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ALUMNI EVENT RECAP

Brotherhood Tops the 135th Sesquicentennial Event

A Great Time Was Had By All

By Matt Wilson '89

If you didn't make it back for the 135th/Sesquicentennial shindig, you missed quite an event. The 200-plate Delt banquet and the big Illini win over #5 Wisconsin were the obvious highlights. But what alumni left campus thinking about wasn't the dinner or game. They all wrote back to me talking about how great it was being with their Delt Brothers again. The general consensus is we should do this kind of stuff more often. I agree.

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Scott Casey '90 deserves big thanks for flying in from LA to do the emcee thing. He was great. Jim Russell and Ken File from Delt headquarters talked about Beta Upsilon's importance to the fraternity and inspired actives and alumni to reach even higher heights. We're fortunate to have professionals like Jim and Ken working for us. Chapter President **Mike Tamm '08** gave a rundown

on the honors, awards, and extra-curricular achievements of our actives. Trust me, it's an impressive list.

So where do we go from here? Well, the comments I got from alumni gave me the strong impression that we should not be satisfied yet. The Chapter has accomplished a great deal through the "Journey Back to John Street," but we're not done yet. There are some significant Shelter improvements that still need to be made if we want to be the best we can be. These include better furnishings, bathroom renovations, study room upgrades, and the like. In the coming months, the house corporation, with help from Ken File and his staff at the Delt Educational Foundation, will roll out a plan for phase two of "Journey Back to John Street." We will seek your input, advice, and support as we proceed.

In the meantime, please visit the alumni website at www.illinidelts-alumni.com and contact me at wilson@uif.uillinois.edu if you ever have questions, ideas, or suggestions.



Top Row, L-R: **Scott Mennie '73, Pat Meehan '67, Don Rowley '68, John Conrad '69, Dennis Heydanek '68, John Gleeson '68, Lucky Somers '68**

Bottom Row, L-R: **Ken Jorgenson '73, Al Nudo '70, Howie Holiday '72, Jeff Vandersteeg '70, Chris Holiday '69**



ALUMNI PROFILE

John Gleeson '68 Continues to Stay Involved with the Fraternity that has Given Him Best Friends and Taught Him so Much about Life

John Recommends Alumni Involvement for All with Loyalty to Delta Tau Delta

Why did you join Delta Tau Delta?

Several of my friends from home had pledged Delts and I was struck by the camaraderie of the large (55 men) pledge class of 1968. In the 1960s, fraternity houses were maintained in a very civilized manor with the influence of a full time housemother. The place was spectacular and had that traditional feeling that spoke of deep roots and high ideals. Even as a fan on the sidelines, I liked the sports atmosphere with tournaments and meaningful competition with other fraternities. I must say that the food was much better than the dorm. Even in the beginning, it was obvious that I was joining friends for life who I chose as opposed to the random assignment of roommates and associates in the dormitory. It turns out I was quite right.

What was your favorite memory of the fraternity?

It seems like I remember every single thing that happened in those years at Illinois, so it is impossible to pick a favorite moment. When our house burned down in 1967, I was Chapter president. We had more than fifty men ready to move into that house in ten days. To this day I am struck by the sacrifices our members made to hold the Chapter together, especially the new pledges who hung with us even though living conditions were very rough. The guys that went through that time are my Delt heroes to this day.

With whom do you stay in contact?

Jim Thompson put the pledge pin on me in 1964. He has remained my friend all these years. We watched the Bears game together last weekend. **Lucky Somers '68** was my roommate for three years. He and I are in regular contact and see one another several times a year, even though he lives in California in the same neighborhood with **Dennis Mesic '68** who keeps me laughing whenever I talk to him.

Don Rowley '68 is a pledge Brother and was treasurer while I was president. Don kept me in line in school and still does. He just retired as varsity basketball coach at John Hersey High School in Arlington Heights. **John "Elmer" Conrad '68** usually gives me a call when he is anywhere near Chicago and we have always stayed close. **Dennis Heydanek '67** has always been loyal to our projects at BU. He is a regular



correspondent and attended the recent BU 135th anniversary celebration and reunion in Champaign. I hear from **Jerry Gea '69**, **Mark Brennan '71**, **Ron Cowell '71**, **Roland Wolff '69**, **Jim**

Jorgenson '70, **Ken Jorgenson '73**, **Pat Meehan '67**, **Tom Hickey '65**, **Dennis Tierney '68**, and **Jim Whiteside**. Recently, I renewed contact with **Chris Holiday '69**, **Howard Holiday '72**, **Al Nudo '70**, **Scott Menie**, **Jack Kamerer**, and **Gerry O'Neill**. I have lots of younger friends from Delt classes I have worked with through the years, including **Greg Kazarian '84**, former president of the Northern Division of the fraternity who pledged at a rush party at my house in 1981. Greg has served as Chapter advisor and house corporation president and is well known and respected throughout the fraternity. I have been fortunate to know **Matt Wilson '89** who is a dedicated and skilled alumni advisor to the Chapter.

Did you live at the house? If so, who were your roommates? Tell us a memorable time with them.

I lived in room ten overlooking the parking lot. My roommate was Lucky Somers but, because we were next to the cold dorm, everybody stopped in Room 10 before bed to "RF" about events of the day.

What leadership positions did you hold at the Chapter?

Social chair and president

What other activities or organizations were you involved with during your college days?

Officer, Interfraternity Council

What influence has the fraternity experience had on your life?

The fraternity has provided me with my best friends, the opportunity to test my own leadership abilities at various stages in my life, the mentoring of alumni like **Bob Ferris**, the chance to work with bright young men like Greg Kazarian and Matt Wilson, and a continuing

relationship with a new group of friends at the national fraternity level as a member of the Delta Tau Delta Educational Foundation.

What do you do for a living?

Senior Vice President, Chief Strategy Officer, Walgreen Co.

Tell us about your family.

Married to Deborah, 23 years. Son, Max (21) and daughter, Elizabeth (18) are both in college.

What hobbies do you enjoy?

I play some golf and enjoy playing bass guitar with "The Executones," a rock band of Walgreen colleagues. We have played at six undergraduate homecoming parties at the Delt Shelter.

Tell us about your involvement in Delta Tau Delta over the years.

I served with outstanding alumni on the alumni committee to re-build the Chapter after the restructuring in 1981. With Bob Ferris and Ken File, President of the Delta Tau Delta Educational Foundation, I led the "Journey Back to John Street" to finance the acquisition and remodeling of 401 E. John Street. I have been privileged to be invited to work with the active Chapter from time to time on strategic planning meetings. These encounters have always left me with the confidence that our undergraduates have been consistently constructive in building a better Delta Tau Delta at the University of Illinois.

What would you say to your Brothers about remaining involved with the fraternity?

I have never invested a dollar or an hour on behalf of this fraternity that has not been returned to me ten times over. Fraternity is all about a relationship of men across the generations. I would recommend the experience of alumni involvement to anyone with a constructive nature and a loyalty to the house.

Do you know of a Delta Tau Delta alum who would make a good profile subject?

If so, contact our editors at content@affinityconnection.com (mention "Beta Upsilon Booster" in the subject line).

ALUMNI UPDATES

'40s

John Cavanaugh '47

(101 N. Range, P.O. Box 492, Ridge Farm, IL 61870) I rarely see or hear from my gang of yore. It's understandable—there's not many of us left. One of the very best--Flip McDonald left us last year. I manage (still) to make it to Canada each year on a hunt.

'60s

Paul Pappas '65

(1659 Kingston Rd., Longwood, FL 32750; 2lindy2@msn.com) Retired at age of 53, and moved to Florida 12 years ago. My life is golf, senior softball, poker, skiing, gardening, and bridge, which almost flunked me out of college 45 years ago. It's a rough life but somebody's gotta do it.

Don Rowley '68

(2072 North Juniper Lane, Arlington Heights, IL, 60004; drowley@wowway.com) Thanks to everyone whose hard work contributed to a great Delt and Illinois weekend! I was impressed by everything, especially the current actives and pledges in the House. We also really liked the location of our football seats - in the shade! I am hoping to return often and hope to make it to future reunions, especially #150!

'80s

Kenneth Bollweg '80

(Lion Brewery Thomas St #48, Houston OX1 1JE England; kenneth.bollweg-1@nasa.gov) As my fellow Delt classmates know, I had waaaay too much fun back then but finally graduated from U of I in 1982 with a BSME. Since college, I've worked for Fluor Engineers, Amoco Research Center, and Lockheed at the NASA Johnson Space Center. In 2003, I joined NASA and am still here today.

I met my wife at NASA and we married in 1991. She supervises instructors that teach the astronauts how to operate various systems on the International Space Station.

We have a 15 year old son, 11 year old daughter, and a 21 month old son. The 15 year old started playing ice hockey when he was 10 and soon got me hooked at age 46. I now play regularly, am a certified USA Hockey coach, and have coached several of my son's and daughter's ice and roller hockey teams.

Frank Abromitis '80 came to Houston a few weeks ago to play in a hockey tournament with me. He was definitely one of the better players and even though our team wasn't very good, we had a blast! I managed to contact **Gary Benjamin '78** last fall after looking for him for several years. The Delt reunions in 2000 and 2004 were

fantastic and I was very sorry to miss the one held last year. I hope to see everyone this fall at the reunion as I intend to come back from Europe for it.

Scott Cunningham '85

(20644 Cutwater Pl, Sterling, VA 20165) My message to Beta Upsilon Chapter is this: "Don't Underestimate the Value of your Delt Experience." I would not have accomplished anywhere near the goals I have set without people like **Greg Kazarian '84**, **Pete Hahn '84**, **Ken Dow '84**, and **Charles "Chas" Johanns '85** as role models & friends. (Ok, maybe not Chas.) Just last week I put on the rank of "Captain" in the Navy Reserve, a personal milestone and something inconceivable as a freshman at U of I.

Career wise, I recently left Office of Naval Intelligence as the Deputy Director of Air Warfare for the Navy; I'm now a Senior Intelligence Officer with Defense Intelligence Agency, and still work in the Reserves with the Joint Chiefs of Staff Intelligence Directorate. If any of the Brothers are looking at possibly joining gov't service, or the military, I'm glad to discuss options, opportunities and the like.

IN MEMORY

Delta Tau Delta Remembers Bill Dallenbach '49

By Matt Wilson '89

I ran into Bill from time to time around Champaign and he always had a good Delt story from the old days, or news of an exciting trip coming up. Bill called me about 10 years ago and said he had something for me that he has been holding until he could give it to someone he trusted. I went over to his place and gladly received the centerpiece stone from the original Delt fireplace, which he salvaged and kept at his farm after the fire at Third and John. It's now permanently back in the reconstructed fireplace at the new Delt Shelter.

Here is an excerpt from Bill's obituary that was published in *The News-Gazette* from 7/4/2007 - 7/6/2007.

CHAMPAIGN – William Charles (Bill) Dallenbach III, 79, died Tuesday, July 3, 2007, in Chicago after an extended illness.

Mr. Dallenbach was born to William Charles and Kathryn Baynes

Dallenbach on Dec. 11, 1927, in Champaign. He graduated from The University of Illinois in 1949 where he was a member of Delta Tau Delta.

Mr. Dallenbach married Katherine "Kip" Scarritt in December 1956. They had two daughters. For many years, he ran a family-owned savings and loan business and was a partner in 74 Centre Associates. He was also involved with the local public library and the University of Illinois Foundation.

In his retirement, Mr. Dallenbach traveled extensively. He also enjoyed spending time at his beloved Elkhart Lake, Wis. cottage with family and friends. He remained active in the community and maintained his interest and curiosity in the world around him.

*Delta Tau Delta mourns the passing of **Bill Dallenbach '49** and sends condolences to his family and friends.*

UNDERGRADUATE EVENT RECAP

Great Turnout at 135th/150th Anniversary Celebration

Festivities Continued Throughout the Night

By Eric Vernsten '09, Alumni Relations Chairman

Thank you to all who came down to celebrate our 135th/150th anniversaries. The reception and banquet were excellent, with over 200 actives, alumni, pledges, and guests in attendance. The actives, pledges, and guests all had an excellent time.

“Thank you again to all alumni who came down and participated, and to those who could not, we look forward to seeing you in the future.”

The reception and banquet ended at 9:30, at which time everyone from the banquet were invited to continue the celebration at the bar, Firehaus, which also had an excellent turnout. Without the excellent alumni support our Chapter has, we would not be where we are. Thank you



again to all alumni who came down and participated, and to those who could not, we look forward to seeing you in the future. Now that the Illini have brought excitement back to football Saturdays in Champaign we hope to see more Delt alumni on campus for games. The last home game of the year is Nov 17th versus the Northwestern Wildcats. Please stop by the Shelter if you're in town.

We Want Your 135th Anniversary Celebration Photos!

Send your photos from the recent 135th Anniversary Celebration to our alumni relations firm to have them posted on our website. Simply attach them to an email at content@affinityconnection.com. Make sure to include captions for the photos and a note that they are from Delta Tau Delta at Illinois.

***Sesquicentennial Event is the Highlight of the
Fall! See Pictures and Details on Page 1.***

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