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WHAT'S NEW?

Share your story with your brothers

There is good news out there – the stories of how your Greek experience helped you, taught you an important lesson, made you the man you are today, allowed you to meet the love of your life, gave you a connection which led you to your first job and professional journey ... and more. Please don't let these stories die without sharing them with those who really need to hear them. Send your news and photos to alumninews@affinityconnection.com!

IN MEMORY

We have recently learned of the passing of the following brothers:

Tim Landry '85 (9/10/15, age 52) To see photos, go to www.illinidelts-alumni.com

Marty D'Amore '88 (1/28/15, age 48) After a long courageous battle with ALS

Beta Upsilon Chapter mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.

FUTURE EVENTS

What kind of events are you looking for? Contributions to our annual fund help to finance alumni events throughout the year so us Delts can get together, reminisce and make some new memories. Let us know what kind of events you'd like to attend this next year. Send an email to our alumni relations office at alumninews@affinityconnection.com.

CHAPTER UPDATE

The Actives Have Set Several Goals and Have Plenty of Events Planned.

By Cooper Macek, Alumni Chair

House Updates

We put up a fence this past summer on the east side of the house in order to improve appearance of the house and to be able to have social events outside such as cookouts or campfires without disturbing the public. This will lead to more possible events during rush periods and more options when planning brotherhood building events (and even alumni get-togethers!). We are doing several minor things to keep the house updated as a whole. We recently painted a large portion of the house, keying on areas where the walls were stained or flaking.



Sustainment & Dues

Being one of the larger chapters of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, we are reaching towards a position of sustainment through a passing of living requirement. The specification of this requirement is as follows: a member must live in the house in two separate academic semesters i.e. a member must live in the house at least one semester as a sophomore in academic standing and one semester as a junior in academic standing. This will promote sustainment through ensuring the house is full of actives living within the chapter house. In addition, we are going to collect dues in a timelier manner through methods such as payment plans and working with actives with special circumstances in the highest regard.

Events & Philanthropy

We are making arrangements for Dad's weekend, which will include a tailgate and an open house event to give a full tour of

the house and to relay to our parents the values and customs we have obtained through the fraternity. We also intend on hosting a "Friendsgiving" in which an assortment of food and games will be available for the members of the fraternity. This is a great

way to share thanks as a fraternity family before sharing thanks with our families back home. This year we are blocking with the sisters of Kappa Alpha Theta at Red Lion in order to improve relations with the sorority as a whole.

We have a couple of teams in Gamma Phi Beta Moonball, Theta Kappa Alpha Hoops and Delta Delta Delta Greeks at Bat. Our presence in sorority events has always been strong, and we plan to continue this in order to help their cause and to keep relations strong with the sororities. We are also setting up an alumni homecoming in which we will be collecting money for the American Cancer Society and are collecting can tabs to donate to the Ronald McDonald foundation. We are also requiring all members to donate an hour and a half of their time to give to a nearby charity.

Members

We currently have slightly over 120 members within the Delta Tau Delta Beta Upsilon Chapter. The average GPA of a member in our chapter is 3.23. There are currently 51 members living in the house. We have 40 new pledges, all of which have great potential to live out the values of the fraternity. Throughout the rush process, we analyzed rushees on a basis of their seen potential in fitting well, not only within the fraternity, but within the values and customs of Delta Tau Delta.

ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

The Future of DTD Relies On You

Help Us to Ensure a Bright Future for New Members

We ended our 2014-2015 giving year August 31 with \$1,300 more than the year before, but with 30 less donors. With a goal set at 117 donors, only 78 of you stepped up to the plate and contributed back to the brotherhood. Think back to your time in SAE, all the great memories, events and our beautiful chapter house. It is up to us to give back and ensure future generations the chance to have those same memories and experiences and to keep the tradition going.

As the 2015-2016 giving year has already begun, we are keeping our goal of 117

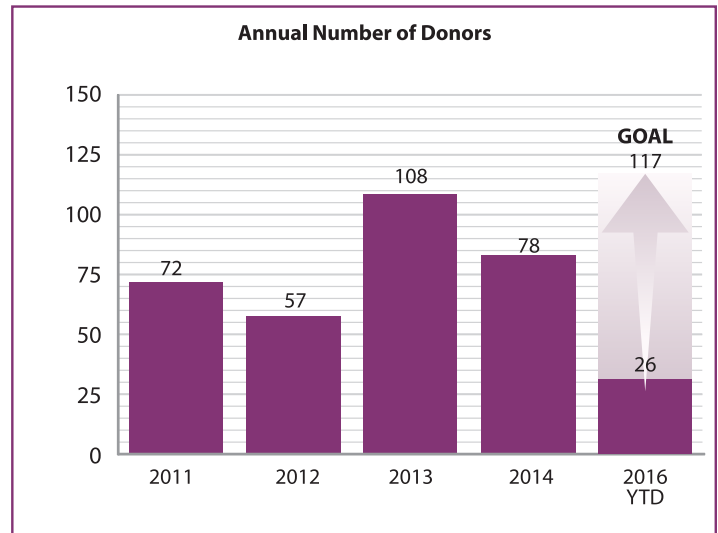
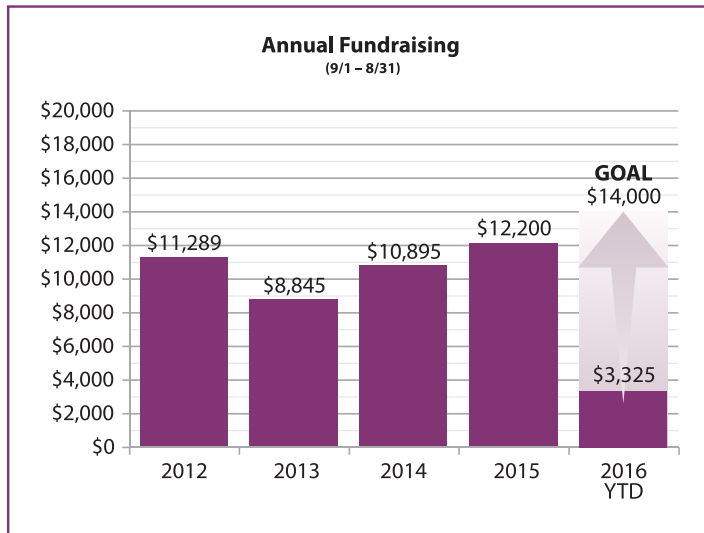
donors and have the utmost faith that our brothers can reach (or even surpass) that

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-Jerry Gea '69

Are you asking yourself "what's in it for me?" Keep in mind that all donations to the brotherhood not only benefit the actives, but they also benefit us alumni. Your donation keeps you informed through various communications (such as this one you're reading and our monthly e-newsletters), helps the chapter host alumni events for you to attend, provides scholarships to outstanding actives and helps keep the chapter house updated.

goal. In the past month alone we have already received 24 donations for a total of \$2,875.



HONOR ROLL

Thank you to those who have already made their contribution:

1872 Society (\$100.00 - \$249.99)

John Roos	1948
James Hanley	1953
Peter Koch	1955
Robert Rankine Jr.	1958
Donald Cooper	1960
James Tambling	1961
David Smith	1964
Dennis Tierney	1968
Gary Beckman	1969
Jerome Gea	1969

Ed Halik Jr.	1970
Kenneth Jorgensen	1973
Donald Ryan Jr.	1977
Gary Wilhite	1994
Ryan Trotter	2002
Andy Nall	2003

Beta Upsilon Sustaining Member (\$50.00 - \$99.99)

Edward DeLong	1958
William Reno	1962

Neil Dahlmann	1964
Clyde Ostberg	1965
Peter Youngman	1976
Matt McDermand	1984

Other

Myron Eberle	1944
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Who will be the next to join them? Make your gift today by logging onto www.illinidelts-alumni.com.

Jerry Gea '69 Recalls Journey of Adversity and Success

Jerry “Jet” Gea, '69, by his own admission, isn't as verbose as he once was, but his feelings for Delta Tau Delta Illinois have never wavered.

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Brother Gea's journey in DTD started with the important decision to join in the first place.

“I joined DTD for several reasons,” Gea Says. “The men I met were extremely personable; they treated me well and made me feel at home. DTD was the first fraternity on campus, so I knew it was stable. The Delts were well-known for athletic and social prowess. I loved the old house with the brick fireplace tradition. The house was in a great location.”

“I was recording secretary when our house on John Street burned down in 1967, just three weeks before school started,” says Gea. “Under the leadership of Gerry O'Neil who was House Chapter Director and John Gleeson, House President, we found two dilapidated houses that were going to be torn down for parking lots to move into. It was a mess but it brought us all together and we not only survived- we thrived. I was elected President in the winter of 1968 while we were still in the old houses and was involved in our moving into the abandoned sorority house in the fall of '68.”

As far as memories go, Gea explains that he has “too many to mention,” but recalls that he had the honor of reading the Charge at initiation the year after he graduated.

“A close second would be teaching the Alpha Chi Omegas with Ron Hopkins '71, some Delt songs before a pinning ceremony,” says Brother Gea. “My initiation was almost as memorable as hell week.”



While in school, the Delt cites his biggest achievements as graduating with a degree in Industrial Engineering and being elected President of the house. Conversely, his biggest failure was making an error at second base that cost he and his Brothers a softball championship.

“After I graduated, I spent my career in the steel industry,” says the Delt. “Getting my MBA at night school, starting a steel rep business, merging with a small family business, helping take the company public and retiring at the tender age of 58.”

These days, Gea is happily married to his wife of 41 years, Sheila, whom he met working as a sales trainee for the Bethlehem Steel Corp. The couple has two children, Shelby King, 40 and David, 36. They also have four grandchildren- Brandon King, 11, Ethan King, 8 and Jack and Sammie Gea, 8 and 6, respectively.

Without the Delts, Gea can only assume his life would be far different.

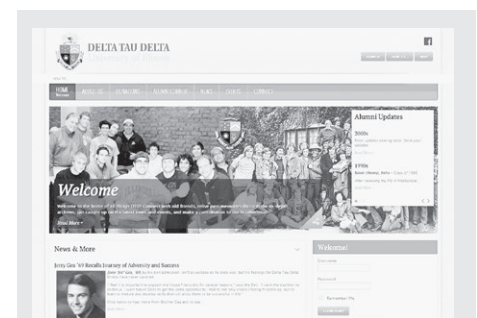
“I had no leadership or public speaking skills prior to joining DTD,” says Brother Gea. “I received a significant amount of experience in both regards which helped catapult my career. I would have missed out on making friends with some really good guys, including my best man. And I doubt I would have been nearly as successful without the things I learned from being a member of DTD.

Living, socializing and studying with a small group of peers in a large university helped me adjust to campus life and successfully get through the rigors of trying to earn a degree.”

“Have fun,” says Gea. “Being a Delt will allow you to make lifelong friendships. Support your legacy.”

As for those lifelong friends, Gea sees some of them quite often on golf trips with **Ron Hopkins '71** and dinners with pledge dad **John Gleeson '68**. He receives emails from several other Brothers, including **Mike Saxon '70**, **Jeff**

Vandersteeg '70 and **Alan Nudo '70**, which allows him to maintain friendships while remembering the good old days.



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ALUMNI EVENTS



Scott Casey '90, John Zemaitis '88, Ed Hulina '90, Matt Wilson, '89, Dave Ford '90 and Grant Hamilton '90



Don Cooper '60, Dan Dexter '10, Fred Warrick '60



Bottom Row: Don Cooper '60, Bernie Wall '60, Fred (Jill) Warrick '60, Jim (Diane) Staes '60, Tom Mulcahy '61
Top Row: John (Kathy) Zemaitis '88, Ed Hulina '91, Scott (Jill) Casey '90, Grant Hamilton '90, Dave Ford '90
Photo taken by Matt Wilson '89



Peter Klein '59 and Bob Rankine '58 toast their brother Delts from Cascadis, Portugal while on a 27-day vacation with their wives. They drove 1,400 miles around Portugal and northwest Spain before embarking on a Douro River cruise. It was a wonderful vacation; the Portuguese people were so friendly and the Celtic, Roman, and Moorish history of Portugal was on display in ancient ruins, castles and churches.