

FALL 2008 PLEDGES

Brian Baranyi	Wheaton
Joe Benz	La Grange
John "Chip" Block	Kankakee
Brad Buniak	Schaumburg
Victor Canestrini	Palatine
Tom Cleary	Chenoa
Jake Cocagne	Champaign
Chris Coon	Charleston
Alex Cordell	Palatine
Alex Dardi	Park Ridge
Collin Dickson	Rockford
Matt Ernst	Palatine
Ben Gabrek	La Grange
Corey Glaser	Croton-on Hudson, NY
Sam Gunther	St. Charles
Pete Hahn	Willowbrook
Griffen Herne	McHenry
Timmy Knudson	Wheaton
Justin Koerner	Champaign
Ryan Kolnick	Lombard
Tom Kostelny	Hinsdale
Christian Kurtz	Urbana
Andrew Rohan	LaGrange Park
Joey Ruttenberg	Schaumburg
Brendan Ryan	Elmhurst
Blake Schwarz	Schaumburg
Warren Shew IV	Palatine
Dan Smearman	Palatine
Dustin Stern	Northbrook
Barry Trilla	Western Springs
Paul Tschammer	Schaumburg
Mike Walsh	Naperville
Grant Walther	Schaumburg
Wally Wiedner	Glen Ellyn
Dan Wenclawski	Lisle



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CHAPTER UPDATE

"It's a Good Time to Be a Delt"

Thirty-Six New Pledges, a Top Ten GPA and Unbeatable Alumni Support

By Alex Roth

Sophomore brother **Cormick O'Connell** put it best when he said, "Man, it's a good time to be a Delt." Whether it's the alumni support, enthusiasm among the pledges or the chapter's recent accomplishments throughout campus, the Beta Upsilon Delts have been riding high as of late.

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The year started off on a good note by finding 36 bright young men interested in becoming the Delta Tau Delta class of 2012. Chapter involvement during rush was encouraging and the same strong effort has carried over into the fall semester pledge education. The pledges are learning more house history than ever before to ensure that they will have a solid foundation in Delt history.

"We want these guys to know what they are becoming a part of so that they can carry on this tradition of excellence," said pledge educator **Kevin Fidoruk**. A recent walkout at Bradley University has been the highlight of this semester's pledgship.

The pledges are not the only part of the house that has been giving their mead. Active members of the house are responsible for a top ten GPA among fraternities on campus with an average of 3.22. One of the high marks of this semester has undoubtedly been the Delts' success in philanthropy events. So far this year, we have won Theta Hoops, Gamma Phi Golf and Alpha Gamma Delta Water Wars, while taking second at the Pi Phi Aero Games. As for our own philanthropy schedule, there was an



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Graduate students Dustin Canter and Ryan McNeily have opened up a bagel shop at 611 E. Green St. called "Howbowda Bagel." The two worked tirelessly over the past months in preparation for their August opening and their hard work is starting to pay off. On a given night, all you need to do is walk by the windows to see that business is going well.

Although the Illinois football team could not find a victory at this year's homecoming game, the annual Delt Homecoming Party was a touchdown. More than fifty alums came back to the Shelter for the barbeque and party. With support like this, it isn't hard to see why Illinois' first fraternity has maintained its strength over the years.

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FRIENDS OF DELTA TAU DELTA

Get Well Soon, Ethel!

House's Long Time Cook Takes Leave of Absence for Heart Ailment

Ethel Atkins, full-time cook at Delta Tau Delta for over 11 years, is taking a leave of absence due to a heart ailment. Ethel was recently treated at Carle Hospital for her heart condition and is currently recovering at home. She tells us she is feeling better, but misses being at the Shelter and her important job of feeding hungry Delts.



While we are hopeful for Ethel's full recovery, we are requesting that alumni consider making a small contribution to a fund that will help defray Ethel's medical expenses and help her while she is home and unable to work.

Please make checks payable to the Ethel Atkins Fund and send them in care of Matt Wilson, 1216 W. Charles, Champaign, IL 61821. If you would like to send Ethel your wishes, her address is Ethel Atkins, 1509 Briarcliff, Urbana, IL 61801.

LOST EMAIL LIST

We Need Your Help to Reach All Brothers

We want brothers to receive all of our Delt communications, including those sent electronically such as our monthly e-Letter. However, we have almost 600 brothers in our database for whom we don't have an email address for! Some of those brothers are listed below and you can view a full list online at www.illinidelts-alumni.com. If you know the email address for any of these alumni (or you see yourself listed!) follow the directions online to help us update our database.

James K. Woodburn '67
Michael E. Babka '68
Jack M. Fredrickson '68
John Gray '68
Karl L. Hahn '68
Kenneth Hubbard '68
Carl A. Moss '68
Neal C. Neumann '68
Eugene Pielin '68
Peter C. Simmons '68
John M. Tinley '68
Jan W. Verkaik '68
Douglas J. Chidley '69
Karlen R. Covey '69
Thomas Cramer '69
William V. Kessner '69
James R. Lake '69
David P. Mueller '69

Gary N. Oakes '69
Kenneth Riha '69
Charles W. Roth '69
William Wilcox '69
Patrick J. Burley '70
Michael J. Condill '70
James Jorgensen '70
Duane A. Kaminski '70
Larry D. Majercik '70
Darrell W. McMurray '70
Michael Shepard '70
David C. Berglund '71
Ronald Cowell '71
Gerald C. Kalvelage '71
Edward C. Lorentz '71
Timothy J. McCarthy '71
Glenn R. Parke '71
Christopher J. Peters '71

Galen W. Stanley '71
Richard J. Urban '71
Jeffrey R. Borgeson '72
Gregory F. Foster '72
James M. Hines '72
W. Gary Hlady '72
Larry Lewton '72
David Ludvigson '72
James C. Philo '72
Roy G. Shuman '72
Thomas Turner '72
Ralph J. Wagner '72
S. Blake Weaver '72
Greg A. Zuidema '72
Gary E. Anderson '73
Scott K. Carter '73
James T. Druding '73
Robert Hess '73

Ronald Hetzler '73
J. Mark Ittersagen '73
Kenneth Jorgensen '73
Jeffrey Justice '73
Thomas D. Klemens '73
Rick A. Lincicome '73
Michael R. Milligan '73
John J. Murray '73
Robert A. Shupe '73
James A. Young '73
Brad L. Badgley '74
Jon Barth '74
Michael E. Burnham '74
Kenton C. Dahlstrand '74
Gary C. Fairbairn '74
Brad Hlady '74
James G. Lourgos '74
Michael T. Ossyra '74

PHOTO ALBUM



You can check out more photos from the current chapter and submit photos from your days as an undergrad online at www.illinidelts-alumni.com

Left: Karnea 2008

Right: Brothers at this year's Shipwreck event.



ALUMNI PROFILE

A Man of Many Talents Gives Back to Delta Tau Delta

Doctor by Day and Artist by Night, Grant Hamilton '90 Talks about Fraternity Life and How it Led Him to Where He is Today

Working as a renowned doctor, a gifted artist, an avid bike rider, a budding movie producer and a loving father and husband is all in a day's work for one Delta Tau Delta alumnus.

This well-rounded University of Illinois graduate is **Grant Hamilton '90**. Grant knew he wanted to be a part of a fraternity and rushed before he even stepped foot on campus. He says, "since I committed to Illinois through the 'early decision' program, I was invited to rush in the spring before matriculating." Grant believed that joining a fraternity such as Delta Tau Delta would personalize his experience at such a large university. It was clearly a smart decision for Grant as he had an incredible time with his brothers during his years there and after. "It was nice knowing that even as a pledge, there was a baseline level of respect and that reinforced my confidence in just being me."

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During his time in college, Grant majored in Industrial Design, but made the decision to attend medical school after graduation, something he describes as an early mid-life crisis.

Currently Grant enjoys the best of both worlds. Not only does he specialize in facial plastic and reconstructive surgery at his University of Iowa practice, he is also making strides in the world of art by gaining recognition for his unique Polaroid art. Grant's photos are going to be featured in an upcoming issue of *Light Leaks Magazine* and



Brian Aldred '89, Sara (Nawara) Hamilton, Grant Hamilton '90 and Matt Wilson '89 during their college days.

can be viewed on sxseventy.com.

As the art major in his fraternity, Grant was always volunteering to design or create whatever was needed for the house's parties and events. Along with this, Grant recalls the many good times he had in the Ohio Street house crammed in a small space with his roommate **Scott Casey '90**.

"I still keep in touch with some of the guys. **Matt Wilson '89**, Scott Casey and I have almost daily email debates about politics and economics. This has been going on for over a year and I'm pretty sure they are just about to admit that I am right about everything," he says jokingly.

Grant most recently returned to campus and reunited with his brothers for the 150th year celebration of the fraternity. Grant traveled from his current home in Iowa City where he lives with his wife Sara (Delt Queen '89 and '90) and their five year old daughter Jane.

"I met Sara in the first class on my first day of school at the U of I in 1986. Our first semester we dated, but were mostly friends. Later in the year, she told me to 'fish or cut bait' and we've been together ever since. She's been my best friend for over twenty years."

Currently, Grant and Sara are in the pre-production phase of a feature-length documentary film that will tell the story of the last year of Polaroid film as it will no longer be produced. Grant says that other film formats have disappeared because photographers have chosen to move to something else.

"As far as I know, this is the first time in history that an artistic medium has been taken away from the artists," says Grant. He and Sara are in the midst of forming a production company and taking the necessary steps to create their film.

In addition to all of his other ventures, Grant recently took up bike riding and in July rode 480 miles in the Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride across Iowa. He has also recently been named Residency Program Director at the University of Iowa where he will be involved in mentoring young Otolaryngologists.

Grant has also chosen to financially support Delta Tau Delta as an alumnus because he has "very fond memories of my time in college and really value the friends I made as a Delt. So giving something back just feels right." He adds that his time in high school and med school were a bit of a blur, but college was fantastic because of the friends he made as a Delt.

Grant is truly a success story in all aspects of life. So what are his insightful words of wisdom for future Delta Tau Delta generations? "This might sound like a bumper sticker, but 'seize the day!'"

If you'd like to get back in touch with Grant, you can email him at granthamilton@mac.com.

Do you know a Delt that would make a great profile candidate? If so, contact our editors at content@affinityconnection.com. Make sure to mention Delt at Illinois in the subject line!

ALUMNI UPDATES

'60s

Jim Fulton '63

(141 Kingswood Cir., Dansville, CA 94506-6051; TENNISJIM@AOL.COM) I worked for General Motors from graduation until my retirement in 1997 for a total of 33 years. I've been married to Bonnie Campbell for 40+ years now. We have three grown sons and 3 grandchildren. The last place I worked for GM was in Rochester, NY but we retired to Danville, CA (just outside San Francisco) in 1998. Retirement has been very active and fun. I would love to hear from some Illini Deltas of the early '60s

Dennis M. DeEmo '64

(1251 Birch Street, Edmonds, WA 98020; d_deemo@yahoo.com) I started running at the age of 62 and have now completed seven marathons. My first in 2001 was Dublin, Ireland followed a month later by my first Seattle marathon. In 2002, I ran a marathon in Anchorage, Alaska followed three months later by my first Chicago

marathon. I took some time off in 2003 and 2004 to get ready for my marriage to my beautiful wife Mary Cooney. Following our marriage in 2005, Mary and I enjoyed our honeymoon at Dromoland Castle, Ireland. I also retired from Resurrection Health Care after 33 years as Information Systems Director and moved to Seattle, where I ran my second Seattle marathon. I had a pacemaker "installed" in early 2005 as well! In 2006, I ran the Whidby Island marathon and went back to Chicago for my second Chicago marathon. Things were a bit slow in 2007 and so far in 2008 but I hope to run the Victoria, BC marathon in 2009.

Don Rowley '68

(2072 North Juniper Lane, Arlington Heights, Illinois 60004; drowley@wowway.com) I retired after 39 years of teaching high school math and being the boys' head basketball coach at Hersey High School in Arlington Heights, IL in 2007. I was elected to the Illinois Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame in 2007. I see **John Gleeson '68** about once a month and am

helping him set up his new mentoring program for Delt undergraduates. I stay in contact with **Pat Meehan '67**, **Dennis Mesic '68** and **Lucky Somers '68** and I have seen **John Helquist '68** and **Dennis Heydanek '68** within the last year. All brothers can contact me at my email address.

'90s

Jason Leavitt '96

(706 Joseph Circle, Golden, CO 80403; jason_leavitt@yahoo.com) Good news from the Leavitt household! We welcomed healthy twins to the family on Oct 23. Their names are Addison and Isaac.

'00s

Jake Lavin '03

(675 Greenfield Ct. D1, Bartlett, IL 60103-7950; jlavin03@yahoo.com) I got married on September 20th!

Grant Hamilton '90 submitted this photo from the 1989 Pledge Dance! Submit your old photos online at www.illinidelts-delta.com



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