15pm because the parking lot and main lodge where at the top of the hill. After returning some rentals, we made sure we had everyone and headed back to the cottage. We started dinner around 6pm and where ready for some poker, songs, and relaxation. Most of us ended up in bed by about 2am and were up by 11am. We made breakfast and started our major cleanup. Once our stuff was cleared

out and the cottage was sparkling, we left Mercer, Wisconsin.

Before we took off, we made sure we let Fred Vogt know of how appreciative we were to have been able to stay in his cottage. This weekend allowed us to be as relaxed or as wild as we wanted. As the head of our Brotherhood Chair, I saw many positive interactions among our men of Chapter Delta Xi. We had disagreements but were able to resolve

them; thirteen guys in a small cottage can make anyone a little aggravated. Overall, everyone had an awesome experience and became a little closer to one another. I was quite pleased with the resulting trip and began to more deeply appreciate my position in the house as Brotherhood Chairman.

- Brother Chris Simondet

Brotherhood Chairman



Earl Vogt (left), George Connelly and Dan Storey (right), wait while Mr. Vogt (middle) makes some breakfast.



(Left to right) Brant Hebert, Earl Vogt, Seth Hardley and Chris Simondet pose for another picture.

From the President's Desk



What can I say beyond, Hugh Shields, that could better sum up the hard work of the members of Delta Xi. Once again we have improved on the successes of the preceding semesters. As can be seen with the earning of the Hugh Shields and P.A.G.E. awards, Delta Xi's programming, commitment, and involvement are among the best in the nation. The chapter is set on maintaining its current level of achievement and improving in years to come.

The chapter still prides itself with programs such as Adopt-a-School, the Deltona Beach Volleyball Tournament, and the Delt Haunted House, but the house is becoming more

involved in everything that is occurring on campus. About ninety percent of our members are involved in at least one campus organization with many achieving leadership positions. Our chapter has had at least one team compete in every intramural sport, and all of our teams are fully staffed. Our brotherhood events are diversifying to include weekly activities and off-campus trips. These activities are creating strong friendships and a true feeling of brotherhood.

Delta Xi is firing on all eight cylinders and can be attributed to many sources. Past undergraduates have provided a solid structure for the house to remain effective and efficient. Alumni support is considerably appreciated, and Bruce Gjovig and Charles

DeMakis deserve special recognition for their efforts over the last year. The future of the chapter looks bright, as well. The Divisional Leadership Conference held in February saw twenty-seven members attend, many of whom are young leaders in the fraternity and on campus. Twelve members also attended the local leadership academy held during the first weekend of March. Younger members are stepping up into important roles in the house and I feel secure knowing these men will run Delta Xi during the next few years. I am proud to be a member of this chapter and I am confident in its continued success.

- Brother Tyler Bernier

Delta Xi Chapter President

Extraordinary Alumni

This year has brought many highlights, with the Hugh Shield's award and the many other accomplishments of Delta Xi. Delta Xi's mission and vision is not limited to just the active members. What many forget is the wonderful alumni and alumni support we receive here at 2700. For the many gifts of flag poles, dinning room tables and Scholarships we are very appreciative. I do need to mention one particular gift received by Delta Xi this past winter. As many know it takes a lot to keep our chapter looking respectable and functional. With the

generous donation from Norm Skalicky, this task was not too difficult. Norm and all his generosity through the years has become one of most recognized alumnus of this chapter. Norm contributed to the chapter an amazing unexpected gift of \$20,000. Of this, \$8,000 was used for the updating and renovating the living room and library. The library received new wallpaper and the living room received new lighting, a study table and chairs, and elegant lamps. The designers were our very own Bruce Gjovig and CC Plus of Grand Forks. The other \$12,000 has been

donated to Norm's New Member Scholarship, this scholarship is given to new members holding a 3.0 average and a leadership position in any organization. The next time you have a chance, swing in and take a look. To Norm, your donations, support and leadership have impacted this chapter beyond what you can imagine. From the chapter of Delta Xi we cordially thank you and will always look upon you as one of Delta Xi's greatest!

- Brother Nick Hacker

External Vice President

More information about Norm Skalicky, and his new and past donations can be found on page 6.



Alumni Mentor/Shadow Program

The Gentle of Delta Xi Chapter of Delta Tau Delta, have considered starting an Alumni mentor, or shadow program between our chapter's undergraduates, and alumni. This program would most likely take place over the summer months, when normal college classes are out of session (between May and August). What we would like to do, is to pair a couple interested undergraduates, each with an alumnus who is currently in the career of that particular undergraduate's major. For example, undergraduates studying law, would be paired with an alumnus who is a lawyer, or an aviation student with an alumnus pilot or someone in airport management, and so

on. The undergraduate would then go out and follow the alumnus to any allowable part of their usual work day, to get a taste of what they may be handling when they get into the working world. Through this, we hope to form connection between those undergraduates and alumnus, allowing the undergraduate to use the alumnus as a source of information and mentoring through the last couple years of this college career, and into the working world.

Our goal for this year is to get the names of a couple alumni who may be interested in participating. This way we can start to get input on the alumni's thoughts, as far as how

long the undergraduate would stay, where they would stay, and so on.

If you would either be interested in participating in such a program, or would just like to give us your thoughts or ideas on the matter, please e-mail me with whatever questions, concerns or input of any kind you may have, and I will be sure they are handled by the appropriate people. Any participation would be greatly appreciated in trying to get this program off the ground.

Fraternally,
John Johnson

Alumni Relations chair
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Norm Skalicky Updates Chapter Library & Living Room

Norm Skalicky '55 of St Cloud, Minnesota - made an \$8000 donation to the Delta Educational Foundation to update the Chapter library and living room to improve the study environment. The funds were used to install new wallpaper in the library (replacing the 1979 vintage), install overhead reading lights in the living room, purchase study lamps, and purchase a new study table and four chairs. Skalicky also donated another \$12,000 to fund the Skalicky New Member Scholarships for 2004.

Skalicky established the new member scholarship program with

the Delta Tau Delta Educational Foundation in 1994 to provide academic scholarships to new members of Delta Tau Delta. Previously only initiated members were eligible for scholarships and awards. In appreciation to his dedication and support of Delta Tau Delta, the chapter library was dedicated as the Norm Skalicky Library in March of 1998. Norm has served as a trustee of the Delta Tau Delta Educational Foundation since the late 1980s and often attends chapter awards events. He was the keynote speaker at the March 2003 Parents-Alumni Banquet.

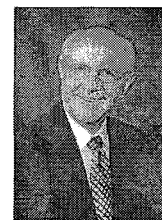
Skalicky is CEO and President of Stearns Banks of St Cloud, which is now a \$1 billion bank with seven locations in central Minnesota and Scottsdale, Arizona. Skalicky started with a small rural bank in Albany, MN that he bought in 1965 at age 30. For many years Stearns banks has been a top-performing bank nationally. Earnings were high enough to make Stearns the nation's most profitable commercial bank (among those with up to \$1 billion in assets) over the five years ending in 2000, according to the ABA Banking Journal. In addition, Skalicky is presi-

dent of Stearns Financial, a leasing company that provides equipment leasing services nationwide, Stearns Agency, National Dispatch Insurance, S&D Inc. and Skal-Kin, Inc., all located in the St Cloud area. Norm was inducted into the North Dakota Entrepreneur Hall of Fame in 2003 for his entrepreneurial accomplishments.

Norm has four grown children, three of who live in Minnesota, one who lives in Chicago, and he has six granddaughters.

-Bruce Gjovig '74

Academic Advisor



Brother Norm Skalicky

Delts Are Top Chapter

North Dakota Delts are a top Greek chapter on the UND campus, and a top ten chapter nationwide in Delta Tau Delta International Fraternity. That is a bold statement backed up by recent performance.

In January the North Dakota Delts received UND's Presidential Award for Greek Excellence (PAGE). This means the chapter achieved at least 90% in 13 performance criteria, which involves all aspects of the chapter's operations. Just three of 20 Greek chapters received the PAGE award, Delta Gamma and Sigma Phi Epsilon being the other two. The Chapter also received campus awards for excellence in chapter management and excellence in Greek community and UND involvement. And the Delts received awards for Chapter GPA above a 3.0 for spring and fall 2003.

In February, Delta Xi Chap-

ter brought home its 5th Hugh Shields award as a top ten chapter among our 120 chapters nationwide for activities in 2003. Previous Hugh Shields Awards were secured in 1993, 1994, 1995, and 1999. The Hugh Shields flag is now 'retired' and hangs in the Delt living room. Delta Xi Chapter was awarded 11 Court of Honor recognitions (top 20 chapter) since 1983. This is a record of undergraduate accomplishment and leadership of which we can be proud.

UND Fraternity and Sorority chapters are home to scholars and academic achievers. Half of the 20 Greek chapters on campus have a chapter grade-point average above a 3.0, and that has been true for several semesters in a row. The average chapter has 50 members, Delt has 61. The Delts had a 3.03 for Fall 2003, a 3.18 for Spring 2003, and 3.16 for Fall 2002. Our Educational Foundation can be proud

of such academic performance. No wonder we provide nearly \$40,000 per year in scholarships and achievement awards. They earn them.

The 1,000 members of the Greek system have a higher GPA than the campus as a whole (9,633 undergraduates). The seven sororities on campus have a combined GPA of 3.11, while the non-Greek women have a GPA of 3.08. The 13 fraternities on campus have a combined GPA of 2.88 and the all non-Greek men have a GPA of 2.87. These are hard-working, performing students. Yes there may be some grade inflation from our days at UND, but still there is academic performance.

For fall 2003, the Greek community reported 10,497 community service hours. That is an average of 656 hours per week during the semester on top of being full-time students and part-time employees. Our uni-

versity, community and the nonprofits they assist are better and richer because of this effort. The Delts reported 2,147 community service hours of 4,424 hours reported by fraternities, nearly half of the fraternity total, and 21% of the total hours in the system. Greeks are committed volunteers, and Delts are leaders in community service. A favorite is Adopt-A-School at Winship Elementary School, a student volunteer program to work daily with elementary students to focus on education, literacy and after school youth activities.

If we were a publicly traded corporation, our stock is the highest ever, our return on investment is superb. Most importantly, the North Dakota Delt experience is extraordinary in many ways, based on excellent performance as well as brotherhood.

-Bruce Gjovig '74

Academic Advisor

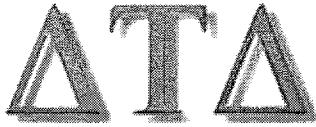
Attention All Alumni:

Coming soon— The Alumni Golf Tournament

Date: 5-8-04

Watch your e-mails and/or mailboxes for RSVP and other information concerning the event.

Hope to see you there.

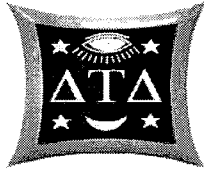


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Recruitment

Rush is the perpetuation of the Fraternity and the success of any rush program is, of course, dependent upon securing as early as possible. You, our alumni, can be of great assistance, as in the past. If you know of someone from your area that is planning to attend UND next fall, or is currently enrolled here, and in your estimation is a man who is prospective Delt material, please send his name, address, and any other relevant information to the chapter in care of the Recruitment Chairman. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Prospect's Name _____
Address _____
Graduate of _____ High School
Expects to enter (college) _____ Finances _____
Scholarship Rating _____
Fraternity Connections _____
Activities and Hobbies _____
General Comments _____



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