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John Christiana Conquers Mt. Everest

Cal State-Fullerton Brother Conquers Everest

by Patrick Bonfrisco, *Cal State-Fullerton*

Mount Elbrus is the highest point on the European continent. Kilimanjaro is the highest point in Africa. Denali and Aconcagua are the highest points in North and South America, respectively. Mount Everest, on the border of Tibet and Nepal, is not only the highest point on the Asian continent, but at 29,028 feet, it is the highest elevation in the world. Brother John Christiana, *Cal State-Fullerton*, has climbed them all.

John is an avid participant in just about every outdoor sport imaginable. From snow skiing, to canoeing, to rafting, to biking, he does it all. He has completed three marathons, several 10K's, plays tennis, and participates in bowling, baseball, and soccer leagues. Somehow, in the midst of all that activity, Brother Christiana finds time to climb mountains—and answer some questions for *The DELTASIG*.

Let's first talk about the Fraternity. How did you get involved in Delta Sigma Pi?

With my major in marketing management, I wanted to join a professional business organization that would also serve as a social group where I could meet people and make friends.

What positions did you hold?

I was the pledge president and senior vice president.

With your busy schedule, do you ever get to see your Fraternity brothers?

Yes, I still get together with friends from the Pier 9-Long Beach Alumni Chapter. Andy Wilson, *Cal State-Long Beach*, climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro with me and Tanya Chuang, *Cal State-Long Beach*, sponsored my Mt. Everest climb. I go skiing with my alumni chapter and help organize our annual rafting trip.



On his Mt. Everest climb, John Christiana reaches 27,000 feet. On the descent, John's tent collapsed at this altitude, forcing him to spend the night outside.

Were you involved in any other organizations in college?

I was very active in the Catholic Newman Club where I was president and treasurer, as well as holding other positions along the way.

Climbing and other outdoor activities are obviously your passion. What is your profession?

I am a marketing director for Eckland Consultants Incorporated, a commercial real estate company in Irvine, Calif.

Has being a Deltasig helped your career?

The social setting of Deltasig, where you are surrounded and influenced by mature professionals with the same business goals is always positive for your career.

How did you develop an interest in mountain climbing?

It all started in the Boy Scouts when we climbed mountains. My love for the outdoors and mountain climbing, as well as the feeling I get when I climb and have the goal of attaining the summit, then naturally led to me organizing local climbs with friends, then climbs all over the West, then climbs all over the world.

What was the first mountain you ever climbed?

I think it was San Jacinto in Southern California. This is just above Palm Springs, although I went up the back side from Idyllwild. This is a good starter mountain.

Let's talk about Mt. Everest. When did you first know you wanted to make the climb?

Actually only about three years ago. I had the idea of climbing the Seven Summits, that is, the highest point on the seven continents. As for really climbing Everest, it was just over a year ago that I put my deposit down and that was when I knew I was really going to do it. I know we must live in the present. When did I know I was actually going to make it? About 10 minutes before I reached the summit.

How did you prepare for the Everest climb?

In the long-term, my experience as a teen, climbing mountains in the Scouts was a start. Then I climbed many mountains in my 20s with friends. Then, in my 30s, I began climbing the highest point in every state, the 50 state highpoints (completed about half). From there, at age 40, I began climbing the highest point on the seven continents. The first four continents I climbed are all high altitude, above 18,000 feet, so that was a good base of experience.



Brother Christiana, and fellow camp members, at 23,000 feet.

In the short-term, besides staying in relatively good shape, I worked out every day for about three months before the climb. I kept a chart on the wall, with my progress, to motivate me. Then I read as much as I could to help prepare me.

What were the specific challenges faced in your climb—beyond the “ordinary?”

There was a death in our expedition, as one of my fellow climbers, God bless his soul, let his desire to summit the mountain overtake the unwritten rules of safe mountain-climbing.

I also had my tent collapse at 27,000 feet, on my way down. This caused me to spend the night outside my tent, in extreme temperatures and winds. All my fingers and toes became numb for four weeks—they have since healed completely.

How are you able to afford all these climbs?

Many companies will donate equipment or financial assistance, in exchange for exposure for their firm. Cal State-Long Beach brother Tanya Chuang works for SanDisk and gave me

a financial sponsorship. In exchange, I took pictures on the summit and of my tent, with the SanDisk logo. I used the SanDisk flashcard in my digital camera, for all five of the continental summit pictures I have.

How do you find time to do all that you do?

I don't know. I have this passion to climb the Seven Summits right now, so I make the time. We all can do whatever we choose, and make the time for that choosing. I have been consumed for the past two and a half years with these climbs, but really, I have still carried on a social life at the same time. As my friends say, my fierce determination carries me through. I have summited all



SanDisk, one of Brother Christiana's many sponsors, helped make his dreams of climbing Mt. Everest a reality.

five continents on my first attempt, which is rare, because I have prepared, fought through obstacles, and had a little luck with weather and health. ▲

In addition to climbing five of the Seven Summits, Brother Christiana has also climbed a number of state high points, including Mt. Rainier, Borah Peak, Mt. Whitney, Mt. Hood, Mt. Elbert, Wheeler Peak, Guadalupe Peak, King's Peak, Boundry Peak, Mt. Humphries, Denali, White Butte, Harney Peak, Mauna Kea, and more.

John, age 44, lives in San Francisco. When he's not scuba diving in Hawaii or climbing mountains in Asia, John delivers motivational presentations using maps, information, music, and hundreds of slides from his nine-week Mt. Everest expedition. In addition, he's preparing to climb Vinson Massif, the highest point on Antarctica. He is currently raising funds and hoping to make the climb this November.

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"I resent all the junk mail the Fraternity sends me and can't believe we stoop so low for handouts!"

"Thank you so much for setting up the GEICO program, I saved \$280 right off the bat!"



Mitch Simmons,
Grand President

For Delta Sigma Pi affinity programs, it *always* seems to be the best of times and the worst of times! I'll try to shed some light on the importance of our partners to the Fraternity and many of our members.

While many brothers are inconvenienced by an occasional telemarketing call—and fairly routine direct mailings—*thousands* of brothers are actively taking advantage of discounted offerings from our various affinity partners. For example, well over 3,000 brothers have found savings in the GEICO auto insurance program since our partnership began. Others find convenience, discounts, and/or ease in using our credit card, conference calling, student loan program, hotel and rental car offerings, etc.

Pride in carrying and promoting the Delta Sigma Pi "brand" is also a factor. Our newly developed US Bank credit card partnership, for example, offers a royal purple card with a full color coat of arms and the Greek letters. This card also offers brothers reward points for the first time, as well as many other attractive user benefits. (Call 1-800-853-5576 ext. 8709 for more information.)

The Fraternity has limited opportunities for revenues other than dues and fees to undergraduates—and donations from alumni. Donations have, indeed, increased significantly over time under the direction of our Leadership Foundation. However, Fraternity programs and costs continue to grow and the Board and staff are faced with finding alternatives to keep dues and fees as low as possible.

To that end, we have asked Executive Director Bill Schilling to find and negotiate agreements with various partners that offer services of interest and value to our members. These vendors pay the Fraternity sponsorship fees for access to the membership. That access can take the form of mail, email, phone or "in person" at events. Generally, the more access provided, the greater the return (to both the partner and the Fraternity). The Board and staff carefully weigh the value



Your Board has charged the executive director with securing strong affinity partners—like the new 'points' VISA card from US Bank—yielding win-win-win results for the vendors, individual members and the National Fraternity.

received to the organization vs. the "intrusion factor" to members.

These factors are also balanced against what the potential interest or value may be to our members. *Many* programs (and many promoted by members) are rejected through the application of this "formula."

In essence, while we realize few people like getting calls at home or too much mail, the flip side is that considerable funds have been raised to keep dues and fees low. In the last three years alone, over \$200,000 has been secured from our affinity partners. These dollars allowed us to acquire needed technology, resume publication of a quality magazine, repair the Central Office building and build an extensive web site—so important to our current day-to-day activities. This at a time when investment income was at an extreme low.

Remember, too, that *many* brothers (in the *thousands* overall) *do* take advantage of the offerings because they find value in them—or just want to support the Fraternity.

So please, when you get a mailing from one of our affinity partners, take a look at the contents. It might just be of value to you! Or at least smile, knowing that some of your brothers are benefiting directly—or indirectly—from that program, helping to keep Delta Sigma Pi growing strong! Thank you for your understanding—and support!

Fraternally,

Mitch B. Simmons
Mitch Simmons
Grand President

Editor's Note: *The Fraternity has more than a dozen affinity partners, all of which can be found at www.dspnet.org (click on "Marketplace" on the home page links then "Affinity Partners") or call 513-523-1907 for details. The US Bank 'points' VISA card and a student loan program with CFS are both new offerings worth examining.*

"Fraternal Forum" allows elected leaders, staff, and interested members to offer updates, viewpoints and commentaries on issues facing the Fraternity. Contact the Central Office if you have an interest in authoring a column. Final determination of content rests with the editorial staff.

Memoirs of my Fraternal Years

by Charles Farrar, Louisiana Tech

On June 13, 2005, Delta Sigma Pi lost a truly great brother, former Executive Director and 2003 Lifetime Achievement honoree Charles Farrar. So, in remembrance and honor of Brother Farrar, we are sharing his fraternal memories, authored not long before his death in preparation for our Centennial celebration.

There is nothing different or unusual about my becoming a member of Delta Sigma Pi. I had just completed two years in the U.S. Army and enrolled at Louisiana Tech during the 1956 spring semester. There were many returning veterans, many from South Arkansas, including my roommate. We all felt we had lost a couple of years in our life and needed to get on with it. There was a certain bonding between us. Fortunately, I was deemed good enough to be invited and on May 12, 1957 became a member.

My first experience at the national level was a chapter visit by Regional Director Roy Tipton and George Ragland (both Memphis brothers). That fall, the regional meeting was held at the King Cotton Hotel in Memphis—several Beta Psi brothers were in attendance. It was there I first met fellow student (and future Grand President) Bill Tatum, *Southern Mississippi*. He was known by the name Billy West Tatum.

It was during the Regional, I discussed with Roy and George a new position of field secretary. My roommate, Harold Bledsoe, served as chapter president during the first semester and I as president during the second semester. I, supposedly based on their recommendation, received a telephone call from Executive Director Jim Thomson in which he offered me the position. Following graduation from Louisiana Tech, I loaded clothes in a car and headed north to Oxford, Ohio, not really knowing what to expect.



At a 2003 ceremony in Ruston, La, former Executive Director Charles Farrar was honored with the Delta Sigma Pi Lifetime Achievement award. He passed away June 13, 2005.

Don Hill, *Minnesota*, and I lived in the guest quarters on the second floor of the brand new Central Office building. The Central Office literally sat in the middle of a corn field—there was no curb, gutter or sidewalk connecting our building to the street. Grand Chapter Congress was held in nearby Cincinnati that fall, giving the members a great opportunity to visit the Central Office. Following Congress, Don and I hit the road with an aggressive plan to expand the Fraternity. During the 15 years I was on staff, the Fraternity enjoyed its great-

est growth—77 chapters. The first chapter to be installed during my time was Delta Tau at Indiana State; the last was Iota Kappa at James Madison. Of course, Jim Thomson and many others deserve credit for much of this growth.

Two years later I was promoted to executive secretary. Summers were spent cleaning and repairing regalia, attending lots of picnics, golfing, going to movies, bowling, etc. Once a week the staff members from Deltasig, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta and Phi Kappa Tau (all headquartered in Oxford) met at the Huddle Restaurant for lunch just to socialize.

On the Road

One of my most memorable experiences was my first trip to Phoenix. Deplaning from the new Boeing 707 American Airlines jet on the tarmac at Sky Harbor airport, I was paged to come to the nearest telephone. On the other end was Ruth “Stonie” Sutton whom I had never met. She advised me she was on her way to pick me up (in her white T-Bird!) for lunch with husband Buzz, *Arizona State*, followed by an old fashioned Arizona rodeo. It was a weekend I will never forget and a friendship that has lasted throughout the years. Fraternity policy did not permit staff to stay with other members or Grand Council members. This was always an exception. The other exception was Tom, *Northwestern-Chicago*, and Lois Mocella. (**Editor’s Note:** Ruth “Stonie” Sutton was later made an honorary initiate at Arizona State in 1998.)

In 1964, Florida Atlantic began construction of a new campus in Boca Raton—located on an old military base. A group of students organized by Dr. James Montgomery, *Miami-Ohio*, and Michael Pantya, *Miami-Florida*, invited me to visit the campus to discuss organizing a chapter with them. I flew to West Palm Beach for the meeting. Upon arrival, I was advised that Wayne

Pulsipher, *Florida Atlantic*, (later a chapter chancellor) was a student pilot and was flying us back to campus, landing on the university's airstrip. You cannot imagine my anxiety. The end result was the installation of Zeta Phi Chapter, the first national organization on the new campus.

Another memorable expansion story concerns Shepherd College. I was invited to discuss the possibility at a meeting held in a hotel in Martinsburg, West Virginia. Following dinner, I preceded to tell them of our charter requirements. The school was much too small to meet the minimum requirements established by the Grand Council. I had no choice but to tell them so. I sat down and the president reached under the table presenting me with the required petition. I promised I would return it and they would hear from the Fraternity shortly. The rest is history and the group became Epsilon Kappa.

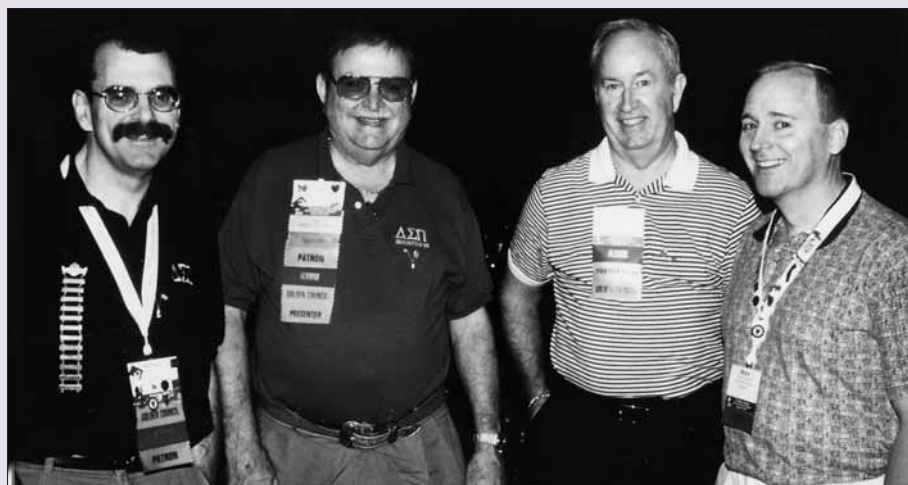
A group of students from Western State (Gunnison, Colo.) inquired about establishing a chapter. We got into a "dog fight" with Alpha Kappa Psi over this group, but in the end we won. When I flew out to Gunnison for the pledging ceremony, I was unable to land due to a heavy snow storm. I ended up in Montrose late for the pledging. We headed back to Gunnison over the mountains in the snow, literally scared

to death. Zeta Kappa Chapter was one of my most favorite chapters to visit. They were always a pleasure to be with.

Around 1962, Rider College was located in a group of old store fronts and office buildings in downtown Trenton, New Jersey. They began construction of a new campus in Lawrenceville. Among the new buildings were new fraternity houses. Our Beta Xi Chapter house was the first to be constructed. The Greek letters had already been installed on the house when our chapter, considered by its members too small and weak to remain independent, decided to join with a social fraternity. At this time, the Greek letters were removed and later installed on the east end of the Central Office where they remain today.

On May 4, 1964, during my first vacation trip abroad (specifically when I was in Venice) I received a telegram from then Executive Director Jim Thomson offering me his position as Executive Director. I was shocked but quickly responded that I would accept.

***Charles Farrar served on
the Central Office staff
for 15 years; 1964–1974,
as Executive Director.***



Charles Farrar, Louisiana Tech, enjoys a Grand Chapter Congress with (from left) Richard Featherston, North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Bill Tatum, Southern Mississippi, (Charles), and Bruce Thompson, St. Cloud State. Charles first met future Grand President Tatum at a late-fifties regional meeting in Memphis, when they were both students.

Memories of Grand Chapter Congress

One of the most memorable experiences was the 1965 Grand Chapter Congress at West End, Grand Bahamas Island. The Jack Tar Hotel operated a small guest transportation boat between Fort Lauderdale and the Island. The Fraternity chartered several old Mackey Airlines DC-9s to also ferry members to the Island. Shortly after arriving, Hurricane Betsy abruptly showed up in the Atlantic. The hotel staff advised me the Island had to be evacuated due to the storm bearing directly upon it. We hadn't even begun the business meetings, but quickly sprang into action to get as much accomplished as possible. As it turned out, the hurricane blew past the Island and stalled on the North Carolina coast, reversing and hitting Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

Edward Cole, then president of General Motors, was the National Honorary Initiate at the 1969 Congress at Mackinac Island. He arrived early for the initiation, followed later by his wife, Dottie. When I met her at the dock to escort her to the hotel, she informed me she had been "up to her elbows in horse s*** all day." She had been raised on a farm in Texas. Two nicer people you could not meet.

Probably the highlight of all my Congresses was 1967 in Biloxi, Mississippi. Founder Harold Jacobs was invited to be the guest of honor. Later that fall, he visited the Central Office (the only Founder to do so) and was a guest in my home. It was truly a pleasure to meet with him and a memory I shall never forget.

It seemed if there was any disturbance at Grand Chapter Congress, I was always the first to be called, no matter what time of day. At the 1971 Congress at Pocono Manor, I was called about 3:00 A.M. by security to come to a disturbance on one of the upper floors. The Governor of Pennsylvania was a guest in the hotel and the brothers thought it was a good idea to repeatedly serenade him!

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"How to Build Your Successful Career"

A Program by the American Management Association

Deltasig is partnering with the American Management Association (AMA) to offer a career development workshop, "How to Build Your Successful Career," for both young and seasoned alumni. This event will take place April 28, from 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., at the Marriott O'Hare in Chicago. Registration is \$300 per person, (*FYI: Cost for an average one-day AMA workshop is \$1,345 for non members and \$1,195 for members . . . making the \$300 for Deltasigs a deal you can't beat!*) lunch included. Act now! The registration deadline is March 24. A discounted hotel rate of \$99 has been arranged.

About the Program

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About the Presenter— Jennifer B. Kahnweiler, Ph.D.

Jennifer B. Kahnweiler, Ph.D., the seminar leader, is founder and owner of AboutYOU, Inc. an Atlanta based firm specializing in providing career management expertise to professionals, organizations and the media. She has over 25 years experience in consulting across a wide range of industries and has worked for companies such as GE, Turner Broadcasting and the Department of Homeland Security. She is one of AMA's outstanding career experts and was named the National Career Development Association's Outstanding Career Practitioner. Participants in her workshops have consistently described her programs as "interactive, fast moving and fun."

Jennifer is co-author with Dr. Bill Kahnweiler of a highly regarded book for HR professionals called *Shaping Your HR Role: Succeeding in Today's Organizations* (Elsevier, 2005), a results driven guide for crafting a successful HR career. Dr. Kahnweiler also writes the Advisor column in the award winning Navigator section of *AARP The Magazine* and recently appeared as a featured career expert on the national show, *Movie and a Makeover* on WTBS.

To view an outline of this program, learn more about the presenter, and to register, visit the National Calendar of Events at www.dspnet.org. ▲

Thanks to the generous support of the Delta Sigma Pi Leadership Foundation, we are able to offer this program at a savings of over \$1,000 per attendee! Thanks, in addition, to Past Grand President John Henik and the Chicago Alumni Chapter for their help in promoting and supporting this program!

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Moving On

Like Rider, Ithaca College was located in similar structures in downtown Ithaca. Students lived in old houses operated by the college. Fire destroyed one of those buildings, killing one of our Fraternity members. The national media tried to demonize us for allowing our members to live under those conditions—until they learned they were actually owned by the college.

In 1970, I decided I had reached most of my goals and it was necessary for me to try and advance my professional career. I decided to enroll in the evening MBA program at Miami-Ohio. After completion of only two courses, the evening program was discontinued. While visiting Zeta Phi at Florida Atlantic, I learned of a new Executive MBA program they were planning. After attending summer school for three years, I received my MBA in 1973.

I immediately began the search for another career. During a reactivation visit to Gamma Delta at Mississippi State, I made a hastily planned trip to New Orleans for an interview for the position of Executive Vice President of the Louisiana Realtors Association in Baton Rouge. I later joined Executive Secretary Ben Wolfenberger, *Texas Tech*, and Grand President Harold Cannon, *Cal State-Chico*, at the American Association of Collegiate Schools of Business meeting at Miami Beach—without anyone knowing I was even considering a move.

Several weeks earlier, while visiting the Mocella's at their home in Palatine, Ill., we had decided to visit Delta Mu at Americas. When we arrived in Mexico City I proceeded to tell Brother Mocella of my intentions to leave the Fraternity.

In 1974 I resigned to become Executive Vice President of the Louisiana Realtors Association, a position I held for 15 years. I later accepted the same position with the Greater Tampa Association of Realtors. After retirement from the Realtor Associations, I was employed by American



In 1959 Brother Farrar and Don Hill, Minnesota, lived on the second floor of the "brand new" Central Office building in Oxford, Ohio. They were Field Secretaries, now known as Educational and Leadership Consultants.

Express Corporate Travel Division. I utilized this opportunity for personal travel using every perk available to me!

The issue of female membership had just begun when I left Deltasig. Many accused me of leaving at a critical time. Nothing could have been further from the truth. The one thing I am absolutely sure of is that Dr. Kathryn Duffy, *Nevada-Reno*, was the first female member. She was the chapter advisor when the chapter was installed and as far as I know continued until her retirement. I do know the Grand Council presented her with a membership certificate that read "Special Member."

Brother Farrar is Honored

I want to take this opportunity to pay special tribute to Jim Thomson. He taught me much and was certainly a good boss. If I enjoyed any success as an association executive, he helped me prepare. I will always be grateful to him for that.

In 2003, I received Deltasig's Lifetime Achievement Award. I was shocked

"I can truly say some of the best years of my life were spent with Delta Sigma Pi."

when Executive Director Bill Schilling called me with the news. I told him there had to be hundreds, even thousands, of members more deserving. He would not agree. I was still living in Tampa at the time and could have had the presentation there. Instead I chose to return to Louisiana Tech for the event, which included 50-yard-line recognition at the Tech-SMU football game that day!

I can truly say some of the best years of my life were spent with Delta Sigma Pi. The friendships I made with so many members will live with me for the rest of my life. After I was diagnosed with terminal cancer in the spring of 2005, I received numerous cards and telephone calls from across the country. This means so much to have such great Fraternity brothers! ▲

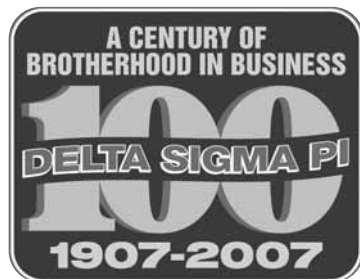
The History of Delta Sigma Pi: 1940 to 1945- The World War II Years

by James Prescott, Loyola-Chicago

This is Part 6 of a Centennial Series,
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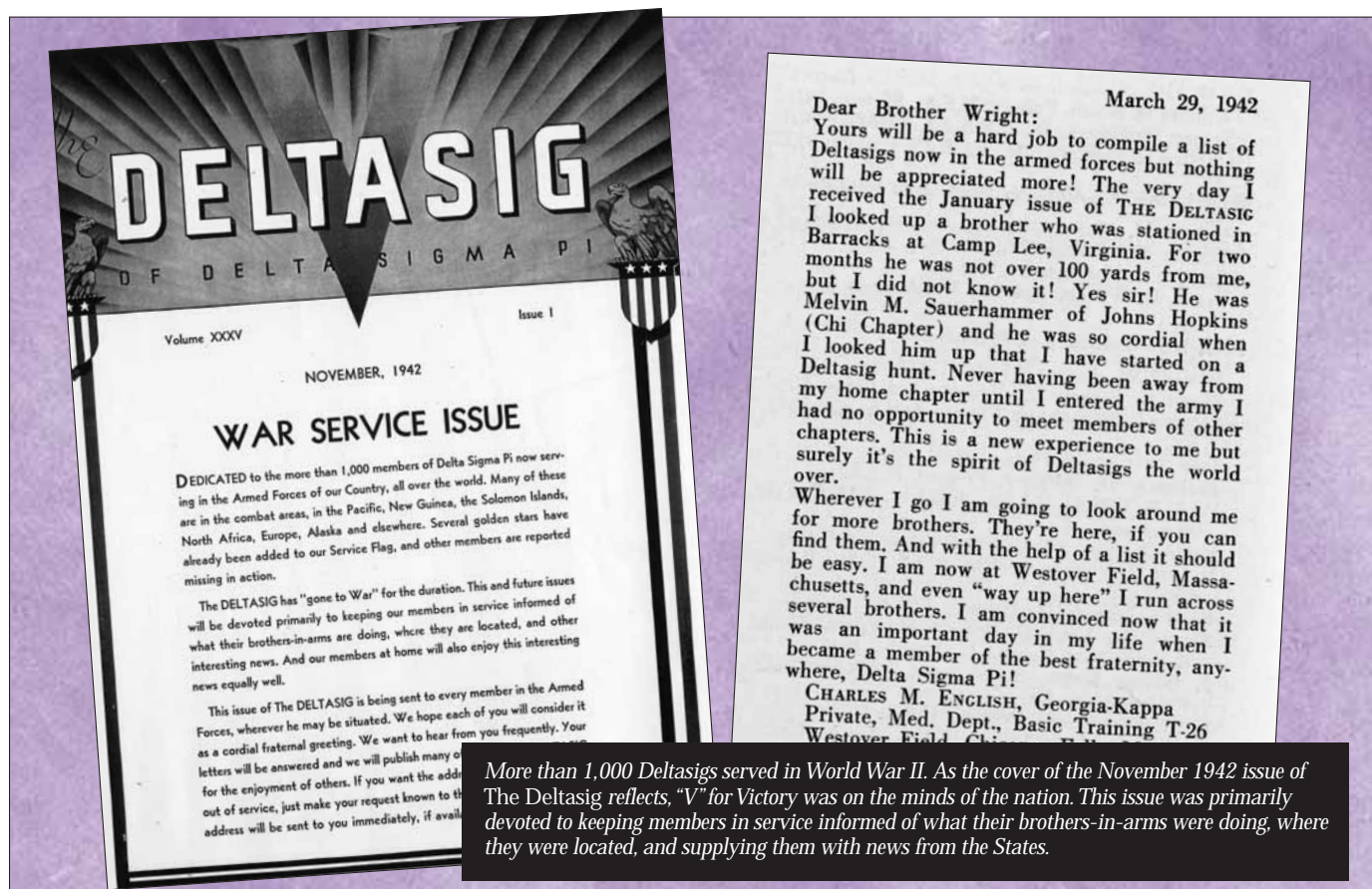
As the 1930s came to a close, the Great Depression was beginning to show signs of coming to an end. But with a new war in Europe and a war in China that had already been going on for several years, America was increasingly fearful our involvement would become an eventuality. It was becoming not a matter of "if," but a matter of "when." When the answer finally came, it was from a different part of the world and initially meant war with Japan, not Germany.

Delta Sigma Pi was operating in near normal mode in 1940. Chapters were in



full operation, the Central Office was considering an expansion of services, but more and more alumni were enlisting in the "armed services." Conscription was not far off. *The DELTASIG* magazine continued to be published and the Alumni Placing Service continued in operation. But by March 1941, *The*

DELTASIG began carrying articles on how business was beginning to do its part for the national defense. America would soon become the "arsenal of democracy," and with the huge industrial engine we had built and would have to build even greater, we still felt completely protected by our surrounding oceans and friendly neighbors to our North and South. And so our magazine also continued to carry traditional articles of business success and chapter activities. There was the hope, all across the country, that war could be averted. And plans were well under way for the 14th Grand Chapter Congress in September of 1942. These plans, and many others, would soon come to a quick halt.



More than 1,000 Deltasigs served in World War II. As the cover of the November 1942 issue of *The Deltasig* reflects, "V" for Victory was on the minds of the nation. This issue was primarily devoted to keeping members in service informed of what their brothers-in-arms were doing, where they were located, and supplying them with news from the States.

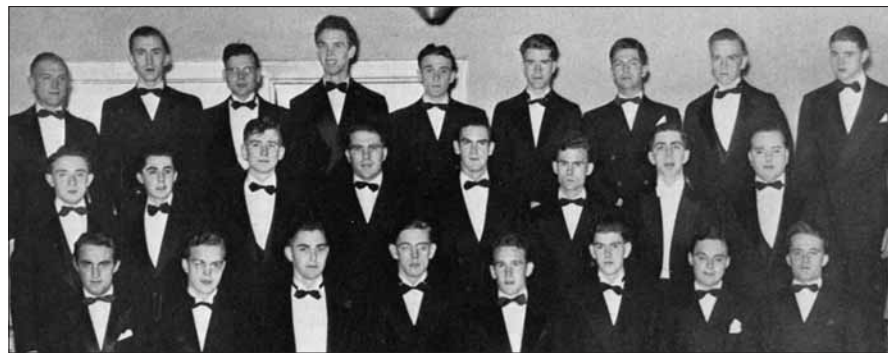


The May 1942 edition of *The Deltasig* reported new chapters at Rutgers (prominent Fraternity officers and charter members shown above) and Kent State (undergraduate chapter members shown below). Eventually, the draft or enlistment took too many members to allow normal operations of chapters.

The Effects of the War on Delta Sigma Pi

Americans awoke early Sunday morning, December 7, 1941, to the news of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Most did not even know where Pearl Harbor was. With war finally here, things began to change and quickly. The first listing of Deltasigs in military service was published in the January 1942 edition of *The DELTASIG*. This edition also carried an advertisement to buy Savings Bonds, which would soon be re-named “War Bonds.” The Executive Committee had also approved the purchase of a “significant” amount of Savings Bonds. More actions were soon to follow.

In the Grand President’s article in the March 1942 edition of *The DELTASIG*, Grand President John McKewen announced the cancellation of September’s Grand Chapter Congress. He said it may even be considered “unpatriotic” to go ahead with the event—considering the rationing of automobile tires and the expected rationing of gasoline and restriction on travel. Soon, Ration Books would be issued for sugar, butter, coffee and beef. *The DELTASIG* also announced the establishment of war services for our alumni in uniform. Initially this would include a listing in the magazine of brothers in uniform and sharing the activities of those in uniform stationed across the country.



The May 1942 edition of *The DELTASIG* reported on the installation of two new chapters—Beta Pi at Kent State and Beta Rho at Rutgers. Many chapters across the country continued to operate normally, until the draft or enlistment took too many of their members. The Grand Council (Board of Directors) did meet virtually non-stop from August 14–16, 1942 in Chicago. This is listed as a Grand Chapter Congress, although all decisions were made by the Grand Council. The January 1943 edition of *The DELTASIG* was the final one until 1946 when full Fraternity services could resume. Another Grand Council meeting was held August 25–26, 1945 in Chicago and was considered to be a Grand Chapter Congress. From 1942 through the end of the war, in order to preserve Fraternity assets, Gig Wright virtually shut down the Central Office and took part-time employment with an optical company. With nearly 10 million men in uniform

by the end of the war, nearly 4,000 of them Deltasigs, most chapters had to fully or partly suspend operations.

In spite of all the shortages that year, 11 chapters were able to continue operating and 130 new members were initiated. By 1946, restrictions had been lifted and the Central Office quickly resumed full operation. That same year, 37 active chapters answered the chapter roll and more were soon to follow. No record was compiled to show how many Deltasigs lost their lives, but it is likely that many made the supreme sacrifice. Congress passed the GI bill in the late 1940s, causing a massive influx of veterans to colleges all over the U.S. The stage was set for one of the largest periods of growth in Greek history. ▲

When the Centennial Series continues—Delta Sigma Pi experiences another growth spurt, followed by fears of another war.



A representative from Home Depot made an impromptu presentation to a group of Charlotte LEAD attendees. The company was holding internal meetings at the hotel, revolving around similar topics such as networking and motivation.

A Successful 2005 LEAD School Season Wraps!

More than 1,300 brothers were treated to fantastic speakers, motivational sessions and more!



It was cause for celebration at the Omaha LEAD when Vince Shoemaker (back row, left), Northern Colorado, Kim Kromberg (front row, middle), Nebraska-Lincoln, and Kristine Bowman (front row, right), Nebraska-Lincoln, were made honorary initiates in Delta Sigma Pi. Welcoming them to the Fraternity were spouses, and fellow brothers, Sandy Shoemaker (front row, left), Missouri State, Past Grand President Norm Kromberg (back row, middle), Nebraska-Lincoln, and Marc Bowman (back row, right), Nebraska-Lincoln.

With events held in Philadelphia, Omaha, Dallas, Charlotte and Colorado Springs, over 1300 brothers were treated to fantastic speakers, motivational sessions, inspiring community service events and fundraisers—and lots of fun!

Philadelphia and Dallas capitalized on the popular poker trend with Casino Night and a Texas Hold 'Em tournament (respectively) held on Friday night. All donations went to hurricane relief—a common response from many chapters. Omaha and Colorado Springs utilized the services of new program partner *The Money Game!* (to find out how to bring *The Money Game!* to your campus, contact National Financial Educators at 866-850-3657, or visit their web site at www.nationalfinancialeducators.com). Omaha also featured the honorary initiation of Kim Kromberg, Vince Shoemaker and Kristine Bowman (see picture at left). Charlotte brought in home improvement giant Home Depot for a motivating and well-attended session (see picture above).

Overall, the 2005 LEAD School season was a success, with high attendance at each event. Join us at one of the LEAD Schools in the fall where brothers will travel to Harrisburg, Louisville, Indianapolis, Phoenix and Baton Rouge! Visit www.dspnet.org for details on hotel rates and locations, reservation policies, and event prices. See you there! ▲



Between sessions at the Omaha LEAD, brothers get together and share what they've learned throughout the day. LEAD events provide a great opportunity to return to your chapter/workplace reenergized and full of new ways to motivate others and continue the learning process.



Grand President Mitch Simmons experiences the "Wild, Wild West" of the Western Province where he is greeted with their "token of appreciation" for being a part of the Colorado Springs LEAD. Western Provincial Vice President Chuck Brown is at left.



Even Grand President Mitch Simmons (front row, far left) learned a thing or two from the sessions at the Colorado Springs LEAD. Topics covered included networking, motivation, chapter operations and recruitment.



Mardi Gras came early to Dallas as South Central Provincial Vice President Jeff Gallentine, and fellow brothers, get excited for the Centennial Congress, planned for New Orleans!



Casino night was a hit in Philadelphia where brothers got the chance to show off their skills at the tables. Here, Leadership Foundation Chairman and President Greg Howell (sitting on right side of table) tests his luck at Texas Hold 'Em.



ABOVE: Arlington Area Lone Star Alumni Chapter President Paul Brodie, Texas Arlington, helped organize a food drive at the Dallas LEAD. Community service events, becoming more common at LEAD Schools, are a great way to raise money and foster brotherhood.



LEFT: Philadelphia LEAD attendees were treated to an afternoon of Deltasig history with Jim Jacobs, Albany, son of founder Harold Jacobs. Jim's wife, Julia, Siena, also joined in on the session providing a lively recollection of her fraternal years.

Albany/Zeta Psi

Dr. William Danko, marketing professor and Zeta Psi faculty initiate, gave a lecture on his best selling novel *The Millionaire Next Door*. In his lecture, he described the millionaire next door and how to achieve that status. He also shared the seven factors allowing someone to become wealthy. Finally, he discussed personal best practices for investment and how to live well. At the end of the lecture, we gave away a signed copy of his book to an audience member. After the lecture, he signed copies of his book for several brothers and pledges.—*Elizabeth Feldkamp*

Bowling Green State/Theta Pi

In the fall, carloads of brothers headed to Cedar Point amusement park in Sandusky to work the "Halloweekends," where we helped spook guests at the haunted attractions. The fundraiser was extremely successful and worth all the hard work! Next, our chapter sponsored a Teeter-Totter-a-Thon to benefit the American Diabetes Association. Brothers teeter-tottered for 48 hours straight, raising over \$500 in donations. The return of the Teeter-Totter-a-Thon, an old Theta Pi tradition, is anticipated next fall. We also enjoyed another successful Fall Formal, held this year in Chicago. A great time was had by all!—*Emily Bonath*

Buffalo/Alpha Kappa

In November, we wanted to help the victims of the earthquake in Pakistan, so Nazish Shah coordinated a dinner. She was compelled to help in any way she could because the area affected by the earthquake



11 brothers from WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE and 24 from MARQUETTE team up to participate in the Briggs & Al's Run/Walk benefiting the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.

is home to her relatives and friends. A local Indian/Pakistani restaurant, Kabab and Curry, agreed to help raise money for this cause by charging a discount rate for a buffet dinner. Our chapter charged a price of \$10 per dinner with half of the proceeds going toward the restaurant and the other for the victims. Over 80 people attended and our chapter raised over \$600! —*Chris Sikorski*

Ferris State/Delta Rho

Akon Udoroh, Latasha Perkins and Misty Hill represented Deltasig in a Greek Expo held at Rankin Center's Dome Room. We also sponsored a discussion about the Institute for the Study of Academic Racism (ISAR) where Dr. Barry Mehler, a professor of humanities at Ferris State and an internationally

recognized expert on modern academic racism, led the discussion.—*Misty Hill*

George Washington/Xi Rho

We enjoyed the fall semester and were involved in several professional events, one of which attained coverage in the school newspaper. On November 9, former Republican Congressman Jim Greenwood spoke to our chapter about corporate scandals and biotechnology. Greenwood, who chaired the House subcommittee that investigated several recent big scandals in the news, offered insight into the reasons companies lie and the inherent dangers of doing so. The former congressman ended by explaining the potential that biotechnology has for

our lives in the future. The event was enjoyed by the 40 brothers who attended. We look forward to an exciting spring semester!—*Ben Trajtenberg*

James Madison/Iota Kappa

This was our 14th year of our See-Saw-A-Thon. For 168 continuous hours, we see-sawed in honor of fallen brother Michael Matthew Brown—money raised went to the Michael Matthew Brown Scholarship Fund. Brother Brown was a student at James Madison who lost a long battle with cancer, January 3, 1992. He was an active brother, outstanding scholar and an active force in the university community. He stands today as a symbol of the ideal brother, friend, and community member. To ensure the legacy of Michael continues, we established a scholarship fund in his name. The scholarship is awarded annually to a qualified student in the College of Business who exemplifies Michael's incredible spirit and ideals.

It is an esteemed opportunity to be able to acknowledge him, his presence in our chapter, and his pursuit of noble ideas—not once a year through the See-Saw-A-Thon, but through our daily actions as brothers of Delta Sigma Pi.—*Lauren Krygowski*



CALIFORNIA-DAVIS brothers meet chef Martin Yan (master of Asian cuisine and host of "Martin Yan Quick & Easy") during a professional event where he spoke about entrepreneurship.

**Nebraska-Omaha/
Gamma Eta**

A week before Halloween, we held a Candy Corn Count raffle. A jar was filled with candy corn and tickets were sold to guess how many pieces were in the jar. The winner received tickets to a haunted house.—*Adela Kubickova*

New Jersey/Mu Omega

We know how to mix the right amount of business with pleasure to get us prepared for the real world—and have some fun in the process! Thanks to our phenomenal Vice President-Professional Activities Cono Sanseverino, we planned more professional events than ever before. Recruiters from Johnson and Johnson, New York Life, and NVR Inc. came to share their experiences and offer information about internships and full-time opportunities at their companies. They also provided useful advice about how to put your best foot forward and land the perfect job. We also had a visit by Greg Coleman, assistant general manager of the Trenton Thunder, to show how a business degree can lead to a very exciting career in the sports world. This was followed by a tour of the United States Mint in Philadelphia, where we had a chance to see the craftsmanship required in the minting process. Even more exciting, our chapter toured Madison Square Garden. The all-access tour allowed brothers to get a look at the inner workings of one of the most well-known arenas in the world.—*Kathryn Wells*

Northern Illinois/Eta Mu

Fall was filled with lots of fun and new events for Eta Mu. We began the year honoring Past Grand President (and Eta Mu alumni) Kathy Jahnke with a brick in front of the new Barsema Alumni Center. At Grand Chapter Congress, Brother Victoria Bayona presented her with a chapter composite, which she was part of, as well as certification indicating the presence of her brick.

We had our annual highway cleanup at the beginning of the semester and held our first campus cleanup in October. Additionally, we collected clothes to be donated to local shelters to help with the winter season. We also hosted golf professional Professor Dan Weilbaker



Deltasigs from ROCKHURST celebrate their fall initiation.

from the marketing department, to discuss golf etiquette. The presentation was enlightening as many brothers did not realize the importance of golf outings in the business world. Afterwards, brothers applied what they learned and played a round of golf.

We have a lot of exciting new plans for next semester, including collaborating with other organizations to host various speakers and having a silent auction for Family Weekend in April to raise money for Relay for Life.—*Stephanie Lee*

San Diego/Lambda Pi

We've kept busy with several professional and community service events. Last year, our Spring pledge class adopted the Torrey Pines State Beach through the "I Love A Clean San Diego" program. In order to continue our promise to keep the beach clean, we cleaned this beach on *Make A Difference Day*.

Each year the university puts on a trick-or-treat carnival, providing a safe place for children to trick-or-treat and enjoy Halloween. Our chapter participated by creating a booth for the carnival portion of the event called The Curse of the Black Pearl. It was a hit with the children, with over 200 in attendance! Additionally, we held a blood drive with the Red Cross—always a good organization to support as the Fraternity's national community service initiative.

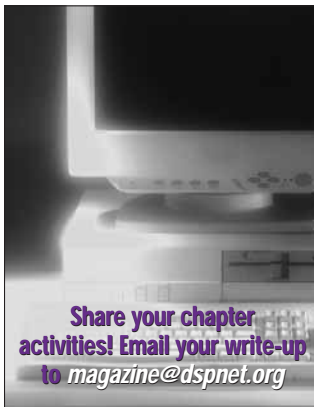
On a professional level, some of our brothers recently attended the Association for Corporate Growth



SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI brothers celebrate Founders' Day with a chapter BBQ. Pictured here: Phil Shows, Justin Deck, Les-leigh Friedmann, and Geetu Gosain.



ROGER WILLIAMS brothers celebrate Founders' Day with a day of bowling.



breakfast where they listened to successful business owners talk about how they created their companies. The breakfast also provided excellent networking opportunities for the brothers. We also hosted speakers during recruitment and began training for Junior Achievement, where we will be able to tutor kids in the community. —Sarah Fuller

**Winona State/
Kappa Upsilon**

We have been recognized by the community as truly exemplifying the meaning of brotherhood. For me, it's the smiles from my brothers as I walk up the steps of our College of Business or the relationships I have built with them outside of Fraternity events. But even more so, it is the relationship that the Fraternity has kept with a chapter founder Mark Dorn, who was the banquet speaker at our fall 2005 initiation ceremony. On the many weekends our alumni, like Mark, come to visit Winona, we are reminded of the relationships we have formed, and the friendships we will have in the years to come.

Recently, some brothers and pledges went to Central Elementary in Winona and gave a brief summary about the War in Iraq and what our soldiers are doing there. We then discussed the true meaning of Thanksgiving and being thankful by making "Thank You" cards to send to soldiers overseas. The kids were amazing and really had an impressive grasp about what's going on. The messages in the cards were so touching, and the teaching staff was very helpful and appreciative. It was a great morning that served an even greater purpose. —Michelle Fischer



Old and new brothers from MERCER get acquainted following their initiation ceremony.



NORTHERN ILLINOIS brothers gather for a chilly, yet productive, campus cleanup.



After attending the Charlotte LEAD School, brothers from OHIO STATE, DAYTON, AKRON and the PITTSBURGH Alumni Chapter celebrate good food and brotherhood at a Japanese steakhouse in Charlotte.

Deltasigs Are Making a Difference!

Make A Difference Day was October 22. See how some chapters participated in this national day of service.

Ball State/Epsilon Xi

Our program, "Suit Up for Success" was co-hosted by Delta Sigma Pi and Golden Key. We held a series of professional workshops for underprivileged women seeking employment. Professional volunteers taught these women valuable business skills needed to get a decent job, including how to write a résumé and dress professionally. Donations were also collected to provide business suits and other professional attire for the women to take home after the workshop.

—Jayme Winebrenner



Pacific Coast and South Pacific Regions

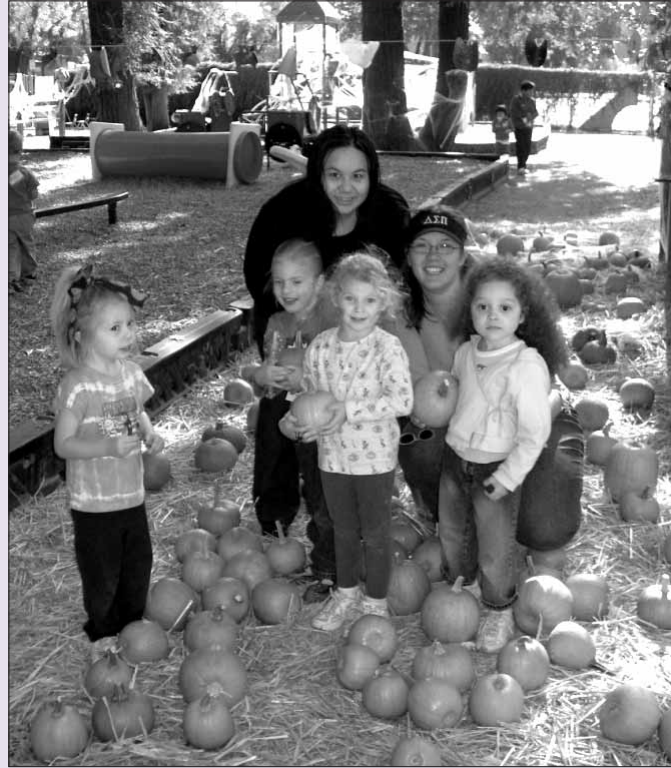
Chapters throughout Southern California came together to aid underserved children by volunteering at Santa Claus, Incorporated of Greater San Bernardino. This was the second event held by Deltasigs for this special organization. Brothers from California-Riverside, Redlands, Cal State-Long Beach, Cal State-Fullerton, and the Inland Empire Alumni Chapter (IEAC) participated in the event, representing the South Pacific and Pacific Coast regions.

Deltasigs displayed their capacity for hard work, creativity, and an on-going commitment to community service. Activities included repairing a section of wrought iron fence knocked down by a car, painting a 50-foot length of the fence, moving large piles of dirt to level a section of ground, painting wooden toy carriers with colorful designs, sorting clothing, and packaging children's backpacks with school supplies. Patti La Marr, IEAC president and former National Community Service Chair, said she "was impressed with the hard work done by Deltasigs" who came out in force on Make A Difference Day.

Santa Claus, Incorporated has been pursuing its mission to aid underserved children since 1952. They provide clothing, toys, and books to families during the early part of December. Corla Coles, president of the organization, said the participation of Delta Sigma Pi "made a huge difference. The students were polite, eager to work and did a fantastic job at whatever they were asked to do. I and 11,000 children are grateful for their contribution." Deltasigs comprised a substantial majority of the volunteers that participated in this event, which was open to the public.—Anthony Gulino, vice president/webmaster of Inland Empire Alumni Chapter

Winona State/Kappa Upsilon

Since 1991, we've consistently taken part in highway clean-ups with our local Adopt-A-Highway program throughout the year—so we decided it was fitting to take part in a clean-up on Make A Difference Day. Our adopted highway strip is a main highway that enters/exits Winona. We'd like people to see the Winona community cares about their town and likes to present it well. It's a great feeling to be involved in your community and help give something back. Our chapter is truly dedicated to the Adopt-A-Highway program and plans to stay active in it for years to come.—Heather Lindner



CAL STATE-SACRAMENTO brothers helped their on-campus Childcare Center with its Fall Harvest Fair Celebration. They provided 110 pumpkins, personally selected at a local pumpkin patch, to give to the kids to take home. In addition, brothers played with the children and staffed game booths.



At the Colorado Springs LEAD School, the Western Province held its second annual "Make a Difference, Make a Drop" event, raising \$100 for the Red Cross Hurricane Relief Fund. Each participating chapter was allowed to decorate a bag to best attract "drops" (a penny was worth a point, silver coins were worth negative five points and any greenbacks were worth negative 100 points). In addition to raising funds for hurricane relief, the chapters also competed for a free registration to the upcoming Western Provincial Conference. Exceeding all the other chapters in positive points, host chapter Mu Chi (Colorado-Colorado Springs) was the winner.



Brothers from CALIFORNIA-RIVERSIDE, REDLANDS, CAL STATE-LONG BEACH, CAL STATE-FULLERTON, and the INLAND EMPIRE Alumni Chapter came together to aid underserved children by volunteering at Santa Claus, Incorporated of Greater San Bernardino.

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Deltasigs Are Making a Difference!

The following also took part in *Make A Difference Day* events.
We thank all for their participation!

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| California-San Diego | New Mexico State |
| Cal State-Sacramento | North Florida |
| Drake | Northern Arizona |
| Ferris State | Pacific |
| Georgia Southern | Penn State-Behrend |
| Georgia State | Pennsylvania |
| Houston | Philadelphia Alumni Chapter |
| Indiana-Purdue at Indianapolis | Pittsburgh |
| Inland Empire Alumni Chapter | St. Joseph's |
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| Minnesota | Wayne State-Nebraska |
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opportunities for alumni chapters and brothers to share their activities and events with brothers across the country. Does your chapter have something to share? See the contents page for details on where to send your articles and pictures.



ORANGE COUNTY alumni brothers scare away hunger with their annual Halloween Bash. (Story on page 20)

Baltimore

On November 10, over 180 people attended the Baltimore Alumni Chapter Business Person of the Year Award, and to hear our recipient speak at the Ginder Lecture Series. It was an amazing event that left everyone in attendance uplifted and energized. We chose Dr. Benjamin Carson's foundation, The Carson

Scholars Fund, as this year's charitable organization. At the conclusion of Dr. Carson's presentation, we presented him with a check in the amount of \$675. Dr. Carson spoke on the "Business of Doing Good" and shared his philosophy of living: THINK BIG. In short this stands for: **T**-Talents/time . . . *Recognize them as gifts from God*; **H**-Hope for good

things and be honest; **I**-Insight from people and good books; **N**-Be nice to all people; **K**-Knowledge . . . *Recognize as the key to living*; **B**-Books . . . *Read them actively*; **I**-In Depth learning skills . . . *Develop Them*; **G**-God . . . *Never get too big for Him*. We also enjoyed our 5th Annual Get Re(Aquainted) Cookout at the home of Brother McMillan—one of our most successful cookouts yet! —*Bryan McMillan, Johns Hopkins*

Hawaii

We attended the Hawaii collegiate chapter's "Meet the Chapter Night" and initiation. We also assisted in the Ironman Triathlon in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii. Everyone enjoyed our International Food Night, where guests sampled exotic foods from different countries and local Hawaiian favorites. Our guest from Thailand won the most original costume contest. We wish everyone a Mele Kalikimaka and a Hauoli Makahiki Hou! —*Clayton Chong, Miami-Ohio*

Los Angeles

In February, we hosted our 25th Annual Golf Classic (who says you have to start at "1st"), kicking off the 2006 Western LEAD Provincial Conference in Anaheim. Other



To get in the Halloween spirit, members of the WEST PALM BEACH (WPB) Alumni Chapter, in conjunction with the Kiwanis Club of Flagler Sunrise, hosted a haunted house and movie matinee to raise money for hurricane relief. The event was a huge success, raising more than \$4,000 in donations. In addition, a blood drive was held before the festivities with 13 pints collected for the Palm Beach Blood Bank. Speaking of blood, Deltasig vampires Grand President Mitch Simmons (left) and WPB alumni chapter member David Ross give a frightfully good performance, along with many others—all for a good cause!

activities for our chapter included a swanky "Meet the Class of 2006" mixer downtown, the newly-launched "Adopt a VP-Alumni Relations" program, and of course, more monthly Traffic Stops (happy hours) around Los Angeles. If you are living in or are new to the Los Angeles area and are interested in joining a fun and dedicated group of alumni, take a test drive at our web site (www.deltasigalert.com) and sign up for our e-newsletter, *The Deltasigalert*. —*Alumni Chapter President Rochelle Siegrist, Cal State-Long Beach*

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A Founders' Day lunch was hosted by the NEWYORK Alumni Chapter, with special guests Brothers Jim and Julia Jacobs, in New York City—where it all began 98 years ago. Jim shared many stories about conversations he had with his dad, Founder Harold Valentine Jacobs. Pictured (from left): New York City Alumni Chapter President Frank Yazdi, Julia Jacobs, Jim Jacobs and Eastern Regional Vice President Kathy Lazo-Thompson.



At a ceremony hosted by the PHOENIX THUNDERBIRD Alumni Chapter, many Helmet recipients were honored. Back row (from left): Paula Schlacter, Silver Helmet Recipient John Schlacter, Arizona State, Golden Helmet Recipient Bill Leonard, Arizona State, Norma Jeanne Leonard, Arizona State, Joyce Baum, Silver Helmet Recipient Bruce Baum, Cal State-Hayward, Western Provincial Vice President Chuck Brown and Desert Mountain Regional Vice President Justin Cranmer. Front row (from left): Gamma Omega (Arizona State) Advisor Joseph Behrens, Undergraduate Dean of W. P. Carey School of Business Kay Faris, 2005 National Collegian of the Year and Phoenix Thunderbird Alumni Chapter President Dave Glanzrock, Heather Baum, Arizona State, and Past Grand President Kathy Jahnke.



Chicago Alumni Chapter President Joe Ward, Lewis, was on hand to congratulate Past Grand President, and fellow Chicago resident, Kathy Jahnke as she received her Silver Helmet.

Congratulations to the following Golden Helmet recipient, honored for 50 years of service to Delta Sigma Pi:

William Leonard, *Arizona State*, was initiated in 1956 and has been serving the Fraternity ever since. He was a district director from 1979 to 1981, and Intermountain regional director and member of Deltasig's Board of Directors from 1981 to 1985. Brother Leonard was a charter member of the Phoenix-Thunderbird Alumni Chapter and has served as its president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Additionally, he was instrumental in forming the Sun City-Roadrunner Alumni Chapter. Also, Brother Leonard served as a member of Deltasig's Executive Committee from 1982 to 1985 and as chairman of the Bylaws and Review committee.



Bill Leonard

Professionally, Bill has been a certified public accountant since 1960, and a certified financial planner since 1990. Brother Leonard has served in various civic activities, including the Phoenix Bond Committee, the Phoenix Education Committee, the Financial Executives Institute and the Rotary Club. In 1990, he received Delta Sigma Pi's Lifetime Achievement Award. He lives in Phoenix with wife, Norma Jeanne, a fellow Arizona State brother.

Congratulations to the following Silver Helmet recipients, honored for 25 years of service to Delta Sigma Pi:

Bruce Baum, *Cal State-Hayward*, is a life member of Deltasig, a member of the Phoenix-Thunderbird Alumni Chapter and lives in Mesa, Ariz. with wife, Joyce.

Kathy Jahnke, *Northern Illinois*, currently serves Deltasig as Past Grand President, Voting Trustee of the Leadership Foundation and National Chair of the Nominations Committee. Brother Jahnke previously served the Fraternity as district director for the Chicago Alumni Chapter, Great Lakes Regional Director, Mid-American Provincial Vice President and Grand President. Professionally, she is vice president-client services with Printing Arts in Broadview, Ill. Brother Jahnke is a member of the Chicago Alumni Chapter.

Dr. John Schlacter, *Arizona State*, has taught students at Arizona State's W. P. Carey School of Business since 1969. John, a favorite professor of many, has had several of his works published, most currently: "Motivating Employees to Act Ethically: An Expectancy Theory Approach," *Journal of Business Ethics* (1999) and "Training Differences Between Services and Goods Firms: Impact on Performance, Satisfaction, and Commitment," *Journal of Customer Service in Marketing and Management* (1996). Dr. Schlacter is one of only two faculty members in Arizona's School of Business to have pledged Deltasig as collegians. Brother Schlacter is a member of the Phoenix-Thunderbird Alumni Chapter.

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Orange County

In October, we exemplified "furthering a higher standard of welfare for the community" by participating in various fundraising events for charitable causes. We joined 26,000 walkers in the 21st Annual AIDS

Walk Los Angeles. This remarkable event helped raise over \$3.2 million to support the work of AIDS Project Los Angeles and other AIDS service organizations across Los Angeles County. Despite the mild showers, we had a lot of fun and successfully completed the six mile walk through

West Los Angeles to Hollywood. Additionally, we raised \$2,000 toward the cause! The following weekend, we celebrated Halloween with more than the regular "trick-or-treat" and costume party—we "scared hunger away" by hosting a Halloween bash and raising more

than \$400 to support the American Red Cross's hurricane relief efforts. —Grace Kangdani, *Cal State-Fullerton*

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Heather Ferguson, Tampa



Randy Hultz, Truman State



Liz Negrotti, Penn State-State College



Brian Krippner, Truman State

Centennial Co-Chair

Heather Ferguson, Tampa, is a Golden Council member who previously served Deltasig as district director for Florida International and South Atlantic regional director. She also served on the Central Office staff as executive vice president of the Leadership Foundation. Brother Ferguson lives in Royal Palm Beach, Fla. with husband, Dean, *Georgia State*, and son, Ryan. She is vice president and director of training with Fidelity Federal Bank & Trust in West Palm Beach.

FUN FACTS:

- ▲ Not only is her husband a fellow brother, so is her sister (Amy Crumpton, *Tampa*)!
- ▲ Favorite Deltasig memory: "My engagement announcement. Although Dean and I were both on the Central Office staff (he was director of educational services), nobody knew we were dating until our email engagement announcement complete

with wedding details.

There were a few people surprised that day!"

- ▲ In her free time, she and Ryan love visiting Disney World. "We'd live there if we could!"

Centennial Co-Chair Randy

Hultz, Truman State, also serves Delta Sigma Pi as a trustee of the Leadership Foundation. Brother Hultz, a Past Grand President, Silver Helmet recipient and Golden Council member, lives in Springfield, Mo. where he is director of career development with BKD, LLP.

FUN FACTS:

- ▲ In his free time, he enjoys traveling with friends.
- ▲ His favorite Deltasig memory is a tie between his 1st Grand Chapter Congress and the initiation of his younger brother, and fellow Truman State initiate, Robby.
- ▲ What lesson has Deltasig taught him? "Everyone can contribute and have a positive impact on others."

Community Service Chair

Liz Negrotti, Penn State-State College, also serves Delta Sigma Pi as vice president of the Philadelphia Alumni Chapter—she's previously served as secretary and president. She's also served as district director for the Philadelphia and New Jersey chapters. Brother Negrotti lives in Newtown Square, Pa. where she is a consultant with IBM Business Consulting Services. She is engaged to Philadelphia Alumni Chapter President Tom Calloway, *Penn State-Behrend*.

FUN FACTS:

- ▲ Favorite Deltasig memory: "This past LEAD School in Philadelphia. We started with a fabulous casino night and ended closing session with Tom proposing to me in front of everyone!"
- ▲ What recent movies are her favorites? *Harry Potter* and *The Chronicles of Narnia*

- ▲ She describes Deltasig in one word: *Bonds*

Professional Development Chair Brian Krippner,

Truman State, previously served Deltasig as district director for Truman State, Washburn, and the Kansas City Alumni Chapter. Brother Krippner, a 2007 Centennial Society member, lives in St. Louis with wife, and fellow Truman State brother, Ame, and daughter Lauren where he is vice president of UMB Bank, N.A.

FUN FACTS:

- ▲ He describes Deltasig in one word: life-changing. "My whole universe is different because I'm a Deltasig."
- ▲ He loves a wide variety of music—everything from rock and blues to new age and funk. He's a huge RUSH fan and SIRIUS radio junkie.
- ▲ One possession he can't live without? His day planner.

Leading with Integrity

by Dave Glanzrock, 2005 National Collegian of the Year



At last year's Grand Chapter Congress in Orlando, a group of National Collegians of the Year (COY) gathered for a historic photo. Ironically, the meeting took place at the hotel's Koi pond! Gathered were, (back row, from left): Gus Schram ('76), McNeese State, Chris Robinett ('89), Nebraska-Lincoln, Rich Foster ('97), Central Missouri State, Dawn Libbert Klinger ('98), Central Missouri State, Mark Chiacchiari ('99), Pennsylvania, and Missy Ekern ('00), St. Thomas. Front row, from left: Brandon Trease ('01), Wayne State-Nebraska, Kevin McLean ('02), Drake, Jason Griffiths ('03), Penn State-Behrend, Stephanie Menio ('04), Pittsburgh, and Dave Glanzrock ('05), Arizona State.

Back In December, as I was struggling with what to share with you in this article, I was sitting at Arizona State's convocation, listening to one of our brother's, Kirsten Mize, give the commencement address. Kirsten spoke of many things . . . moving on, moving up, moving out, and entering the real world. But there was one thing she spoke about with such passion it inspired me to write to all brothers about it. That one thing is integrity.

Integrity. To me, this is the foundation of another term that, as Deltasigs, we all hold close to our hearts . . . character. As I write this, I have been in the "real world" now for about five months, and there is only one truth about character and integrity I have been able to decipher. If all businesspeople conducted themselves as Deltasigs do, we would not require lawyers, and business would be done with a simple handshake.

The last time I had the opportunity to address you, I spoke to you about the necessity to make a fundamental change in the way individuals, corporations, and this country does business. Brothers, we have the opportunity to change the environment we are faced with every day of our lives. It does not matter if a person is a Deltasig, what matters is that we continue to lead in our respective professions, lead by example, and most of all lead with integrity.

The only way we can predict the future is to create it. Each of us has the opportunity to make a change, leave a legacy, and most importantly, impact that one person's life that will in turn impact another. The greatest way to insure the prosperity of our Fraternity and its ideals is to make sure we live the purpose, lead with integrity, and share our ideals of responsible and ethical business practices.

On another note, our goal of having 2007 brothers at our Centennial Celebration is still very much achievable. We know three things. There will be a Congress, it will be in August, and it will be the biggest and best one yet! Until next time, my phone is always on, my door is always open, and I am here to serve you!

Fraternally,

Dave Glanzrock
2005 Collegian of the Year

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Cal State-Sacramento Brother Finds First Day Forward

Recent Epsilon Phi graduate Michelle Wolting, along with her sister Alicia Livesay and her mother Elizabeth Wolting, founded First Day Forward in December of 2004. This organization helps disadvantaged children by helping parents provide their children with the necessary tools for the school year.

With the support of community members and other schools in the area, First Day Forward "adopts" Title-1 elementary school classrooms, which have over 50% of their students on the free-lunch program. On the first day of each school year, each student has a brand new backpack full of new school supplies waiting on their chair. First Day Forward's mission is to generate enthusiasm for education in hopes this excitement will transfer to all aspects of the child's life and motivate them to continue with their educational careers.



In October, First Day Forward sent their entire inventory of backpacks and school supplies to the young victims of Hurricane Katrina. Fundraising efforts continue and the more donations received, the more classrooms First Day Forward will "adopt" for the 2006-07 school year. Visit www.firstdayforward.org for more information, or to make a donation. 100% of all donations go directly toward the program.

Brother Wolting hopes she can make a career out of First Day Forward. She credits her major in marketing and strategic management, and her involvement in Deltasig, with helping her accomplish her goal of co-founding her own company. ▲

First Day Forward co-founders Michelle Wolting, Cal State-Sacramento, and her sister Alicia Livesay (left) get ready to brighten the days of some students at Crestmont Elementary School in Roseville, Calif. This program supports underprivileged children by providing them with necessary school supplies.

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California-Davis Professor "Thrives" in Economics

by Lauren Montgomery, *Miami-Ohio*

What is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear "economics"? Some may think of the principles of supply and demand, or maybe gross domestic product. Yet for International Economist Dr. Emmanuel Frenkel, *California-Davis*, something a bit different comes to mind. Author of *Thrive! Catching the Spirit of Personal Economics*, Brother Frenkel has used his experience as an international economist to apply economic theories to achieving personal economic well-being.

Thanks to his job, Dr. Frenkel has traveled to many countries, and found one characteristic to be ever-present. "I saw everywhere that people desire economic well-being and contentment. We want to know we are gaining respect for our accomplishments. Being familiar with self-help techniques and as an economist, I realized the combination of basic economics with motivation could be a powerful tool to inspire people to succeed." With these ideas in mind, Brother Frenkel created a guide to achieving economic well-being and creating personal value—ultimately benefiting one's self and community.

Divided into two parts, *Thrive!* combines self-help philosophies with activities to teach and familiarize readers about the economic world around them. The first half uses interactive activities to teach the reader about the inner-working of the economy. The second half focuses on teaching readers to realize the importance of investing in one's self and selling one's self, one's personality, and one's work into the community.

"If my readers can align themselves with their community with more awareness and motivation than they could before reading *Thrive!*, then I have succeeded," says Dr. Frenkel. "Economic happiness and well-being will come to us by understanding our roles as producers and consumers in the community. With this understanding, we will contribute even more to our community and to our own well-being."

Dr. Frenkel was initiated into Deltasig in 1991 and actively works as an advisor and speaker for the California-Davis chapter. "I was successful in the business world. I want to share what I learned and how I learned it to

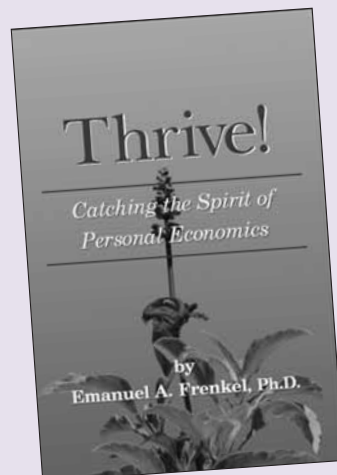
my brothers," say Brother Frenkel. "I believe many of the ideas in *Thrive!* reflect Deltasig values.

In *Thrive!*, I urge readers to ask fundamental questions like: How can I do better what I am doing right now? How can I better serve my colleagues? In what ways am I using the knowledge, experience, and friendship of others to help others in my work? I stress the importance of service as the route to contentment and success in the business world."

By sharing his experiences, thoughts, and ideas on economics and personal well-being, Dr. Frenkel has developed a sure-fire guide for finding the road to success. ▲



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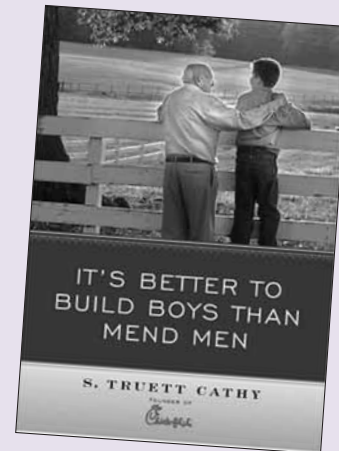
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It's Better to Build Boys Than Mend Men

In Truett Cathy's new book, *It's Better to Build Boys Than Mend Men*, he lays out a model for adults desiring to reach out to youth and challenges readers to allow God to work through them to change the life of a child. His book is filled with stories illustrating the principles of discipline, trust, reputation, generosity, common sense, peer pressure, and family stability. Brother Cathy, *Georgia College and State*, is the founder and CEO of Chick-fil-A restaurants and WinShape Homes (houses foster children). He and wife, Jeannette, live in the Atlanta area, where he has taught Sunday school to teenage boys for more than fifty years. He also authored the book, *Eat Mor Chikin*. ▲



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“Be Positive”—A Deltasig Faces the Challenge of a Lifetime

by Kathy Lazo-Thompson, *New York*

I first met Kyle Sargent, *George Mason*, through my husband, Chris, at the 1997 Grand Chapter Congress. Chris and Kyle had been friends since pledging together in 1993. It was there I also met Kyle’s wife, Jamie, *George Mason*. Our weddings were almost two months apart, with Kyle and Chris being each other’s groomsmen—their relationship is more than brothers, more than friends, they are family. When Chris and I decided to move to New Jersey, Kyle and Jamie were two friends we would miss dearly. Therefore, our world was turned upside-down when Kyle nearly died in an automobile accident.

Kyle was on his way home from his job as a financial analyst in Reston, Virginia, on the evening of April 1, 2005 when he was hit head-on by a reckless driver. According to police, the driver tried to pass another car from the gravel shoulder, lost control and went over the median. It took rescuers over an hour to remove Kyle from his mangled Jeep before he could be transported via helicopter to a hospital in Washington, D.C. Wearing a seatbelt and having an airbag, as well as the extra help before emergency services arrived, saved Kyle’s life.

Jamie’s worst fears were realized when an emergency worker answered her repeated calls to Kyle’s cell phone. Along with her parents, she headed to the hospital, where Kyle was taken into emergency surgery. Doctors inserted a rod into his left femur, removed his spleen to control bleeding, and stitched up a split lip and other cuts. Other injuries included a traumatic brain injury (TBI), a bridge knocked out of his teeth, a bruised lung and liver, pancreas damage, broken ribs, and a left pelvic fracture. Miraculously, Kyle survived his injuries and was admitted into the intensive care unit, where he was forced to breathe through a respirator.

Doctors informed Jamie that while Kyle’s injuries were not life-threatening, recovery from TBI was unpredictable. TBI, or closed head-diffused injury to the cerebral hemispheres of the brain, affected retention of recent events and caused short-term memory loss. While physical, speech, and occupational therapy could help him talk and walk, it was unclear if Kyle could regain 100% of his memory and brain function.

Life Before the Accident

Kyle was born August 29, 1974, in Wiesbaden, Germany, where his father was stationed in the Air Force. Military commitments took the Sargent family all over the world—Crete, Spain, Texas, and Tennessee—before they finally settled in Springfield, Virginia. After graduating high school in June 1992, Kyle attended George Mason, where he would soon join Delta Sigma Pi in April of 1993.

Kyle was chapter treasurer his junior year and president his senior year. According to Chris, the latter is where Kyle made his greatest contributions, as chapter morale was slipping. “We



Kyle Sargent with family and friends, prior to his accident, at Eastern Regional Vice President Kathy Lazo-Thompson’s baby shower. From left: Kathy, New York, husband Chris, George Mason, friend April Stile, and Jamie and Kyle Sargent, both George Mason, with son Rhett.

had a number of ghost brothers and most of the founders had graduated. But when Kyle became president, he spent his whole term trying to bring unity and energy back to the chapter. ‘Be positive,’ he would say. He was successful at bringing more brothers to events.”

The Mu Tau Chapter at George Mason took home big accolades at the fall 1996 Tri-Regional Conference, including Mideastern Region’s Most Outstanding Chapter and the National Outstanding Professional Activities Awards. But Kyle’s contributions to the Fraternity didn’t stop there. He was also district director for the George Washington colony until 2002, and was named the Mideastern Region’s District Director of the Year for the 1999–2000 school year.

The Road to Recovery

Within two weeks of the accident, Kyle was weaned off a respirator and a tube was placed in his trachea for oxygen. A feeding tube in his stomach provided nourishment. He opened his eyes and became responsive. By May 2, he was able to sit in a chair. In late May, he began to speak a few words, eventually saying “Hi Mom” and “Hi Dad.” He also spoke on the phone with his young son Rhett and said his wife’s name once again.

There were many medical setbacks along the way, including a near-fatal bacterial infection called *C. Difficile*, which was



Brother Sargent endures intense rehabilitation at the hospital.

most likely caused by an overuse of antibiotics. Other complications included septic shock, dehydration, and other issues with his kidneys, pancreas, stomach, and high white blood cell and platelet counts. But as his health stabilized, Kyle was able to continue therapy with his team of doctors.

Many friends and brothers sent cards and visited him in the various care centers and hospitals he stayed at. One friend created a web site, www.CaringforKyle.com, where everyone received updates on Kyle's recovery, learned about the accident and his injuries, and contributed to the Caring for Kyle Trust Fund. More information about Kyle's ordeal and the trust fund, as well as additional photographs, can be found here.

Kyle was finally able to move back home November 5, when a welcome party of almost 40 friends, Deltasigs, and family members greeted him and congratulated him on his recovery. However, more surgeries, procedures, therapy, and outpatient care lay ahead.

What is Kyle like now? When you're with him, he tells jokes that keep you laughing and makes you feel at ease. He still has the same interests as before the accident. His goals are simple—to get healthy in body and mind so he can take care of his family, return to work, drive again, and play sports. He is close to walking with a cane.

His recovery, thus far, has been nothing short of miraculous. Besides the team of doctors and therapy, the outpouring of love and support from his friends and family has been a great source of healing. More importantly, it was his aforementioned mindset that gave him strength. "Have a good attitude. Don't let anybody bring you down. You can control your response to things," he said. "And most importantly. . . be positive!" ▲

Special thanks to Chris, Kyle, Jamie, and the Caring for Kyle web site for helping me write this article.

We all wish Kyle the best of luck in his recovery. He has a long road ahead, but many Deltasig friends to stand by his side! Two special messages from George Mason chapter brothers follow.

Jason Yourman: "You have always been a mentor to me and helped me get through many difficult times, especially this past year before the accident. I was on disability and your guidance and support helped me get through it. Your accident hit me hard, but seeing you fight through it has helped me get through my disability. You have always been there for me and I will always be there for you. I love you bro."

Sean Boyd: "'Be Positive.' Those are the two words that epitomize Kyle Sargent and his attitude toward life. No matter what is thrown his way, he always says, 'Be Positive.' Few people can handle such a life challenge, but Brother Sargent is a winner and in his own words will 'Be Positive.'"



With son Rhett looking on, Kyle uses a soccer ball to work on his mobility and motor skills.

Milestones

Did you just tie the knot? Welcome a new bundle of joy? Do you know a brother who has recently passed away? If so, please inform us. Email your mergers, gains, and losses to magazine@dspnet.org or mail your news to the Central Office.

Mergers:

Paul Carpinella, *Bentley*, on November 19, to Hillary Burgdorf. They live in Canton, Mass.

Peter Wynn, *Cal State-Chico*, on July 23, 2003, to Christina Hanson. They live in Seaside, Calif.

Brett Walker, *Houston*, on September 17, to Jennifer Schneider, *Western Illinois*. They live in Houston.

Jaime Skinner, *Loyola-New Orleans*, on August 30, to Ben Missimer. They live in Stuart, Fla.

Carol Post, *Nebraska-Lincoln*, on October 8, to Sean Clark, *Ohio State*. They live in New Braunfels, Texas.

Susan Rief, *Nebraska-Lincoln*, on November 5, to Kyle McKee. They live in Blue Springs, Mo.

Tally Tripp, *Texas A&M-Corpus Christi*, on October 29, to Ruben Bermejo. They live in Corpus Christi.

Randy Rahberg, *Washburn*, on July 30, to Karen King. They live in Topeka.

Gains:

Karen Bess Poston, *Baker*, and Paul on October 17—Nicholas George. They live in St. Charles, Mo.

Mike, *Buffalo*, and **Cynthia Behr**, *Washington-St. Louis*, on October 30—Isabel Ann. They live in St. Louis.

Jason and Shannon Marie Berry, both *East Tennessee State*, on October 6—Shelley Whitlock. They live in Gray, Tenn.

Laura Clusky Meyer, *Illinois State*, and Tod on September 25—Blake Maloney. They live in Bloomington, Ill.

Dan and Rachel Schlipmann, both *Illinois State*, on December 2—Rolen James. They live in Normal, Ill.

Sandrell Bentley, *Loyola-New Orleans*, and Brandon on March

8—Samarah. They live in Waggaman, La.

Scott and Cara Brubaker, both *Northern Illinois*, on November 15—Ashley Nicole. They live in Lake in the Hills, Ill.

Darrell Keller, *San Diego State*, and Julie on September 20—Zackary Robert. They live in San Diego.

Corey and Jolyn Stacy, both *St. Cloud State*, on December 12—Allison Renee. They live in Maple Grove, Minn.

Shawn and Jeanne Gregory, both *Tampa*, on November 12—Aedan. They live in Olathe, Kan.

Michelle Williams Papendick, *Virginia Commonwealth* and John on August 21—Zachary Finch and Hayden Francis. They live in Richmond, Va.

Bradley Lawler, *Winona State*, and Bree on October 14—Jillian Elise. They live in Winona, Minn.

Losses:

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Auburn: *Billie Reeves* (November 26)

East Tennessee State: *Gary Cooper* (October 24)

Ferris State: *Kelly Smith* (October 21)

Michigan State: *Frederick J. Tyson* (September 30)

Mississippi: *David Puckett* (October 29)

North Texas: *Jeff Hermes* (December 11)

Ohio: *Alan Weber* (October 22)

Temple: *Samuel Wilson* (November 20, 2002)

How to Leverage your Delta Sigma Pi Leadership Experience on Your Resume

by Brad Karsh, President of JobBound

You worked hard for your Deltasig chapter. You know it, your friends know it, but when it comes time to land that first job or internship, you need to make sure the recruiting director knows it.

But here's the catch—getting your resume to stand out is no easy task. There are hundreds, in some instances thousands of students applying for the same jobs, so competition is fierce. Additionally, with so many applicants, recruiting directors only have time to spend about 15 seconds reading a resume. Pretty scary.

Don't worry. If you know what you're doing, and you know what companies are looking for, you can get to the interview stage. And believe it or not, your Deltasig experience is key in helping you emerge from the stack of resumes.

So how do you write about Delta Sigma Pi in a compelling, relevant way that will make your resume move to the top of the pile?

The most important thing you can do is to focus on your specific accomplishments. A vast majority of students write job description resumes—they simply tell the reader what anyone in that particular position would do, as opposed to what they specifically accomplished.

Let's look at an example:

PRESIDENT, Delta Sigma Pi Business Fraternity, Fall 2005

- Responsible for the operations and administration of 85 member organization
- Oversaw all activities of officers and committee members
- Key correspondent with administrators and other organizations on campus

The fact is, ANY president in the history of the professional fraternity system, whether with Delta Sigma Pi or not, can write this exact same statement. All you've done is tell the reader what any president does. And guess what? The recruiting director already knows that!



Brad Karsh

If what is written in a resume can be written by the person who did the job, before, with, or after you, then you haven't done yourself justice.

Resumes need to be infused with numbers, accomplishment, and specificity. It can be difficult to do, but it will dramatically improve your resume.

When listing your accomplishments, think about the following:

- How was the organization better as a result of YOUR involvement?
- What did YOU specifically accomplish?
- How did YOU do it differently than the person before, after, or next to you?
- How were YOU selected?
- Use facts and figures whenever possible.

Let's take a look at how to rewrite the chapter president job:

PRESIDENT, Delta Sigma Pi Business Fraternity, Fall 2005

- Responsible for the operations and administration of largest professional fraternity on campus, increasing membership more than 15%
- Chapter recognized nationally with "Outstanding Professional Activities Award"—awarded to 1 out of 185 chapters for most effective programs of professional development, business ethics, and integrity
- Increased community service by 50% to more than 10 hours a week; second highest national chapter total
- Raised weekly meeting attendance 25% by overhauling meeting content and format

Now that's impressive! And this can work for you even if you weren't the president of your chapter. For instance if you're the vice president-professional activities, talk about how many events you planned, how many people attended, and how your performance compared to previous officers. The key is to make sure it's specific as to what you accomplished.

Companies are craving people with strong leadership skills and a host of real world experience. You have the skills. . . it's just a question of conveying them in a compelling and meaningful manner to the reader. Good luck! ▲

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On August 29, 1973, Deltasigs gathered for a New Hampshire clam bake included 2001 Lifetime Achievement recipient Bob Hughes and his wife, Arlene (center) and 1996 Lifetime Achievement recipient Bob Busse (far right).

Remember the Past! Celebrate the Future!

*National Alumni Day is April 25.
Gather with alumni and share your favorite memories!*



Twin Cities Alumni Chapter members share some laughs before a 1996 baseball game. Pictured far right is North Central Provincial Vice President Amy Briggs.



Future Central Office Executive Director Gig Wright (front right) and friends at the 8th Grand Chapter Congress in Madison, Wisc.

P. L. A. N. Your Gift

Planned giving is the process of making a charitable gift in a way that provides maximum benefit to the charity and the donor—as well as others who may be involved. Such gifts usually involve major assets and thus require thoughtful consideration.

While making a well-planned gift can be challenging and somewhat time-consuming, it can also be one of life's most satisfying experiences. Here are four steps to help you make a fulfilling planned gift.

Ponder

Consider what you would like to accomplish with your gift. What is your purpose? Why do you want to make the gift? Explore your motivations and expectations.

Review your assets, especially those that have appreciated in value. What can you afford to give without jeopardizing retirement and emergency needs? Consider your family and other obligations.

Do you need lifetime income from your gift? Do you need tax relief? Do you want to create a legacy through an endowment fund?

Mull all of this over in your mind and jot down key thoughts. Good planning begins with unhurried reflection, creative thinking and goalsetting.

Learn

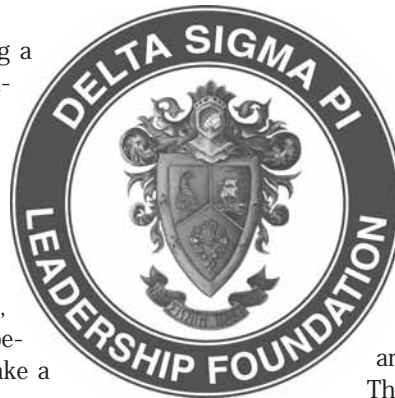
The second step is to gather information and advice. Visit the Leadership Foundation section of www.dspnet.org, or call the Central Office at 513-523-1907 for more information.

Once you have acquired an understanding of the gift vehicle and have satisfied yourself that it fits your plans, seek the counsel of a trusted advisor.

When you have obtained the information you need and feel comfortable with a decision to proceed, move to the next step and...

Act

Following through to actually make a planned gift can be the hardest part of the process, especially when the gift is irrevocable. The thought of giving up a cherished asset can also cause hesitation. Whatever your situation, the action step will come easier if you have taken the time to ponder carefully your objectives and have acquired sufficient knowledge to know that the gift arrangement is good. The act of giving a well-planned gift can be exhilarating!



Notify

Once you complete your planned gift, contact the Delta Sigma Pi Leadership Foundation (513-523-1907 or foundation@dspnet.org) and let us know. Of course, we are often included in the process and know when the gift occurs. At other times—such as will bequests—we are not aware a gift has been arranged unless we are told.

The reason gift notification is important is that it permits us to respond to you with appropriate recognition. Also, knowing helps us to look ahead in our planning and projections. A further reason is the positive effect this news has on others who may be considering a planned gift to the Leadership Foundation.

Would you like to make a planned gift to Delta Sigma Pi? We encourage you to ponder the possibilities. Learn all you can from a planned giving specialist and your trusted advisors. Armed with sufficient information and a sense of rightness, make your gift confidently and joyfully. And then, if we don't already know, tell us the good news. Let us honor you for your generosity, foresight and encouragement.

To learn more about this, and other giving methods, contact the Delta Sigma Pi Leadership Foundation at 513-523-1907, foundation@dspnet.org, or at www.dspnet.org (Leadership Foundation). ▲

Congratulations to the following brothers who are now 2007 Centennial Society Members: (11/05–1/06)

Claire Moomjian, *Akron*, 2005 Grand Chapter Congress Attendees, Arthur Giomi, *Cal State-Chico*, John A. Crawford, *Iowa*, Stacy Jordan, *Georgia Southern*, Robert Hughes, *Pennsylvania*, Amy Gallentine, *Missouri-Kansas City*, Jeff Gallentine, *Missouri-Kansas City*, Timothy Gover, *Southern Methodist*, and Deltasig's 2005 Career Achievement Recipient Zuheir Sofia, *Western Kentucky*! If you're not yet a member, what are you waiting for? Join today and be recognized at upcoming events, on the web, and in the Central Office! To learn about the 2007 Centennial Society and how you can join, or to see a list of all current members, visit the web site at www.dspnet.org (Centennial/History).

Leadership Foundation Scholarships!

Online Applications Now Available

www.dspnet.org highlights new areas and functionality of the Fraternity web site.

Applying for scholarships has never been easier with the Delta Sigma Pi Leadership Foundation! Simply visit www.dspnet.org (Leadership Foundation) to get started. A fast and easy registration is required to get logged onto the system. After that, you type in contact information, chapter involvement and you're on your way to applying.

Essay questions can be cut and pasted into your online document. The site also provides detailed information on obtaining transcripts, with a link to a "ready to print" transcript request form complete with your contact information already filled in. Requesting recommendation letters is quick and easy too! Fill out the appropriate contact information for the person you want to request a recommendation from and an email will automatically be sent their way.

You can always login to check the status of your scholarship, view if the Central Office has received your transcript and check the status of your recommendation letter requests. Once everything is complete, hit submit and your application is on its way to the selection committee!

Applications for all General Undergraduate Scholarships, Graduate Fellowships and Chapter-Specific Named Scholarships for 2006-2007 are due by June 30. Award amounts range from \$250 to more than \$5,000. Visit www.dspnet.org (Leadership Foundation) for a full list of available scholarships and fellowships, as well as those currently being established.

A big thank you to Scholastic Development and Awards Chair James "Duckie" Webb, *Houston*, for creating this system! ▲



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No alumni chapter or contact in your city? You can start a new alumni chapter! For information, contact Heather Troyer at heather@dspnet.org or (513) 523-1907 x223.

This list includes brothers that are seeking to begin alumni chapters in various areas.

Want to be a founding member of an alumni chapter—or just join some brothers for a good time?

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Central Office Welcomes a New Intern!

Rob Heaton, a communications major at Miami-Ohio has joined our team. Rob, a junior, has an expected graduation date of next December. Rob will primarily write and edit for *The DELTASIG*—look for his articles in this issue! Congratulations Rob and welcome aboard!



John Cookson named Interim Mid-Atlantic Regional Vice President!

Brother Cookson, *Detroit*, the recipient of Deltasig's Lifetime Achievement award in 1999, also serves as district director for the Central Virginia Alumni Chapter. Welcome aboard, John!

APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED for full-time Educational & Leadership Consultant positions (potential openings beginning June 2006) at the Central Office. This professional entry-level position requires relocation to Oxford, OH and includes both office work and frequent travel to collegiate chapters during the academic year. Knowledge of collegiate chapter operations, public speaking ability, and a B.S. degree are required.

For consideration, please forward your resume with cover letter and three references by April 1 to Dale Clark, Director of Chapter & Expansion Services, 330 S. Campus Ave., Oxford, OH 45056. Additional information and questions can be directed to Dale at (513)523-1907 ext. 232 or dale@dspnet.org.

Calendar of Events:

2006

April 25

National Alumni Day

April 28

American Management Association/Delta Sigma Pi Career Development Conference (Register at www.dspnet.org)—Chicago O'Hare Marriott

July 25–30

LeaderShape® Institute – Allerton, IL

October 7

Harrisburg LEAD School

October 14

Louisville LEAD School

October 21

Indianapolis LEAD School

November 4

Baton Rouge LEAD School
Phoenix LEAD School

November 7

Founders' Day

2007

February 9–11

Northeastern LEAD Provincial Conference – Providence

February 16–18

Southern LEAD Provincial Conference – Nashville

February 23–25

North Central LEAD Provincial Conference – Chicago
Western LEAD Provincial Conference – Las Vegas

March 2–4

South Central LEAD Provincial Conference – St. Louis

August 22–26

Join us for the Centennial Grand Chapter Congress!
(Visit www.dspnet.org for more details.)

Fraternity Board Minutes in Seconds (from February 3–5 meeting in Oxford, Ohio)

- Approved 06–07 operating budget with no dues or fees increases.
- Revoked the charters of Mu (Georgetown) and Mu Sigma (Barry) for charter abandonment and operational issues; and suspended Beta Eta (Florida) for 90 days for severe risk management violations.
- Selected Jim Prescott and Pete Petersen for the Lifetime and Career Achievement awards.
- Developed an approach to seek resolution of New Orleans Hyatt issues for 2007 Congress (hurricane damage).
- Approved purchase of a professional brick-based entrance sign and a smoke/fire alarm system for the Central Office.
- Announced formation of task groups to study Grand Chapter Congress, CEI and the Collegian of the Year program.
- Reviewed provincial legislation.
- Increased umbrella liability insurance coverage by \$1 million.
- Established policies prohibiting Fraternity events in foreign countries (except Canada), due to insurance issues.
- Agreed to add "Explain the Educational and Leadership Consultant program in your own words" as pledge exam question.
- Established policies requiring chapters to provide Fraternity leadership with passwords, access to listserves, etc.—on request.
- Loosened Honorable Mention Honor Roll requirements.

Oklahoma Senior Proves He's Lord of the Rings

by Shannon Starling, *Georgia Southern*

Kyle Fernandez, *Oklahoma*, is a proud member of the Oklahoma men's gymnastics team that won the 2005 NCAA Gymnastics Championship. The senior, with a dual major in international business and business management, and a Spanish minor, sat down with me to answer questions about gymnastics, Delta Sigma Pi, and what the future holds.

Shannon: What led you to pursue gymnastics?

Kyle: I was born extremely premature, and the priest actually had to come to the hospital to baptize me. He told my parents that day that I would be a gymnast. When I was 4 or 5 years old, they enrolled me in a small gymnastics school in Connecticut called Polly's School of Gymnastics. I competed for them for about 8 or 9 years. From there I switched gyms twice until I ended up at a gym called USA Gymnastics. I competed at the Junior Olympic National Championships my senior year of high school and attended Penn State where I did NCAA gymnastics for two years. My junior year I transferred to Oklahoma (OU). Ironically, during my first two years at Penn State, Oklahoma's team won the national title. In my junior year, when I transferred to OU, Penn State won the national title just ahead of OU. Finally, things fell into place my last year and we brought the national title home—this time, I was on the team!

Shannon: In which events do you compete?

Kyle: When I got to college, I went from being an all-around gymnast who did all the events to being a specialist. I specialize on the still rings. I found that by specializing and focusing on one



Kyle Fernandez (next to President Bush holding flag) and the rest of the Oklahoma Gymnastics team celebrate their 2005 NCAA Gymnastics Championships win by meeting President Bush.

event, I could reach a much higher level of gymnastics and could reach the level I needed in order to compete for a Division I NCAA team. It was probably one of the smarter decisions I have made for my gymnastics career. Sure I miss the other events sometimes, but I think focusing my time on my strength and still rings is actually what allowed me to reach a level where I could earn a college scholarship. I still like rings enough that I am still training now, even after my college eligibility has expired. I'm not quite sure that I have a specific goal in mind, but at the very least I don't have to give up this sport just yet. Plus, it's a great way to stay in shape.

Shannon: Do you have a pre-meet ritual?

Kyle: The team usually gets together, and we psyche ourselves up. As for a personal ritual, I always make sure I do my different warm-up exercises in the exact same order every time and do the exact same number of repetitions when doing my pre-meet exercises. Right before I compete, I stop watching everybody else's routines, close my eyes and visualize my routine in my head—one skill at a time rather than the whole routine.

Shannon: What were your thoughts before winning the 2005 NCAA Gymnastics Championships?

Kyle: It would be really nice to finally win one of these things.

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Record-Setting Jamaican is on Track to Success

by Beth Losik, Baker

If you type the name “Aldwyn Sappleton” into a search engine, you’ll pull up a long list of track times. He’s best known for running the 800-meter (for those not familiar with track and field, 800 meters is around half a mile). And Brother Sappleton’s dream is to compete on Jamaica’s Olympic track team. But there is more to Brother Sappleton than his track records.

He is currently pursuing his MBA at Oklahoma (otherwise known as “OU”) in Norman. When asked in his high school days which he’d focus on, school or track, he responded “Why not both?” So what is Sappleton’s formula for excelling in athletics, studies, and service? To know that is to know Brother Sappleton.

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Growing up in Jamaica

Aldwyn grew up in a family of seven children in Jamaica. He will tell you he was born into a family of teachers. His parents instilled that sports were a privilege to be earned by good grades.

In the 7th grade Brother Sappleton's grades suffered while he played football in Jamaica (what American's call soccer); therefore his parents made him drop all varsity sports until he got better marks in school. He avoided the track coach for two years! By the 9th grade, the young athlete's grades greatly improved and he decided to join the track team without telling his parents. It was an awkward moment when his mother and father came home and found Aldwyn washing his track spikes. However, since his studies had improved, his parents finally agreed to allow him to join the track team with the condition that he kept his good grades.

Sappleton traveled to Chile in 2000 for the World Junior Championship. The Oklahoma coaches were there recruiting others from his high school. Wanting some attention too, Aldwyn got up enough courage and asked "hey, what about me?" After returning home he was surprised to get a phone call from OU. The opportunity made the Jamaican student wonder, "Where is Oklahoma? You mean like in the old cowboy movies?" He soon learned the Jamaican role models, Danny McFarlane and Michael Blackwood (both known for running the 400-meter), that he watched on television had also attended OU. After investigating the schools academics, he was impressed and ready to apply.

Off to Oklahoma

Brother Sappleton decided to concentrate on his studies and track during his first two years at OU. Sappleton entered as a freshman with a major in political science. He soon found he was more interested helping others in less developed countries through economic opportunities—and switched his studies to international business and economics.

He quickly noticed some cultural difference between Jamaica and the United States. One hurdle was the slang of a college campus, but he quickly caught on and enjoyed learning the expressions. Aldwyn pledged Deltasig in the Fall of 2002 (serving as the pledge community service chair). Once initiated, Brother Sappleton continued to coordinate and participate in the chapter's community service events and served as VP-Community Service. Brother Brandon Gilbreath recalls the passion that Aldwyn showed for community service (such as his "Shak-a-thon" to help out Habitat for Humanity), "Aldwyn knew the importance of community service and made everyone around him feel the same way."

Sappleton also liked the improved professional confidence and communication skills the Fraternity helped foster. Delta Sigma Pi opened up "a whole different world" where he knew most everyone at the business college and was better able to talk to people, thanks to the recruiting process.

On respecting different personalities: You have to be able to accommodate everyone... without trying to change them... understand who they are...If you respect me, I'll respect you...

—Aldwyn Sappleton

"Not only has Aldwyn been one of my best friends on the track team, but he has been a brother as well through Deltasig," remarks pledge brother Phillip Cave. Brother Erik Ezelle applauds Sappleton for being so humble, "He always congratulates his teammates, as opposed to mentioning his feats. 'Sapp' will never shed light on himself for individual achievements. He cares for many, is completely dedicated, and extremely modest."

Sappleton's status as an international student does not allow many work experiences while in the United States; therefore, a professor suggested Aldwyn continue to pursue leadership experiences with community service through Integrated Business Core. "IBC" allows students to get hands-on training by creating and managing a start-up company as a community service project. Brother Sappleton enjoyed IBC's process of selecting a product, creating a business plan, getting funding from banks, working on marketing and legal, and providing local charities with all the profits. Sappleton's IBC group (IBVintage) set an OU record with 1400 hours of service in one semester!

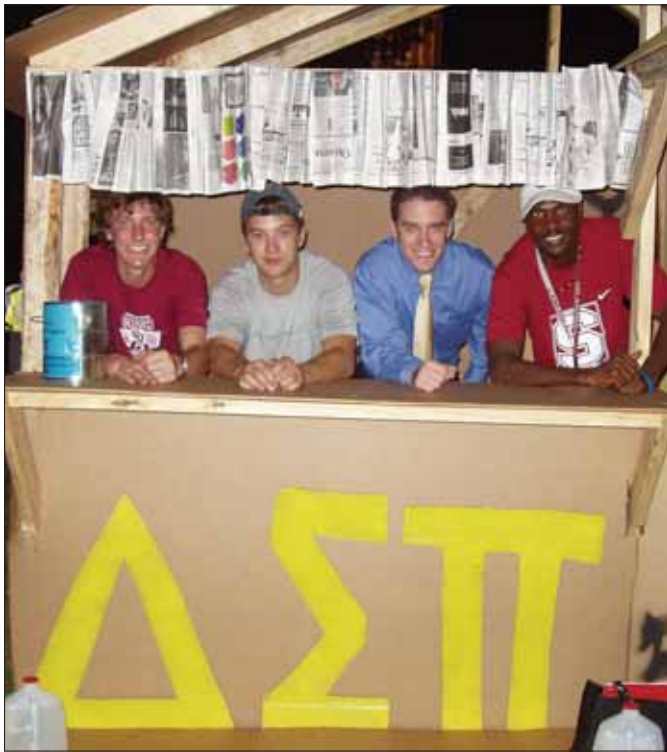
Journey to the Olympics

In 2004, with the Olympics looming, Brother Sappleton began to think, "I really could do this." Everyone noticed as he got very close to qualifying for the Olympic team, but he was sidelined by illness and injuries that prevented him from training the way he wanted. "It made for a long year," but Sappleton emphasizes that one needs to "take some knocks here and there... and take your failures."

Brother Sappleton received his undergraduate degree from Oklahoma with a 3.55/4.0 GPA in May 2004 with majors in international business and economics. He is very proud of taking the time to finish both majors, but he was prouder when his parents traveled from Jamaica to Oklahoma for his graduation.

Living in the Present

After graduation, the ambitious Brother enrolled in OU's MBA program. "Even though he is currently a graduate student, he still helped out at all the Deltasig fundraisers during OU's home football games this year. He just gives as much as he can and keeps in mind the good of the Fraternity," says Brother Brandon Gilbreath.



Aldwyn Sappleton (right) and fellow Oklahoma brothers Brendon Quick, Benton Peret and John Smithson help out Habitat for Humanity, and have some fun in the process, with Brother Sappleton's creation, "Shak-a-Thon."

In February 2005 at age 23, he won the Big XII title in the 800m and set a new Big XII indoor record at 1:48.25. Earlier that same month, Sappleton ran the indoor 800-meter in 1:47.43. Aldwyn broke his own school record at OU and held the new Jamaican national record for the indoor 800-meter.

Sappleton will quickly tell you he's going to beat his own record time. He still finds it challenging and wants to do better. Brother Erik Ezelle reminds us of Sappleton's modesty, "Even when he sets records, anytime anyone asked Aldwyn how he did at a meet his reply is always 'I did okay.'"

Since the 2004–05 school year was his last year of eligibility for running on the Oklahoma track team, he currently has his own training program. He also trains in Oklahoma with his Jamaican role models (now mentors), Danny McFarlane and Michael Blackwood. This Spring, he'll have a track meet almost every weekend—but he figures, "fitter body, fitter mind!" He plans to spend his summer training in Jamaica prior to his last semester at OU. His parents tell him not to worry too much about his expenses and that one day he'll make it big and be taking care of them.

Looking Into the Future

Brother Sappleton is planning to receive his MBA (with an emphasis in international business) this December. He hopes to get a contract from one of the big sporting goods companies so he can concentrate on training and competing after graduation.

Sappleton's Stats

Athletics

Indoor 800-meter with a time of 1:47.43 (February 2005)
 Jamaican national record
 University of Oklahoma school record (previously held by Sappleton)
 Big XII 800-meter title with a time of 1:48.25 (February 2005)
 Jamaican Senior National Champion in 800-meter (2 times)
 Team Captain, Jamaica National Senior Track Team (2002)
 All-Big XII honoree (8 times)
 University of Oklahoma Track & Field: Team Captain 2003–2005 & MVP 2002–2005
 University of Oklahoma Athletics Council Service Award 2004–2005
 Athletic Directors' Leadership Award 2004
 NCAA All-American (4 times)
 US Track Coaches Association Academic All-Star (3 consecutive teams)
 Named to the ESPN, The Magazine Academic All-America team
 Verizon Academic All-District second team for district 6 (June 2002)

Academics & Service

Academics & Service
 Big XII Commissioner's Honor Roll (8 times)
 Vice President 2004–2005 University of Oklahoma Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
 NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship (May 2005)
 Big XII Postgraduate Scholarship (May 2005)
 inducted into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars (2002)
 2005 Coca-Cola Community All-American Award for excellence in Community Service
 IBC program: IBVintage (2003)
 Delta Sigma Pi–Beta Epsilon Chapter: Pledge Community Service Chair (Fall 2002) & Vice President-Community Service (2003)

From there? He wants to see where his body and mind will take him. He's proudly represented his country since he was 13. He believes he has it in him to "run the distance" and achieve his goal of competing on Jamaica's Olympic team. He may follow in his family's tradition and become a teacher, but ultimately his goal is to start his own business and serve Jamaica by furthering its economic development. It's all for Jamaica, and he "wouldn't change it for the world." ▲

"Aldwyn is one of those who doesn't come along every day in intercollegiate athletics. He's really one of the special ones." –Debbie Copp, Media Relations with

Oklahoma's Athletic Department

She's Got Game!

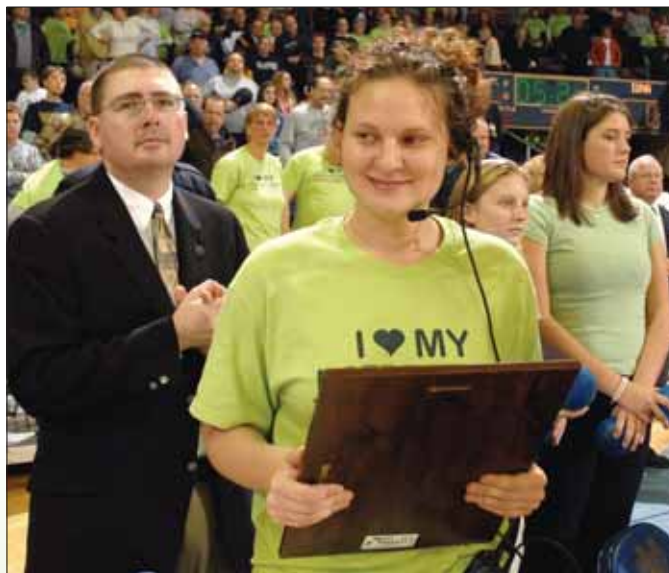
by Rob Heaton

The same mindset that guided Stephanie Menio, *Pittsburgh*, as an undergraduate has now propelled her to success in the professional world.

Currently the coordinator of women's basketball operations and marketing at Notre Dame, Brother Menio continues to live by the motto, "think big—be flexible—and do it with pizzazz," which is evident in both her progression through the field and her ongoing actions at Notre Dame. Menio has also worked in the marketing department for the women's sports programs at the universities of Pittsburgh and Missouri.

Menio is driven by ambitions of innovating how women's sports are marketed. "Let's face it—women's sports in today's world lag significantly behind the men. There is so much room for improvement," Menio says. "Many people in the industry don't understand how to market women's sports. I am in the process of testing some marketing tactics I believe will work and one day I want to share them with others in the field." Think big? Check.

Whether it's a game day or off day, Stephanie has a lot of responsibilities to coordinate. "My job is basically to put on a big production 15 times a year for each home game," she explained. This entails such items as promotional giveaways and game management scripts as well as pre-game activities, timeout contests, halftime shows, and post-game cleanup. On



Brother Menio doing what she does best, motivating the team and fans, as the coordinator of women's basketball operations and marketing at Notre Dame.

other days, Menio serves as a public relations specialist for the team contacting media outlets, conducting interviews and creating advertisements. Be flexible? Check.



Stephanie Menio (far left), *Pittsburgh*, with the Notre Dame women's basketball team.

Lord of the Rings

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Shannon: How did that feel to win?

Kyle: When it actually happened and the final score was flashed, it was not a feeling I could even begin, nor am I going to try, to put into words. Once things finally sunk in and had time to simmer through, I remember thinking, “Finally won one of these things. This is a good way to go out—on top.”

Shannon: Besides gymnastics, what are your other interests?

Kyle: I love foreign languages and experiencing different cultures. I also love dancing, especially Latin dancing like the Salsa and Merengue—I also like urban. It’s more of an eclectic blend when it comes to that area. I like trying new kinds of food and traveling to new places.

Shannon: Who or what motivates you?

Kyle: I have always been motivated by each chance I get to make my parents proud. I know it sounds cliché and like something a kid would say, but when I was growing up, my parents sacrificed so much to give me a great life and to give me as many opportunities as they could.

Shannon: What Deltasig experience sticks out as your favorite?

Kyle: Being initiated was a great feeling. Having gone through the nine-week-long process and earning the opportunity to be called brother was special. During my initiation process, I stood next to a fellow pledge who was about 6’5”. I bet all the members got a good laugh out of that one, seeing as I am over a foot shorter than him!

Shannon: What lessons have you gained from being a Deltasig?

Kyle: This Fraternity has taught me things you just don’t get from a regular in-class lecture. For example, etiquette dinners which teach you how to conduct yourself in a formal setting when out with a prospective employer. Things like this, in addition to the awesome brothers, make this Fraternity what it is today. I would have to say though that this Fraternity has so much diversity in it and has helped me understand other cultures (which are an interest of mine). It also helped me to really lighten up in terms of my view on life, especially this past semester.



Kyle Fernandez, Oklahoma, shows why he’s a master of the still rings.

Shannon: Tell us one thing most people don’t know about you.

Kyle: According to my roommate, I am good at doing a lot of different voices and random sounds. And, everybody thinks I’m Hispanic when they hear my last name. Well my last name is actually from Portuguese descent, and my parents and family are from India. The part of India where my father’s side of the family is from was a Portuguese colony, thus the Portuguese last name.

Shannon: What is the best piece of advice you’ve ever received?

Kyle: My mom says, “Honey gets you farther than vinegar.” It takes no extra energy to be nice to somebody. Being malicious and hurtful will only come back to get you in the end—bad karma. Next time you see somebody having a bad day, give them a warm smile. Small things like this make more of a difference in people’s lives than you know.

Shannon: So, what’s next for you?

Kyle: I have been interviewing with companies across the country and have received a few job offers. I will also be studying abroad in Spain this summer. I plan to travel around Europe while I’m over there. Since I don’t graduate until next summer, I have a lot more interviewing to do. What I really want to do is go back to school for law and business to get my JD/MBA. From there, who knows?

Shannon: Any last thoughts?

Kyle: In terms of my success, I want everybody to know it was not an individual achievement. I would not have a national win to claim without my coaches and teammates. I am a small part of the success achieved by everybody on that team. ▲

With the arrival of the 2005–06 women’s basketball season, she has added flavor to the basic day-to-day activities. In an effort to make publications and media stand out, Notre Dame’s traditional navy and gold has been replaced by lime green, resulting in a late-November promotional T-shirt sighting on “Live with Regis and Kelly.” Do it with pizzazz? Check.

Delta Sigma Pi still remains an important part of Brother Menio’s life. After all, she has to balance her career with her duties sitting on the Fraternity’s Board of Directors. After an 80-hour work week at Notre Dame, Menio enjoys the company of fellow Deltasigs, especially when she is able to participate in Deltasig functions. “I love seeing all the friends I have met across the country over the last five years,” she said. “It’s my opportunity to give back after being given so much.”

According to Menio, her experiences with Delta Sigma Pi provided a significant foundation on which to build in the job search process. She believes the interview preparation her chapter offered its brothers gave her the confidence she needs to succeed. More than anything, though, her Deltasig experience, which she now calls her hobby, allowed her to discover an exciting field.

Similarly, her biggest recommendation for current Deltasigs is to avoid settling for any job. Instead, you will be happier by seeking an opportunity where you will be motivated. “You have to stay positive about what you do or you will be miserable,” Menio said. “I love getting people excited about Deltasig or Notre Dame women’s basketball. It’s what I live for.” ▲

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