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The Future of Food

Georgia Tech Sigma Nu’s Rob Rhinehart (pictured) and Matt Cauble could be on the cusp of revolutionizing how the world consumes food.
The Delta of Sigma Nu, the Legion of Honor’s official magazine, has been printed since 1883 when founding editor John Alexander Howard (North Georgia) published the first issue in Philadelphia (before returning to a local printer in Dahlonega, Ga.). Through the years The Delta has remained committed to its original purpose to “cultivate a love of our Fraternity,” in the words of John Alexander Howard. In the process of telling the story of Sigma Nu, The Delta seeks to challenge, entertain, and inspire our members to rededicate their lives to Love, Honor and Truth with every issue.

Receive The Delta

In 2006 the print edition moved to an opt-in only subscription service, meaning any member can still receive every issue — they just need to notify us using the web form at www.sigmanu.org/publications. (All members with a good email address will continue receiving the digital version.)

Collegiate chapters still receive bundles of 15 for each issue. Collegians who wish to receive their own copy of the print edition are encouraged to opt-in at the web form mentioned above.

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Letters to the editor and other forms of feedback are always welcome and should be sent to nathaniel.clarkson@sigmanu.org or PO Box 1869, Lexington, VA, 24450.
From the Editor

Honor is Everything

IT WAS A YEAR AGO THIS MONTH WHEN WE SAT DOWN WITH Curt Menefee at the brand new Fox Sports 1 studios in Los Angeles. Only a few weeks before our meeting, Curt was tapped to offer the opening remarks that would form the identity for Fox’s new 24-hour sports network [FIG. 1].

Gracious and welcoming, Curt talked with us about how Love, Honor and Truth have provided the underpinnings to his broadcasting career and how a focus on Honor has elevated his career at every stage.

Honor — i.e. reputation — is everything for a journalist.

Our second feature profile is another testament to this idea. As you’ll read, ESPN columnist Mark Schlabach’s reputation for integrity would yield a scoop that turned out to be the biggest story of the 2010 college football season [FIG. 2]. His previous investigative work exposed misconduct that would later lead to needed reforms in prep school academies.

We’re pleased to present a follow up story on a brother who was featured in The Delta 20 years ago. The last time we checked in with Tommy Vardell, he was scoring touchdowns for the Stanford Cardinal and on his way to the NFL [FIG. 3]. Fast forward 20 years and Tommy is a managing partner with Bay Area investment firm Northgate Capital. It’s clear from talking to Tommy that the leadership skills he developed playing football have served him well in his post-gridiron career. Tommy’s approach to leadership and operational excellence provide useful examples for brothers at all career stages — whether a collegiate officer or a rising executive.

Rounding out our feature stories is the tale of two Georgia Tech brothers who may be on the verge of a new revolution in food and nutrition. They’ve been profiled in such publications as The New Yorker, Vice, The Atlantic, and now, The Delta of Sigma Nu. In our interview with Rob and Matt, the brothers from Gamma Alpha Chapter were eager to tell us how Sigma Nu helped them learn the business skills to found their company.

Inside you’ll also find a recap of the 66th Grand Chapter in Nashville complete with award winners and a series of photos capturing the full experience from start to finish.

We hope you enjoy the stories in our latest issue and we invite you to share feedback and ideas for future stories by emailing news@sigmanu.org.

Yours in Sigma Nu,

NATHANIEL CLARKSON (James Madison)
Managing Editor
CONVERSATION

Fly Your Flag
Flag photos from around the world

History from The Delta

Grand Chapter, 40 Answers, bid day and more.

@HartSpencer: Just spoke in front of 500+ people at #SNCG2014 #wow

@andrew_havranek: So unbelievably proud to call myself a brother of @DuquesneSigmaNu ... the newest ROCK CHAPTER of Sigma Nu!!! #SNCG2014

@SigmaNuHQ: First wave of staff members arrived at @OmniNashville today for #SNCG2014. Full team arrives tomorrow to continue prep work for Wednesday!

@TheBubbaMaster: I think I'm gonna go to Outdoor World/Bass Pro Shop to see a fellow @SigmaNuHQ hath wrought.

@deltaupsilon: We support @SigmaNuHQ and @PreventHazing #40Answers campaign! Participate by using #40Answers for each daily question. Proud to be #nohazing

@daannnn_18: but for real why do we not have us some @SigmaNuHQ at FAU yet?

@Marvel: Get your 1st look at Paul Rudd as Scott Lang in #Marvel’s #AntMan, in theaters July 17, 2015!

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@CamBarnett89: I love when #40Answers happens each year and we get to read brilliant tweets from people all over the country.

@MasonPHC: Hey #GMU Greeks Check out #40Answers with @PreventHazing about why Hazing is never OK & how we can prevent it in our community!

Fly Your Flag
Adam Fledderman (Indiana State) at the Great Wall of China.

Riely Allen (Colorado State) hiking in Colorado over the summer.

Nu Beta (Huntingdon) Brothers Josh Johnson, Jacob Brooks, and Jeremiah Stone visiting the Equator during a mission trip to Quito, Ecuador.

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100 Years Ago...
Fraternity Problems
The fraternity of today, with its vast financial resources and property assets, is quite different from the fraternity of a few chapters housed in club rooms. Sigma Nu has had an unusual growth. Much has been said and done to develop and round out its ideals, but no progress whatsoever has been made in its business organization. It would seem that it cannot be a smooth working organization until its business methods are reorganized into an absolutely centralized authority. This must reach out into and include the finances of each and every chapter.

50 Years Ago...
To The Fraternity: An Annual Report

The year has brought us both satisfying triumphs and conspicuous failures. We hope we’ve learned from both. We feel we’ve moved ahead on many important fronts, notably in undergraduate member understanding of the real meaning and purposes of fraternity in general and Sigma Nu in particular. That task has no end.

But who is to say whether or not we are really making substantial progress towards our goal ... helping Family, Church, and State produce a better man by helping our members achieve a better education? It’s like Dick Vaughan said ... “The Fraternity will be as good as you are.”

25 Years Ago...
Sigma Nu’s LEADership Program Addresses Societal Need: Ethics
Sigma Nu is embarking on one of the boldest undertakings in the collegiate fraternity world as it launches a unique LEADership development program for its undergraduate members, announced Robert L. Marchman III, president of the Sigma Nu Educational Foundation.

Designed to address the ever increasing need for ethical leaders in today’s society, the Sigma Nu LEAD Program (The acronym stands for leadership, ethics, achievement and development) presents a “window of opportunity” for college men to prepare for future leadership roles, said Brother Marchman.
“I do see a social component for this business; we could provide a substantial amount of aid to those who have struggled with food security or malnutrition.”

—Irrlent CEO Rob Rhinehart (Georgia Tech) See page 56

“I was a 22-year-old covering a major college football team for one of the best sports sections in the country while living in the Sigma Nu house.”

—Mark Schlabach (Georgia) See page 30

“"I took my Sigma Nu vows very seriously. The ideals of the fraternity are woven into the fabric of who I am as a person.”

—Irrlent CEO Rob Rhinehart (Georgia) See page 34

“Sigma Nu reinforced in me, at a young age, on a daily basis, of who I wanted to be and how I wanted to be perceived.”

—Tommy Vardell (Stanford) See page 34

—Irrlent CEO Rob Rhinehart (Georgia) See page 34

—Curt Menefee (Coe) See page 26
Recruitment Bluebook for Alumni

The General Fraternity has developed the Bluebook for Alumni to guide alumni in their involvement with recruitment and maximize effectiveness in this important process. Understanding that each alumnus will have different needs, this resource is organized to allow each alumnus the chance to customize his approach.

Regardless of background or experience, the information presented shows the best opportunities for alumni to get involved. Each section acts as a step-by-step guide to achieve effective recruitment and advisement from alumni. The topics covered range from forming a recruitment advising committee to creating a recruitment advisement calendar.

Community Service Tracking Sheet

Many chapters have spent a significant amount of time designing and keeping up with community service hours. While keeping up with service hours is essential, the time and energy spent designing an effective method to track service hours can require a serious investment.

The General Fraternity is pleased to announce that there is a new resource available for Community Service and Philanthropy Chairmen and other relevant officers to keep up with service hours. This new community service tracking sheet is now available for use in keeping up with all chapter brothers’ community service hours. The only thing that needs to be done is to record the hours whenever a brother has completed the service.

Special Event Request Form

As many know, the General Fraternity offers collegiate chapters the opportunity to request certain one-time exemptions from aspects of the Risk Reduction Policy and Guidelines (e.g. exceed the 2:1 guest-to-member ratio). For an exemption to be granted, the General Fraternity requires the chapter to submit a completed Special Event Request Form which is then used to further evaluate the event to determine if an exemption may be possible.

For the past several years, chapters had to print, complete, scan, and then email the Special Event Request Form. The redesigned form is more user-friendly and is now an editable PDF.

The General Fraternity is pleased to announce that the redesigned Special Event Request Form is now available on the risk reduction section of the website.
Seasons Curt Menefee (Coe) has been host of Fox NFL Sunday. See page 26.

Career touchdowns for Tommy Vardell’s (Stanford) nine seasons with the Browns, Lions and 49ers. See page 34.

Years Michael Jaszczak (Case Western Reserve) spent completing The Quest. See page 64.

Soylent orders that have been placed at time of publication. See page 42.
Taking over new roles with the General Fraternity are Alex Taylor (Huntingdon) and Adam Bremmeyer (Washington State). They will be serving as the directors of expansion and recruitment. In addition, Christopher Brenton (North Carolina State) will be serving as the associate director of leadership development after completing two years as a leadership consultant.

Departing this June from the General Fraternity staff were Bill Morosco (Florida) and Josh Green (Arizona). Bill served for two years as a leadership consultant and expansion and recruitment consultant. Josh Green will be ending his tenure as the director of expansion and recruitment after six years of service to the General Fraternity.

Also departing the staff team was Alsten Tauro (Nichols State) as the director of information technology after 13 years of service to the General Fraternity. In addition, departing was Kirkland Wohlrab the executive assistant for the Sigma Nu Educational Foundation for four years.

The Fraternity is pleased to welcome Shannon Balser as the new executive assistant and Steven Talley as the director of information technology.
Consultant Updates

This June saw the arrival of five new consultants, four of whom will be traveling the country as leadership consultants and one who will be project manager for Sigma Nu's expansion project at Ashland University.

Zach Eisenman (South Carolina) served as Commander and as a member of his chapter's judicial board. Outside of Sigma Nu, he was a member of the Greek conduct board and was involved with South Carolina College Republicans. In addition, Zach was a member of Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society, as well as the South Carolina Golf Club. Brother Eisenman will serve as the leadership consultant for chapters in the Southeast Region.

Raymond Fackler (South Florida) served the Theta Alpha Chapter as Commander, Lt. Commander, Assistant Recruitment Chairman, and Philanthropy Chairman. He also served on several other committees within Sigma Nu and was heavily involved in intramurals. Outside of Sigma Nu, he was involved on campus with Lead Fellows and Best Buddies. Brother Fackler will be serving as a leadership consultant for chapters in the Heartland Region.

Shekhar Hazarika (South Florida) served the Theta Alpha Chapter as Commander, Recruitment Chairman, Alumni Chairman, and became heavily involved with several other leadership positions. In addition, Shekhar also took on leadership roles within different campus organizations, such as Greek village council and Greek programming board. Shekhar also found time in his demanding schedule to volunteer at a local elementary school, tutoring and mentoring young children. Shekhar will be consulting chapters in the Northeast Region.

Travis Galloway (Washington) served as Marshal, LEAD Chairman, and Community Service and Philanthropy Chairman. During his time in the Gamma Chi Chapter, he helped implement Phases III and IV of the LEAD Program, and strengthened Gamma Chi Chapter’s relationship with the Ivy Center for Advanced Brain Tumor Research in Seattle. In 2012 he spent a quarter studying abroad in Quito, Ecuador. Galloway will be consulting chapters in the Southeast Region.

Jacob Rigsby (Colorado State) served in many leadership positions within the chapter including Recruitment Chairman, Social Chairman, Lt. Commander, and Commander. In addition to his leadership roles within Sigma Nu, Jacob served in a number of positions across campus such as vice president of recruitment for IFC, a campus admissions ambassador, student coordinator, and presidential ambassador. Finally, he helped future fraternity leaders as a TA for the Emerging Greek Leader Course. Rigsby will be the project coordinator for Sigma Nu's expansion at Ashland University.

Returning for his second semester as a leadership consultant, Tyler Richter (South Florida) will return as the Midwest Region’s consultant. Joining the Fraternal Staff in January, Brother Richter served the Theta Alpha Chapter as Commander, Lt. Commander, Recruitment Chairman, and Philanthropy Chairman.

Returning for a second year, is leadership consultant Matt Miller (Mount Union) who will continue to serve as a leadership consultant for the West Region.

Christopher Brenton (North Carolina State) will serve as a leadership consultant for chapters in Virginia.
Brothers from around the country gathered in Nashville in July to elect new leadership, deliberate changes to *The Law*, celebrate milestones, and honor Sigma Nu’s heroes.

In the pages that follow, two photojournalists capture the unfiltered Grand Chapter experience.

All photos by John Gentry Photography.

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Above: An empty CMA Theater awaits Grand Chapter attendees before doors open for the Opening Ceremony.
Right: Brothers from Mu Iota Chapter (Hartford) check out the merchandise table.
Below Right: Representatives from the Gamma Zeta Chapter (Oregon) visit the credentials table to pick up their voting ribbon.
Below: Regent Charlie Eitel (Oklahoma State) welcomes brothers and guests to the 66th Grand Chapter.

Sigma Nu’s 2012 Talent of the Year and Nashville-based singer/songwriter Patrick Thomas (Vanderbilt) performs at the Opening Ceremony.
Left: A brother takes notes during a debate on the convention floor.

Below: Parliamentarian Dr. Tim Huerta (Cal State Los Angeles) reviews the rules of order and business for voting representatives.

Bottom: Voting representatives converse on the convention floor.

Below Left: Brothers and guests enter the convention floor for Ritual opening and Business Session II.
Left: Don Humphreys (Oklahoma State), retired principal financial officer of ExxonMobil, delivers the Maddox Honor Lecture.

Above: Regent Charlie Eitel (Oklahoma State) signs a copy of *The Story of Sigma Nu* for the silent and live auction benefitting the Sigma Nu Educational Foundation.

Bottom right: The Elections Committee – composed of five alumni and four collegians – prepares to distribute ballots for the High Council election.
Right: Past staff member Chris Healy (Fresno State) leads a session with standing room only during the educational breakout blocks.

Below: Voting representatives review materials to consider a proposed change to The Law.

Above: Brothers read a display during tours of the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum.

Above: Brothers photograph platinum records during tours of the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum.
The ceremonial Mace sits in front of the stage during a business session.

Above: Regent Charlie Eitel (Oklahoma State) offers closing remarks during the awards banquet, joined on stage by the High Council and their guests.

Right: A bagpiper plays during the Chapter Eternal report honoring brothers who passed away in the last biennium.

Below: Joe Francis (Oklahoma State) delivers inaugural remarks as the new Regent of Sigma Nu Fraternity.

Above: Incoming Regent Joe Francis (Oklahoma State) takes the oath of office.
The awards illustrated on the following pages
were presented during the 66th Grand Chapter
The Sigma Nu Hall of Honor recognizes those brothers whose distinguished service has brought enduring strength and vitality to the Fraternity. Membership in the Hall of Honor is Sigma Nu’s highest distinction.

Recipients must meet all of the following qualifications for induction into the Sigma Nu Hall of Honor:

- The brother must have distinguished himself in his field in a manner to bring great credit to the Fraternity.
- The brother must have rendered distinctive service of vital consequence to the progress and well-being of the Fraternity.
- If the brother is still living, he must have attained the age of 50 years old.

The Hall of Honor Committee, made up of members of the Hall of Honor, is responsible for selecting up to five brothers, living or deceased, for induction into the Hall of Honor at the end of the current biennium. The committee must unanimously agree upon the inductees. Serving on the committee this year were past Regents Mike Long (Drury/Missouri State), E. G. White (Indiana) and Al “Corky” Olsen (Arizona).

DONALD K. “DON” DENSBORN
(Indiana)

- Brother Don Densborn, an initiate of Sigma Nu’s Beta Eta Chapter, graduated magna cum laude from both undergraduate and law school at Indiana University. Following his graduation, Brother Densborn continued his involvement in Sigma Nu through his service as both a Trustee and Division Commander.
- In 1998, Brother Densborn began his service on Sigma Nu’s High Council. During his tenure, Brother Densborn would serve as Grand Treasurer, Regent Elect, and as the 59th Regent of Sigma Nu Fraternity.
- Professionally, Brother Densborn has a distinguished career as an attorney in Indianapolis, Ind. Chambers USA has named Brother Densborn as one of America’s Leading Lawyers for Business and he has also been named one of Indiana’s Super Lawyers. Brother Densborn is partner at the firm Densborn Blachly LLP.
- “I believe that Sigma Nu and other organizations like it are essential to the perpetuation of civilization as we know it,” said Densborn at Grand Chapter.

J. THOMAS “TOM” MASON
(Oklahoma State)

- Brother Tom Mason was initiated into the Epsilon Epsilon Chapter at Oklahoma State in 1959 where he served as Commander, Treasurer, Recorder, and Sentinel.
- Completing law school in 1966 at the University of Tulsa, Brother Mason began his career at the Tulsa County District Attorney’s Office. His career included work for the prominent Tulsa attorney David Sanders, Sr. and his assistance in founding the firm of Carpenter, Mason, and McGowan.
- Brother Mason’s service to the Fraternity includes a 20 year term as Division Commander, involvement with the LEAD Council (responsible for developing the LEAD Program), and as Epsilon Epsilon Chapter Advisor and House Corporation member. Most recently, he was inducted into Epsilon Epsilon’s Hall of Honor.
- Speaking at the 66th Grand Chapter, Brother Mason said, “It’s a pleasure that you’ve allowed me to be here today. I’ve always been impressed with the Creed; love, truth, and honor. It’s always been at the back of my mind.”

ROBERT A. “BOB” MCCULLY
(San Diego State)

- Brother Bob McCully was initiated into the Eta Kappa Chapter where he served in several different positions including Commander in 1970. Concluding his undergraduate career, Brother McCully completed the course work for his MBA from San Diego State and worked for Sigma Nu as a regional field consultant in 1973-74.
- Returning to California, Brother McCully worked as a CPA at Ernst and Young in San Francisco and later joined Genstar Corporation where he rose to group controller. He later joined the Government of Singapore’s International Realty Corporation, as the chief financial officer. McCully also worked for D’Accord Holdings Inc. where he was the chief financial officer and managing director.
- Brother Bob McCully’s service to the General Fraternity is both lengthy and varied and includes service as Division Commander, Grand Historian, High Council member, and house corporation member.
- “This award is important to me, because it means I made a difference. Hopefully, it means I’m continuing to make a difference to this organization that means so much to me,” said McCully.
At the 66th Grand Chapter, five brothers were inducted into the Sigma Nu Hall of Fame in recognition of each of these brothers having brought great credit to his nation, his profession and the Fraternity.

**DONALD D. “DON” HUMPHREYS**  
(Oklahoma State)

A native of Tulsa, Okla., Brother Humphreys completed his degree in industrial engineering and management from Oklahoma State University in 1971. Upon completion of his undergraduate degree, Humphreys served in the US Army from 1972-1974.

Obtaining an MBA from the University of Pennsylvania, Humphreys joined Exxon Chemical Company in 1976. For the first 21 years of Brother Humphreys’ career with Exxon, he held various positions and was stationed in diverse locations including, Houston, Texas, Baton Rouge, La., Baytown, Texas, New York, N.Y. and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. In 1997, Humphreys returned to Exxon Corporation headquarters in Dallas, Texas, and was elected vice president and controller.

With Exxon’s merger with Mobil in 1999, Humphreys continued to hold various positions with ExxonMobil Corporation culminating in his appointment to the corporation’s management committee. Humphreys completed his service to the ExxonMobil Corporation in 2013 retiring as principal financial officer.

Brother Humphreys has served as a board member for numerous organizations and has been extensively involved with his alma matter. Humphreys is an Oklahoma State Distinguished Alumnus and is a member of Oklahoma State Alumni Hall of Fame.

**EARL G. “KEN” KENDRICK**  
(West Virginia)

Brother Ken Kendrick joined the Gamma Pi Chapter in 1962 and served as Commander in 1964. Graduating from West Virginia in 1965 with a bachelor’s degree in business administration, he started his career with IBM in Baltimore, Md. Three years later, he founded Datatel, Inc., which has become the industry leader in the development of software for the management of infrastructure technology for colleges and universities.

Kendrick remains semi-active in the operation of Datatel, serving as chairman, and also as president of the Datatel Scholars Foundation, which provides college scholarships to students throughout the United States and Canada.

Kendrick’s long-time passion for baseball led him to his next venture – the Arizona Diamondbacks. In 1995, he became a partner of the Major League Baseball expansion team and has played an integral role in helping shape the team’s future. In 2002, Kendrick, along with his three partners, invested $160 million in capital in the Diamondbacks in exchange for control of the organization.

**VICTOR J. BOSCHINI**  
(Mount Union)

In 1974, Brother Victor Boschini enrolled at Mount Union College where he was initiated into the Beta Iota Chapter in 1975. While at Mount Union, Brother Boschini served as Commander among other positions. After graduation, Boschini earned his master’s degree from Bowling Green State University and a doctorate from Indiana University in higher education administration.

Dr. Boschini began his professional career at Indiana University serving in various administrative posts from 1984-1990. He then served as associate provost of Butler University from 1990-1997. Following his time at Butler, he held various positions at Illinois State University including president from 1999-2003. In 2003, Dr. Boschini was named chancellor of Texas Christian University, a position he holds currently.

Dr. Boschini sits on the board of the State Farm Company Mutual Funds, as well as on the boards of the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra, the Van Cliburn Foundation and the Moncrief Cancer Institute. His wife, Megan Boschini, is also involved in a variety of activities in the city of Fort Worth. Currently she serves on the board of directors for the Gill Charity, Inc.
HALL OF FAME

REGENT’S MEDALLION

OF MERIT

The Regent’s Medallion of Merit is the only award presented by the High Council of Sigma Nu and is presented to a man or woman whose excellence and leadership in daily life demonstrates the Creed of Sigma Nu Fraternity and sets a worthy example for others.

JEAN M. MRASEK

Jean Mrasek began her Greek career at Tulsa University, where she served her chapter as president. She worked as a consultant for Chi Omega Executive Headquarters and has also served for more than 10 years as a Chi Omega chapter advisor.

Mrasek became Chi Omega’s national president from 2004-2008 and in October, 2013 she was installed as the chairman of the National Panhellenic Conference. Mrasek’s service and leadership are marked by two distinct characteristics: her belief in true collaboration across all boundaries and in the Greek experience as a force for good in the world.

Mrasek is the recipient of the Chi Omega President’s Award, the highest individual honor that can be bestowed by Chi Omega. Begun in 1976, only 28 Chi Omegas have received the President’s Award. Employed by Texas Christian University, Mrasek currently serves as the chief of staff for the office of the chancellor.

Addressing the Grand Chapter in Nashville, Jean Mrasek said, “Our shared commitment brings positive outcomes. Collaboration must happen for us to continue to exist.”

M. MILLER GORRIE
(Auburn)

Brother Miller Gorrie is a native of Birmingham, Ala., and a 1957 civil engineering graduate of Auburn University. At Auburn, he served Beta Theta Chapter as Commander.

Following graduation, Miller served in the United States Navy before returning home and entering the construction business. In 1964, he purchased the Thomas C. Brasfield Construction Company and soon added his name to the firm.

With offices in eight cities in six states, Brother Gorrie has built his company from a three-room office to one of the largest privately owned construction companies in the United States. Brasfield and Gorrie’s annual revenue is more than $2 billion and is a nationally respected general contractor.

Brother Gorrie is a civic leader and benefactor and has been recognized with numerous honors. In 1997, Gorrie was inducted into the state of Alabama Engineering Hall of Fame. In 2005, Brother Gorrie received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Auburn University Alumni Association. In 2006, the Miller Gorrie Center was dedicated as the headquarters of the building science program at Auburn University, one of six facilities on Auburn’s campus named for members of Sigma Nu Fraternity.

CHARLES R. SCHWAB
(Stanford)

Charles Schwab was born in Sacramento in 1937. He is a graduate of Stanford University where he joined the Beta Chi Chapter. Brother Schwab earned a degree in economics in 1959 and a master of business administration degree from Stanford Graduate School of Business in 1961.

Schwab started his San Francisco-based firm in 1971 as a traditional brokerage company and in 1974 became a pioneer in the discount brokerage business.

He has been chairman and a director of The Charles Schwab Corporation since its incorporation in 1986. He also served as chief executive officer from 1986 to 1997, and as co-chief executive officer from 1998 until 2004. He was re-appointed chief executive officer in 2004 and served in that role until October 2008. The company has approximately $1.2 trillion in assets and is one of the nation’s leading financial services firms.

On January 22, 2008, President George W. Bush named Mr. Schwab chairman of the President’s Advisory Council on Financial Literacy. Along with the other members of the panel, Schwab advised the president on ways to promote and enhance financial literacy.

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MERIT AWARDS

GREEK ADVISOR OF THE YEAR
Rebecca Mickler
(Duquesne University)
Serving as the director of Greek life at Duquesne University since 2007, Rebecca Mickler leads the university’s social Greek organizations, professional Greek organizations, and honor societies. Rebecca Mickler graduated from Ohio State University in 2001 and continued her education by receiving her master’s degree from the University of South Florida in 2005.

Mickler has been dedicated to the student community at Duquesne and has most recently been honored as the 2014 Northeastern Greek Leadership Association Advisor of the Year. Rebecca’s advisement of the Kappa Delta Chapter of Sigma Nu has seen her find innovative ways to motivate the chapter. “I attended a chapter meeting and bet the entire fraternity that if their grades jumped in one semester from 7th to 1st, I would cook the fraternity a steak dinner in the spring. So last spring, I literally ate my words. My husband and I hosted close to 40 Sigma Nu men, and their two advisors, for a steak dinner, with all the trimmings,” said Mickler.

HOUSE CORPORATION OFFICER OF THE YEAR
Robert A. Nelson, Captain, US Navy, Retired (Penn State)
Having served as president for ten years, Robert Nelson has marked his tenure with the Delta Delta House Corporation by steady advisement to the collegiate chapter and financial solvency for the chapter home. Nelson, who retired from the rank of captain in the US Navy, has served for a combined 25 years on the Delta Delta Property Association. In 2012, Nelson retired from the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission where he served as a member of the US Senior Executive Service. Nelson was recalled to active duty in 1991 to serve in Operation Desert Storm.

Most recently, Brother Nelson led a capital campaign that raised approximately $300,000 for needed improvements to the chapter house.

Edwin Sidwell, the vice president of the Delta Delta Property Association, noted that, “With his keen knowledge of financial matters and Sigma Nu traditions and guidelines, Bob Nelson has been the one person responsible for the survival of this chapter since he took over as property association president.”

ALUMNUS OF THE BIENNIUM and CHAPTER ADVISOR OF THE YEAR
William B. “Bill” Geddy
(Georgia Southern)
Brother Bill Geddy’s Sigma Nu experience began with his initiation into the Theta Kappa Chapter in 1984. During his undergraduate career, Brother Geddy served as Lt. Commander and Commander. Involvement with Sigma Nu continued well beyond his graduation, as Brother Geddy has served as Theta Kappa Alumni Advisory Board Chairman, Division Commander, house corporation member, and alumni fundraising chairman.

Serving as an army officer for 24 years, Brother Geddy has held commands at the battalion, brigade, and divisional level. Following his retirement, Geddy was employed by Ciber, Inc. where he rose to sales and market leader. Currently, Brother Geddy is the chief sales officer for TEAMabsolute and the principal and chief sales officer for WM3, Inc.

Speaking in endorsement of Brother Geddy, members of Theta Kappa’s Alumni Advisory Board said, “During the past year, Bill has skillfully directed virtually every aspect of the reinvention of the Theta Kappa Chapter. [His] efforts are designed to build a long lasting, solid foundation for the chapter so it can flourish for decades to come and continue to positively shape the lives of the young men who have the wisdom and substance to become members of Sigma Nu.”

DIVISION COMMANDER OF THE YEAR
Chris W. Graham
(Lamar/Stephen F. Austin)
Beginning his alumni volunteer service in the early 1990s, Brother Chris Graham has served as Zeta Psi Chapter Advisor, Chapter Eternal committee member, Zeta Psi house corporation president, and South Central Division Commander. Brother Graham has also assisted in colonization efforts at Stephen F. Austin and Houston and in ensuring that W. Scott Thomas, a Vietnam Veteran who was drafted when he was a candidate, was initiated. Graham has been recognized by Sigma Nu as Chapter Advisor of the Year (2007) and Division Commander of the Year (2010).

Graham has been employed by ExxonMobil since 1991 where he currently works as a systems engineer. In his 23 years with the company, Brother Graham has not missed a single day to sickness or injury leave. In addition to his work with ExxonMobil and Sigma Nu, Brother Graham has served as a member of the Industrial Advisory Board for
Lamar’s Department of Computer Science and as a member of the Lamar University Homecoming Committee.

Speaking about Brother Graham’s service, Mu Upsilon Chapter Advisor Josh Kesterson said, “Brother Graham has been there for Mu Upsilon every step of the way ... He literally lives a life of love, walks in a way of honor, and serves in the light of truth.”

**ALUMNI CHAPTER OFFICER OF THE YEAR**
**Matthew “Matt” Alcide (James Madison)**
Brother Matt Alcide is a 2009 graduate of James Madison University and holds a degree in political science and history.

As alumni chapter Commander, Brother Alcide has undertaken several initiatives that have improved the participation of chapter alumni. Among Alcide's efforts are an annual golf tournament held in northern Virginia, a quarterly alumni newsletter, and monthly conference calls with collegiate chapter leadership.

Brother Alcide has twice been awarded by the Iota Delta Chapter as its Alumnus of the Year and in 2013 was one of two recipients of the Outstanding Alumnus Award presented by James Madison Fraternity and Sorority Life. Alcide is the development manager for the Landscape Architecture Foundation and previously worked in development for James Madison University and the Alice Ferguson Foundation.

Speaking about Brother Alcide, past Iota Delta Commander Hunter Rheamue said, “Without Matt Alcide, the alumni chapter of Sigma Nu would be nonexistent.”

**ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**
**Christopher Vaughan (Stevens)**
Brother Christopher Vaughan of the Gamma Delta Chapter at Stevens Institute of Technology started for the men's volleyball team that reached the quarterfinals of the division III NCAA tournament. Brother Vaughan who is an outside hitter led the team in points, points per set, kills, and kills per set. Vaughan’s 454.5 points scored ranked him 5th in Steven's men’s volleyball history for points scored.

To cap off his brilliant sophomore season, Brother Vaughan was named an American Volleyball Coaches Association First Team All-American. In addition to his athletic prowess, Brother Vaughan has also maintained a 3.702 GPA in the rigorous electrical engineering program at Stevens.

Vaughan, who is a newly initiated brother of the Gamma Delta Chapter had the following to say about his chapter, “I could not have received any of the awards this semester without my brotherhood.”

**MAN OF THE YEAR & SCHOLAR OF THE YEAR**
**Anish Sharma (Mississippi)**
Brother Anish Sharma graduated with a degree in accounting from the University of Mississippi while maintaining a 4.0 GPA. In addition to his stellar academic performance, Brother Sharma served the Epsilon Xi Chapter as Recorder, Treasurer, and Sentinel. Outside of Sigma Nu, Brother Sharma served as an executive officer in five different student organizations including student government, Cardinal Club, and Omicron Delta Kappa.

**FLETCHER HONOR SOCIETY**
Created in 2004, the Fletcher Honor Society is the highest honor that can be bestowed by the Sigma Nu Educational Foundation. Since its inception, the Fletcher Honor Society has sought to honor those who have given selflessly to support the Fraternity’s mission and vision.

**RICHARD W. “DICK” DODDERIDGE (Kansas State)**
Brother Dick Dodderidge joined the Beta Kappa Chapter in 1943, but his college career was put on hold while he served in the Army Air Corps in World War II. After the war, Brother Dodderidge returned and was able to complete his degree in journalism.

In 1947, Brother Dodderidge began a 35 year career in advertising.

During his career, Brother Dodderidge held various positions including copywriter, TV producer, account executive, and a ten year stint as president at Young and Rubicam. He has served on the city council at Mission Woods, Kan. and in 1986 he began a four-year term on the Kansas Board of Regents. He has also served for over 20 years as a trustee for the Kansas State University Foundation. In 2003, Kansas State University awarded him the University Alumni Medallion Award, which is the highest award bestowed by the alumni association.

Brother Dodderidge began his involvement with the Sigma Nu Educational Foundation in 1990 and has held various positions on the Foundation Board of Directors including director, vice chairman, and chairman. Brother Dodderidge has served the Foundation as a Life Director since 2006.

Speaking about Brother Dodderidge, past Regent Joe Gilman said, “His leadership and dedication to the Foundation have been a great example to me and countless others in Sigma Nu.”

**JERRY D. FIELDS (Texas State)**
Brother Jerry Fields was initiated into the Eta Tau Chapter at Texas State University in 1964. Jerry served as Commander of the chapter in 1966 and graduated in 1969. Fields continued his service to Sigma Nu after graduation and has since served on the Eta Tau Alumni Advisory Board, House Corporation, and has served as chapter advisor.

From 1969-1985 Fields was employed by the L.B. Foster Company where he rose to division vice president. In 1985, Fields became the founder and chief executive officer of J.D. Fields and Company, Inc., a worldwide supplier of steel products headquartered in Houston.

In 2006, Fields received the Distinguished Alumni Award, the most prestigious honor given by Texas State University and its alumni association. In 2009, Fields and his wife Linda gave a record-setting $6 million gift to Texas State University. Brother Fields and Linda are also the largest individual contributors to the Sigma Nu Educational Foundation.

Brother Field’s commitment to principled education is further reflected by his contributions to the Houston Museum of Natural Science where he served as board of trustee member from 1998-2003 and 2005. He has also contributed to the Ronald McDonald House and the American Cancer Society.
CHRISTOPHER W. CHESNUTT
ALPHA #600 (IDAHO)

Graduating with a degree in virtual technology and design, Christopher Chesnutt served the Delta Omicron Chapter as Alumni Relations Chairman, Social Chairman, and Commander while finishing his undergraduate career with a 3.51 GPA. Christopher did not limit his involvement to Delta Omicron. In addition to his work with the chapter Christopher also served as the IFC president, was a team lead for the Vandal Atmospheric Science Team, a legislative ambassador for the Associate Students of the University of Idaho, and participated on the University of Idaho’s track and field team for one year. In addition, Chesnutt started his own design firm, Factotum, which he has managed for six years.

As a capstone to his collegiate career, Christopher was presented with the Director’s Award in addition to being named Chapter President of the Year and Greek Man of the Year. Speaking about Chesnutt, Division Commander Brad Wing said, “I cannot think of a finer example of the type of men we want representing our cherished brotherhood and would point to Chris as an example of the tenets of our order.”

CRAIG T. FISHER
ALPHA #601 (BUTLER)

Craig Fisher served his chapter at Butler University as Lieutenant Commander, Scholarship Chairman, and Historian. Graduating with a degree in pharmacy, Brother Fisher spent his time outside of the chapter getting extensively involved in the Butler community. Brother Fisher served as the vice president of the Butler University Pharmacy Class of 2016, was a student representative for the Butler University Board of Trustees, and served as the president of the student government association.

In April 2014, Fisher was named Greek Man of the Year and Top Ten Male Student. Speaking about his time at Butler, Brother Fisher noted, “The reoccurring theme throughout my time as a Sigma Nu has been to help demonstrate what really makes our lettered organizations valuable for our members, for campus, for our larger communities, and for me… I am proud to be a Sigma Nu, and I am proud to serve such worthwhile causes and deserving men with my talents.” Fisher will continue his education at Butler University where he has begun coursework to complete a Doctorate of Pharmacy.

JOSEPH F. “JOE” GAMMIE
ALPHA #602 (GEORGIA TECH)

Joe Gammie graduated from Georgia Tech with a degree in mechanical engineering while maintaining a GPA of 3.5. Brother Gammie served his chapter as Recruitment Chairman, Sentinel, and Commander and served as a Collegiate Grand Councilman during the 2013 calendar year. Brother Gammie also participated in the Order of Omega as the membership committee chairman, served as an IFC rush committee member, and had significant professional experience as a Deloitte summer business technology analyst, a summer intern for AT&T, and the assistant video director for Georgia Tech athletics.

Brother Gammie has helped lead the Gamma Alpha Chapter into a period of strong operations which culminated in the chapter receiving the Most Improved Award at the 2012 Grand Chapter. Speaking about Brother Gammie, Gamma Alpha Alumnus Gary Jones said, “Joe is truly an example of a brother who has demonstrated both academic and civic distinction while a student at Georgia Tech.”

Brother Gammie is employed by Enercon Services in Kennesaw, Ga. where he works as a mechanical design engineer.

ALPHA AFFILIATE

In 1962, the Grand Chapter adopted a proposal by Brother Ora Baldinger, an initiate of the Alpha Chapter at VMI, to create the Alpha Affiliate Awards. Brother Baldinger made the proposal based on a conversation he had with Founder Hopkins in 1909, on the occasion of Alpha Chapter’s second installation. Hopkins’ request of Baldinger was, “Don’t ever let Alpha Chapter die, don’t ever let it die.” Regrettably, not many years later, VMI abolished fraternities permanently. Baldinger conceived of the Alpha Affiliate Award as a means of symbolically meeting Founder Hopkins’ request. The program was designed to award an Alpha Chapter initiate number to the Fraternity’s most outstanding graduating seniors in recognition of their achievements.
JOHN Y. GEOGHEGINAN
ALPHA #603
(SAN JOSE STATE)
Graduating with a 3.7 GPA in communication studies, John Geoghegan served the Zeta Iota Chapter as Recorder, Recruitment Chairman, and Commander. Brother Geoghegan participated in Army ROTC and has been commissioned as a second lieutenant serving at Ft. Benning, Ga. In addition to his involvement with ROTC and Sigma Nu, Brother Geoghegan found time to give back to the San Jose State University student community serving as IFC president and as a student member of the student union board of directors.

In 2013, Geoghegan was named Greek Man of the Year and was a recipient of a S. 55, an award given to the top 55 leaders at San Jose State. Speaking about Brother Geoghegan, Hartford initiate and Alpha Affiliate Mike Schamp said, “I have no doubt in my mind that John has made the Zeta Iota Chapter, the Greek community, and San Jose State University a better place through his leadership and living the values of Love, Honor, and Truth on a daily basis.”

NATHAN A. HOLT
ALPHA #604 (BUTLER)
Brother Nathan Holt graduated from Butler University with a 3.8 GPA while majoring in chemistry. Brother Holt served the Epsilon Mu Chapter as the Commander, Scholarship Chairman, and LEAD Phase III Chairman. In addition to his chapter involvement, Holt also served as the president of Butler’s Order of Omega chapter, a student representative to the Butler Council on Presidential Affairs, and a board member on the student government operations board.

In addition to being named one of Butler’s top 102 students for two consecutive years, Holt was named Operations Board Member of the Year and Council on Presidential Affairs Member of the Year. Writing about his experiences in Sigma Nu, Brother Holt commented, “I cannot wait to give back to Sigma Nu, for it has given me more than I could have ever expected from my collegiate experience.”

Attending the University of Louisville’s school of dentistry, Brother Holt will commission with the Navy upon graduation.

CHRISTOPHER S.
“CHRIS” MARR
ALPHA #605 (ILLINOIS)
Serving as Marshal, Lt. Commander, and Commander, Brother Chris Marr graduated from the University of Illinois with a GPA of 3.66 in supply chain management. Alongside his chapter involvement Chris Marr was the captain of the university’s rowing team that he competed on for four years. Brother Marr’s achievements caught the attention of one of his professors who wrote that, “Chris is a consummate all-rounder: his achievements as a leader are in addition to his excelling as a scholar.”

As a fitting conclusion to Chris’ college career, he was named the 2014 IFC Greek Man of the Year. Speaking about his commitment to Sigma Nu, Brother Marr noted, “Sigma Nu will always hold a place in my heart as my home where I lived with some of my best friends, but it will also always instill a sense of pride to be a lifetime member of such a successful international organization with such a successful membership.”

SAMUEL S. MCELLELLAND
ALPHA #606 (ARKANSAS)
Samuel McEllelland graduated from the University of Arkansas with a degree in biochemistry while maintaining a GPA of 3.77. Brother McEllelland served the Gamma Upsilon Chapter as Chaplain, Lt. Commander, and Commander. Outside of his involvement with Sigma Nu, McEllelland served on the student government association’s presidential advisory board and as a Greek life facilitator.

This year, Brother McEllelland was named Most Outstanding Fraternity Senior by a committee of administrators, students, and alumni. Speaking about Samuel, Director of Greek Life Parice Bowser noted, “He has performed his duties at a very high level through his communication with advisors and students, dependability, hard work, honesty, scholarship, and leadership.”

Commenting on Sigma Nu, Brother McEllelland noted, “To me Sigma Nu is an experience, a brotherhood, and a commitment that has and will continue to shape my life, both personally and professionally.”

JACOB H. RIGSBY
ALPHA #607 (COLORADO STATE)
Brother Jacob Rigsby served the Delta Rho Chapter as Social Chairman, Recruitment Chairman, Lieutenant Commander, and Commander. Brother Rigsby also served as IFC vice president of recruitment while maintaining a GPA of 3.54 in business administration and history. Brother Rigsby also found time to serve as a teacher’s assistant, admissions ambassador, and as a peer mentor. Speaking about Jacob’s accomplishments, Ashleigh Renteria wrote, “What is most impressive is the esteem which the Sigma Nu men have for Jacob as a leader. Jacob commands the respect of the men in the way he chose to lead his chapter.”

In 2013, Brother Rigsby was one of five recipients of the Pacesetters Scholarship, which is given to five students who set an exemplary commitment to academics, involvement, and leadership on campus. As of June 2014, Rigsby has joined the General Fraternity as a leadership consultant.

JACK C. RIKER
ALPHA #608 (DUKE)
Jack Riker graduated from Duke University with a degree in history while serving the Gamma Chapter as Social Chairman, Recorder, LEAD Chairman, and Commander. In addition to his chapter involvement, Brother Riker served as a Collegiate Grand Councilman on Sigma Nu’s High Council and as the IFC president for Duke’s fraternity community. In addition, during Riker’s senior year, he served as the campus campaign coordinator for Teach For America.

Resulting from Riker’s service to the Duke Greek community, he was inducted into the Duke Greek Hall of Fame. Writing about his time in Sigma Nu, Brother Riker wrote, “[N] Sigma Nu] I found people that I loved, and I found an organization that would forever define who I am. Without Sigma Nu, I would have accepted being a failure.”

Riker has joined Venture for America as a fellow where he will receive advanced training in business and entrepreneurship.

ANISH SHARMA
ALPHA #609 (MISSISSIPPI)
Brother Anish Sharma graduated with a degree in accounting from the University of Mississippi while maintaining a 4.0 GPA. In addition to his stellar academic performance, Brother Sharma served the Epsilon Xi Chapter as Recorder, Treasurer, and Sentinel. Outside of Sigma Nu, Brother Sharma served as an executive officer in five different student organizations including student government, Cardinal Club, and Omicron Delta Kappa.

As a validation on Brother Sharma’s outstanding academic career, he was inducted into the University of Mississippi’s Hall of Fame and was a Taylor Medalist. Both selections were a highly exclusive choice from the student population. Dr. James Davis, faculty advisor for Epsilon Xi described Brother Sharma as, “One of the most exceptional students I have observed in 49 years of teaching accounting at Ole Miss.”

Currently, Brother Sharma is completing his Masters of Accountancy at the University of Mississippi.
Presented biennially at Grand Chapter, the Rock Chapter Award is presented to those chapters that ‘Excel with Honor’ through consistent high performance on the Pursuit of Excellence Program.

**APPALACHIAN STATE**
**BUTLER**
**CASE WESTERN RESERVE**
**COLUMBIA**
**COLORADO STATE**
**DUKE**
**DUQUESNE**

**GEORGIA**
**GEORGIA TECH**
**JAMES MADISON**
**MINNESOTA**
**OKLAHOMA STATE**
**SOUTHEAST**
**MISSOURI STATE**

**STEVENS**
**TEXAS TECH**
**UC DAVIS**
**VIRGINIA WESLEYAN**
**WASHINGTON AND LEE**
**WOFFORD**

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**MOST IMPROVED CHAPTERS**

**ALABAMA IN HUNTSVILLE**
**NORTHWESTERN STATE**
MANPOWER AWARDS

100+ MEMBERS
- Alabama
- Arkansas
- Auburn
- Butler
- Georgia
- Iowa
- James Madison
- Louisiana State
- Michigan State
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- Oklahoma State
- South Carolina
- Southern California

80+ MEMBERS
- Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
- Colorado
- Duke
- Florida
- Indiana
- Louisiana Tech
- Kansas
- Maryland
- New Hampshire
- North Carolina State
- Northwestern
- Oregon
- Penn State
- Purdue
- San Jose State
- South Florida
- Texas Tech
- UC Davis
- Washington State
- Washington University in St. Louis

LEAD AWARDS

INNOVATION IN LEAD PROGRAMMING
- Stevens
  - Minnesota

LEAD COMMITTEE OF THE YEAR
- Minnesota

LEAD CHAPTER OF THE YEAR
- Minnesota

LEAD CHAIRMAN OF THE YEAR
- Kevin T. Szeluga (Minnesota)

ACADEMIC AWARDS

GALLAHER CUP
- Duke (3.64)

BRONZE PLAQUE CUP
- Dartmouth (3.56)

CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION
- Washington and Lee (3.52)

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT
- Northwestern University (3.49)
By John Bauernfiend (Indiana)

THE FIRST THING YOU NOTICE ABOUT CURT Menefee is his voice. It’s the same voice that’s hosted FOX NFL Sunday since 2006. It’s the voice that has called preseason NFL games, the voice that has called UFC fights. Yes, that voice.

The first time I heard the voice in person I was standing at the security desk in the lobby of the freshly painted FOX Sports 1 studio in Los Angeles, only a few minutes before our meeting to interview the iconic broadcaster.

As I stood, my back facing towards the entrance, Menefee walked in, talking of just having seen “Kobe in the parking lot.” For a moment, I had to focus to shake Mr. Menefee’s hand, which completely engulfed mine. Curt then says he’d meet us in the conference room in a few minutes. The three of us went, and though it turned out that Kobe Bryant was not in the parking garage (it was Cobi Jones, member of the National Soccer Hall of Fame, still very cool), reality was not lost on us and where we were.

MENEFEE GREW UP IN ATLANTA, GA., WHERE he attended Henry McNeal Turner High School. He says he always knew he wanted to be in sports, specifically as a television producer. Menefee, as even he admits, says how he ended up at Coe College is odd.

“It’s one of those decisions you make when you’re seventeen years old that you look back and you go Why did I make that decision? I don’t know. It just kind of felt right.”

As he tells it, as a senior in high school, Menefee and the rest of his AP English classmates were
It's all about HONOR.
permitted to miss class to meet with college recruiters. A representative from Coe College was there, his booth clearly not as popular as some of the others. Menefee felt bad for the guy, went up to him and struck up a conversation. Eventually he and Menefee exchanged information, and, soon enough, postcards and phone calls started reaching Menefee in Atlanta all the way from Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

“I knew I wanted to go to a small school away from home, and everything just kind of felt right,” Menefee says. “They had no journalism program, there was no speech department. I mean there was nothing.”

“It makes no logical sense.”

For two and a half years while he was in school, though, Menefee worked at a local television station. He says his hands-on experiences were more valuable to him than a prestigious journalism school would have been.

“I look back and I would not change a thing,” he says. “I think it helped me become who I am. I got opportunities there that I never would have gotten had I gone to Syracuse or Missouri or one of the big journalism schools.

“I was on air when I was nineteen years old, when I was a sophomore in college. I was reporting for the last two and a half years I was in school. That never would have happened anywhere else.”

The first semester of freshman year, Menefee joined Sigma Nu, but it didn’t work out and he eventually depledged. Returning to school for his sophomore year, he once again rejoined Sigma Nu, and served as his candidate class’s president. “Like a lot of things in my life,” Menefee observes, “it worked out better than planned.” He also says that Sigma Nu helped establish a set of values that he still lives by.

“When you’re 18, 19 years old and you’re a young guy on a college campus, everyone’s having fun and you’re just living life. You tend to get wrapped up in a world with you and your friends and that’s it,” Menefee says. “When you go to fraternity meetings every Sunday, and when you see that crest and those words on a daily basis, it just kind of reinforces that there’s a certain way to live your life. I think Sigma Nu reinforced in me, at a young age, on a daily basis, of who I wanted to be and how I wanted to be perceived. If I ever wanted to achieve anything in my life, there are certain values you have to understand and adhere to.”

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After Menefee graduated from Coe, the station where he had been working for two and a half years offered him a full-time job to work in the news department. But Menefee turned it down. Instead of sports, they wanted him to work in the news department. “I don’t want to have to knock on someone’s door and tell them that their kid passed away,” he remembers thinking.

Menefee kept working at the station as a freelancer. Then an opportunity came in Des Moines, Iowa, where Menefee worked as a sports reporter for a year.

Menefee then moved on to Madison, Wisc., and worked there for two years as a weekend sports anchor.

From there, he went to Sports News Network (SNN), a D.C. based company that was trying to become a 24/7 sports network. But the fledgling network soon went bankrupt and Menefee would spend the next eight months unemployed until a chance encounter with a man running for the U.S. Senate.

That person was Russ Feingold, a Wisconsin politician on his first campaign for a seat in the U.S. Senate. Menefee worked on the campaign for several months before leaving in July to accept a weekend sports anchor position in Jacksonville, Fla. (Feingold won the campaign and became a U.S. senator that November.)

Menefee remained in Jacksonville for a year before moving to work as the weekday sports anchor in Dallas.

After his three-year stint in Dallas, Menefee went to work for the FOX affiliate in New York City where he worked for seven years before leaving to work for the Knicks and Rangers at Madison Square Garden.

Things were humming along for Menefee’s career. He worked hard wherever he was and took new opportunities as they came up. His career thus far would be considered a great success by any measure.

In 2006, FOX asked Menefee to be the host of FOX NFL Sunday, the network’s flagship NFL pregame show. “You give yourself more opportunities working hard at the place you are now,” Menefee says, reflecting on his career thus far.

“Everywhere I’ve ever been, my whole goal has been to be the best guy in that market at the time. The rest of it takes care of itself.”

The first NFL game Menefee ever attended was an Atlanta Falcons preseason game against the Pittsburgh Steelers. The quarterback for the Steelers at the time was four-time Super Bowl champion Terry Bradshaw, who is now Menefee’s broadcast partner along with other NFL legends Jimmy Johnson, Howie Long and Michael Strahan.

**THE PLANNING FOR FOX NFL SUNDAY** begins each Thursday with a morning conference call between the on-screen subjects and the show producers. As Menefee explains, everyone but him is away from L.A. during the week; Strahan is in New York, Johnson is in the Florida Keys, Long is in Charlottesville and Bradshaw is in Oklahoma. The call serves as a preliminary hearing, to map out what topics should be broached and what the crew is leaning towards discussing.

Menefee will usually write from about
8:00 to 11:00 on Saturday mornings to prepare for Sunday’s show. After that, he and the other cast members check in to a nearby hotel. They watch the college games while doing final preparations for their own show, breaking up around 5:00 p.m. From there, he goes to bed early, trying for eight, to wake up at the brisk hour of 4:30 Sunday morning.

Menefee and the others are in the FOX Sports studio by 5:30 a.m. They have a meeting at 7:00 a.m. that serves as a full dress rehearsal — suits, ties, make-up and all. Then they go live on air at 9 a.m. pacific time.

We ask Menefee if he gets nervous talking in front of 20+ million viewers (Fox NFL Sunday is the most-watched NFL pregame show).

“I honestly don’t get nervous,” he says. “I can remember as a kid, my mom saying that I don’t get too high or too low on anything. I don’t think about how there are millions of people watching me. We’re just having a conversation and there happens to be cameras there. I’m fortunate.”

The show lasts for an hour, with the first set of NFL games beginning at 10:00 a.m. PT. Menefee narrates periodic highlights during gamebreaks throughout the day, as well as the halftime highlights. The show ends once the second set of games conclude, which is typically around 5:00 p.m. PT. “It’s basically a twelve hour day. We finish up with a little meeting then get out of here.”

In addition to his job hosting FOX NFL Sunday, Menefee also hosts FOX Football Daily, which airs Monday through Friday at 6:00 p.m. ET on the new Fox Sports 1 network.

When FOX Sports launched its new network in August 2013, network president Eric Shanks asked Menefee if he wanted to deliver the network’s mission statement, which he gladly accepted.

“I was honored by it,” Menefee said. “There are hundreds of employees that they could have chosen, and they chose me. It meant a lot.

“FOX has been very good to me,” Menefee says. “As the saying goes, ‘how often do you get to go to work and do something you love?’ Between the NFL, soccer (Menefee has announced UEFA Champions League games before) and UFC, it’s rare that you have just as much fun at work as you do at home.”

IN THE OFFSEASON, WHEN HE’S NOT focused on football, Menefee likes to travel. He’s been to every continent and over 80 countries. He golfs, sometimes with his wife and sometimes with Bradshaw in Hawaii. He’s rung the NASDAQ opening bell in Times Square. Yes, Curt Menefee is a man who is enjoying life.

But Menefee has also found himself in the anchor’s chair during critical times in our history. In 2001 he was living less than a mile from the World Trade Center. Menefee remembers having to walk home the 60 blocks from work that night. Everything was quiet, he said, except every now and then you’d hear a siren and that was it.

“You wake up the next morning and ask yourself ‘was it a dream?’ September 11, because I was there and because I was so close to it, has a different connotation than just a date on the calendar, and I don’t think anybody takes it for granted.” (Curt’s reflections on living in Manhattan during the attacks were especially meaningful as we happened to be meeting on the 12th anniversary.)

“It goes back to realizing the power of this medium,” Menefee says, referring to the impact of journalism in this day and age.

“People are watching and they understand, and if you’ve got a chance to connect people to an event that has happened, that’s what I am. I am the conduit for that, rather than just giving out statistics.”

“99.99 percent of the time, that’s all it is, nothing serious,” Menefee continued. “But when it is something serious, I think you have to remember they’re human beings we’re talking about. I think too often it’s easy to say, ‘my job is to just get facts.’ Your job is to make a human connection.”

But it’s more than that. Sure, the playful banter he shares on the set is fun, but for Menefee it all goes back to honor as your personal reputation. Through it all, through his time at Coe College to FOX Sports 1 to trips to Afghanistan to support American troops, Menefee has lived a life filled with honor.

“Love, honor, truth, I always go back to those three words,” Menefee says. “Love and truth are valuable, but honor is the key, because if you do everything in your life with honor, I think you tend to go the right way. This business that I’m in, if you do it right it’s supposed to be about honor and truth. But I also believe that if you live your life with honor, you get opportunities that maybe you wouldn’t. People look at you and will respect you for that.”

“It’s about you, it’s about your name, it’s about your reputation, it’s about your family name, and I think that is where it comes back to, that word ‘honor.’ Honor is the key to everything I’ve ever done in my whole life.”

“The Delta of Sigma Nu

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Since his time at the University of Georgia, Schlabach has worked for respected media outlets such as the Atlanta Journal-Constitution and The Washington Post. He currently covers college football and college athletics for ESPN, including a featured column for ESPN.com and ESPN The Magazine.

ESPN columnist Mark Schlabach (Georgia) talks about landing the biggest scoop of the 2010 college football season and the sequence of events that led him to a career in journalism.

By John Bauernfiend (Indiana)
MARK SCHLABACH'S FIRST NEWSPAPER job came when he was just nine years old, in the small town of Culver, Ind., where he grew up. Schlabach worked as a delivery boy for the South Bend Tribune for about three years.

On Sundays, this proved to be a bit of a problem for subscribers who wanted their papers. As a sports and Notre Dame football fan — Culver sits about an hour south of campus — Schlabach would get the Sunday papers he was supposed to deliver and read the sports section himself first.

“The subscribers would call every Sunday asking where their newspaper was, and my dad would go outside and I’d be sitting on the front porch reading the sports section,” Schlabach said.

Schlabach’s youthful passion for sports and sports journalism has blossomed into that of a sportswriter, and a highly talented one at that. Since his time at the University of Georgia, Schlabach has worked for respected media outlets such as the Atlanta Journal-Constitution and The Washington Post, and he currently covers college football and college athletics for ESPN, including a featured column for ESPN.com and ESPN The Magazine. He has also authored nearly a dozen books, with subjects covering the Heisman Trophy's namesake to the wildly popular books he has co-authored with the Duck Dynasty family.

THROUGH THE YEARS SCHLABACH has witnessed some of college football's most defining moments, from myriad BCS championship games and other bowl games to a plethora of high-profile upsets. But none stick out in his mind more than the 1997 Kentucky vs. Georgia game.

It was early October in Athens and Schlabach was in his usual perch from the Sanford Stadium pressbox. The game was much hyped with both teams getting into conference play and future NFL No. 1 overall pick Tim Couch under center as UK's quarterback. But the play proved dull on this particular day, and rainy weather only added to a relatively boring game.

As the game clock ticked down in the second quarter, stadium officials let in the UGA marching band for its halftime performance. That was when Schlabach witnessed something he'll never forget. “I was sitting there, writing something and my eyes dropped,” Schlabach said, “and all of a sudden the crowd starts going nuts.”

A chocolate Labrador had found its way up staying at Georgia and pledged the Mu Chapter his sophomore year.

Schlabach quickly began working his way up in the local sports scene starting as a part-time high school sports reporter with the Atlanta Journal-Constitution (AJC). Before long, the AJC had Schlabach writing sidebars and practice coverage on the University of Georgia football team.

The following year — Schlabach’s senior year — the AJC reporter covering the Georgia football team left the paper in the middle of college football season. As this happened, Schlabach got a call saying he had been promoted to lead beat writer of one of the most popular teams in the state. Schlabach was also serving as acting Commander of Mu Chapter at the time. All this, in just his senior year of college.

“I was living in the Sigma Nu house, covering the University of Georgia football team full time while taking classes, finishing up my degree. And then Ray Goff was fired,” Schlabach recalls. “I was a 22-year-old covering a major college football team for one of the best sports sections in the country while living in the Sigma Nu house. It was an unbelievable break for me.”

Schlabach continued to work at the AJC for eight more years, covering Georgia and SEC football, NASCAR, NFL, and the Olympics. College football was, and still is, his passion.
inside the stadium and onto the field. Schlabach peered down from his view on press row, trying to get a make on the animal. That’s when he realized — it was his dog.

“I was white as a ghost,” he recalls.

His dog had escaped from his house, which sat about six blocks from Sanford Stadium. His dog discovered a hole in a chain link fence and walked right onto the field on national television. Schlabach said they had to stop the game for around ten minutes because they couldn’t catch his dog. He remembers Georgia’s iconic radio announcer Larry Munson calling the chase on air.

“He took off running down the sidelines, and the crowd was cheering,” he said. “They thought he was going to score a touchdown.”

Schlabach’s brown lab ended up getting detained by local police, and a few weeks later Schlabach had to appear in court. The presiding judge dropped the charges.

“It was a SportsCenter play of the day,” Schlabach said. “My dog made The Washington Post before I did.

The findings of Schlabach’s investigative reporting included a school in Philadelphia with no books or classrooms yet with credentials still recognized by the NCAA.

AFTER NEARLY A DECADE AT THE AJC, Schlabach, encouraged by some of his coworkers, sought out a bigger market to cover sports outside the Atlanta area.

Schlabach sent his resume to some contacts at The Washington Post, where the sports editor said that he had been on their radar. Schlabach was soon hired to cover local colleges, including Howard and Georgetown football along with George Mason and George Washington basketball.

He would go on to cover the Virginia and Virginia Tech football teams and the NFL, doing so while he and his wife and three children resided in Madison, Ga. Schlabach put over 27,000 miles on a rental car he used during the season, making the trip from Atlanta to Blacksburg, Va., twice a week.

Schlabach continued to work at the Post for about two years. “It was one of the best jobs you could ever want. It was a place that really cared about good journalism and they would give you the time and resources to cover important stories.”

On the sports desk at the Post, Schlabach worked alongside Tony Kornheiser and Michael Wilbon, the hosts of the ESPN show Pardon the Interruption,’ and John Feinstein, author of Season on the Brink, the bestselling sports book of all time, to just name a few.

Schlabach also got to experience one of journalism’s most exciting days firsthand: he was in the Post’s newsroom when Deep Throat — the inside source that helped Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein break the Watergate story — was revealed.

“If you’re in the newsroom when history was being made, that’s an experience you’ll never forget,” he recalls.

In 2005, ESPN caught word that CBS was courting Schlabach, and the ‘worldwide leader in sports’ made the smart move to pick up the talented writer who would become one of the network’s signature columnists.

Schlabach has been with ESPN and its website since then. When The Delta spoke with Schlabach, in the fall of 2013, he was busy working on a series of articles on Baylor University’s head football coach, Art Briles.

Schlabach began with ESPN.com as someone who broke news; it was what he had done at the AJC and Post, and what he continued to do for his first years at ESPN. Now, Schlabach works mostly on profiles, trend pieces, and columns, and he still gets to as many college football games and venues as he can. Schlabach said he’s out on the road at a game four out of every five
DURING THE 2010 COLLEGE FOOTBALL season, Schlabach — along with colleague Pat Forde — broke arguably the biggest story of the year in college football.

Schlabach got a tip that the father of college football’s best player that year — QB Cam Newton of the Auburn Tigers — had solicited money from other colleges for the opportunity to have his son play for them.

Schlabach drove to the Newton’s Atlanta house unannounced and spoke with them for half an hour. Two hours later the story was up on ESPN.com.

Though the majority of his work is seen online, in the past Schlabach has done TV spots for ESPN. He said he “was a deer in headlights” when he first started, but after two years of TV appearances he finally became comfortable in front of a camera.

So, in the wake of the Newton story, ESPN asked Schlabach to go to Auburn, Ala., to do a live report during its Saturday college football pregame show, College Gameday.

As Schlabach remembers, someone in the crowd of fans recognized him, and then “it turned nasty fast.”

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“It’s died down,” Schlabach said of the initial vitriol. “The hard part was we never reported that Cam Newton took money. We only reported that his father was out soliciting money from schools, which the NCAA ruled to be true and his dad was disassociated from the program.”

BEHIND HIS BUSY SCHEDULE COVERING college football on a national scale, he has also delved into book writing, penning and co-penned 12 books in all. His first book, Destiny’s Dogs: Georgia’s Championship Season, published in 2003 after Georgia won the Sugar Bowl.

Since then, Schlabach has gone on to co-author books about some of college football’s finest programs: Florida, Florida State, Georgia and Virginia Tech. He also co-authored legendary FSU football coach Bobby Bowden’s memoir, Called to Coach: Reflections on Faith, Family and Football.

A day after Heisman: The Man Behind the Trophy, published, on Oct. 2, 2012, Schlabach got a call from his editor. She asked him if he had ever been duck hunting before. He had, he told her, but duck hunting season always corresponded with college football, so he never got to go much.

That night, Schlabach happened to be watching TV when the Robertson family appeared on screen. The show “Duck Dynasty” was making its debut the next night. The following day, Schlabach called his editor back. “I don’t care if I don’t duck hunt or not,” he said to her. “I want that book.”

A month later, Schlabach was in West Monroe, La., meeting with Willie and Korie Robertson. That meeting resulted in the first of five collaborations with the Robertson family, titled The Duck Commander Family: How Faith, Family, and Ducks Built a Dynasty.

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During his time with Willie and Korie, Schlabach got to meet the patriarch of the Robertson family, Phil, who told him, “Well, if Willie trusts ya, I trust ya. You can do my book.”

After co-authoring Phil’s first book, which released on May 7, 2013, Schlabach co-wrote Uncle Si’s (Si-cology 1: Tales and Wisdom from Duck Dynasty’s Favorite Uncle; Sep. 3, 2013) and Jase’s (Good Call: Reflections on Faith, Family, and Fowl; May 6, 2014) books. On September 2, 2014, a second book with Phil will come out, titled unPHILtered: The Way I See It.

“I thought it would be a one-book deal,” Schlabach said. “It’s been absolutely incredible to watch the phenomenon. I’ll be forever grateful to the Robertson family for giving me the opportunity to help share their story.”

Over a million copies have been sold of each book (spare the yet to be released continues on page 37}
IN A LEAGUE WITH ITS SHARE OF poster child quarterbacks and prima donna receivers, the fullback position tends to fly under the radar in the NFL. It’s a selfless position, one in which the player’s main objective is to sacrifice his body — and his media attention — for the TD-scoring and headline-grabbing tailback. When you talk with Tommy Vardell (Stanford) you quickly realize why the Academic All-American was attracted to the fullback position and how this persona continues to inform his character as managing director of Northgate Capital.

Growing up in El Cajon, Calif., Tommy enrolled at Stanford in 1988 and played for Denny Green during what proved to be a remarkable rebuilding era for Stanford’s football program.

Tommy has never been one to “follow the masses,” as he puts it. When his friends were out at the beach or socializing, Tommy was reviewing playbooks, hitting the weight room, or preparing for engineering exams. He maintained the self-discipline to avoid alcohol in high school and college, focusing instead on academics and the game of football.

The life of an Academic All-American athlete is rigorous and demanding. Vardell’s daily schedule settled into a routine of early morning classes, afternoon football practice, and focused evening study sessions. Afternoon practices would often cause Vardell to miss professors’ office hours, leaving him in the position of figuring things out on his own — a skill that would prove useful as a Sigma Nu candidate and later as an entrepreneur.

Vardell’s coaches played a major role in developing his character, each one imparting different leadership lessons along the way. He had the chance to play under Tyrone Willingham, who served as Stanford running backs coach before eventually advancing to head coaching positions at Washington and Notre Dame. “Coach Willingham practiced what he preached,” Tommy recalls. He remembers coach Willingham doing pushups and running sprints with the team. “If the team was expected to be accountable then so was Coach Willingham,” he says. This leadership style resonated with Tommy while at Stanford, and it stayed with him through his college career and into the NFL.

Vardell remembers Denny Green reminding his players how achievement in one area of life tends to spill over into others. “Coach Green would tell us that you cannot be a poor student in school and a good student of the game of football,” he recalls. “You cannot be a disloyal friend off the field and be a good teammate on the field. How you conduct yourself off the field directly relates to how you perform on the field,” Tommy remembers of Coach Green.

Tommy realized the importance of strong character playing for Denny Green, and it was this commitment that eventually lead him to the Beta Chi Chapter of Sigma Nu in 1989. Beta Chi Chapter recolonized in the late 1980s and Tommy’s self-starter mentality was a perfect fit for the rebuilding process. The new chapter didn’t fit the fraternity caricature at that time, he remembers. The group, according to Tommy, knew how to have a good time, but they were focused on performing at a high level, both as a group and as individuals. “I was blown away by the caliber of these men,” he recalls of the recruitment process. “There were guys who talked about starting software companies in high school, physics majors who had internships with NASA, athletes and much more.” It didn’t take long for Tommy to realize that Beta Chi Chapter possessed the culture where he could contribute and thrive all the same.

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He’s played for legendary coaches and blocked for Hall of Fame running backs. Now, in his role as managing director of a Bay Area investment firm, Tommy Vardell (Stanford) offers up the keys to leadership and building successful teams.
Practice WHAT YOU PREACH

By Jon Sprenger (Drury)

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One of Vardell’s proudest NFL accomplishments occurred during the 1997-1998 season. He was playing for the Detroit Lions the year Barry Sanders rushed for 2,053 yards, which just happened to be the first year Sanders had a fullback blocking for him. "Barry was the kind of player who made world class athletes look foolish," Tommy says of the legendary running back. "He had an uncanny ability to see a play develop before everyone else could, and he could run toward congested spaces that seemed to open up upon his arrival, with players diving at his feet along the way."

Tommy enjoyed a great NFL career spanning eight seasons with the Browns, Lions and 49ers. He rushed for 1,427 yards, caught 119 passes for 1,010 yards, and scored 21 career touchdowns. He retired from the game after the 1999 season with the San Francisco 49ers.

Mere months after retiring from the NFL, Vardell partnered with fellow players Brent Jones and Mark Harris to found Northgate Capital, a Bay Area investment firm with offices now spanning the world. Since its founding Northgate has grown to a staff of 47 employees and $4.5 billion worth of investments.

"I took my Sigma Nu vows very seriously. The ideals of the fraternity are woven into the fabric of who I am as a person."

entrepreneurial concept of observing an unmet need and finding a new way to deliver that service. "School lunches were $1.50 and usually your parents would give you $2.00 every day for lunch. Most students would pocket the remaining $.50 for something later. So, I would go and buy blow-pops for $.05 and then turn around and sell them $.25. A quick 500% markup and profit." He says the project lasted quite a while until, "the principal shut him down."

Later in college, Vardell noticed a similar need on campus in a lack of Stanford school apparel. His business acumen prompted him to design, market and sell Stanford football gear to teammates, parents, fans, and football camp attendees.

It’s easy to tell how Vardell’s entrepreneurial mind has carried over to Northgate. Perhaps more gratifying for Tommy than the success of Northgate are the people he works with each day. Vardell sees parallels between fraternity recruitment and the corporate hiring practices used by his company. "We look for good people, people we like to be around," he shares. "Every good business school in the country is going to have qualified applicants on paper, but we look for the intangibles that can’t be taught in the classroom. We want good, happy people who are a pleasure to be around, with great character," he continues. "I would choose character over intelligence all day, every day when it comes to potential employees."

"Much like being a good Sigma Nu candidate, Northgate wants earnest, hardworking, selfless people."

Northgate’s approach to strategy is not to "lead the parade," he says. Much like the fullback position in football, "we prefer to fly under the radar and take satisfaction in getting our job done and in doing things the right way."

Looking back on his playing career and his experience founding Northgate Capital, Vardell can identify the common characteristics that lead individuals and groups to success. "You cannot limit yourselves — you must
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second Phil book), and at one point in time, three of the books were in the top ten New York Times Bestsellers list.

In preparation for each of the Duck Dynasty books, Schlabach would visit their Louisiana home and spend two or three days there, talking with the subject of the book for eight to ten hours in a single day. After that, he would take four to five weeks to write the book, working from 10 p.m. until 3 a.m., after he put his children to bed.

The Robertson family, despite the success and ensuing fame from their television show, has not changed them at all, Schlabach observes. "What you see on television is what you get," he said. "The fame, the fortune, the celebrity, has not affected them one bit."

In his career as a sportswriter, Schlabach has embraced the ebbs and flows of the profession. He has a big following on Twitter, and he continues to do television work for ESPN. Schlabach, as with other sportswriters, has also had to take on some of the current challenges, such as sorting through Twitter and other social media "tips." He said trying to get information on these tips, which 90% of the time aren’t factual, takes up a lot of his time that could be spent working on other things. "That, and the death of newspapers," Schlabach adds.

Despite this, Schlabach loves his job, and says, "Basically, if you put me in any college town for the weekend, I’m in heaven." Some of his favorite places to visit are Athens, Ga., Oxford, Miss., Baton Rouge, La., and Eugene, Ore., whose Autzen Stadium, where the University of Oregon plays, is "probably one of the loudest in the country."

He still lives in Madison, Ga., with his family — his wife Heather (an AOII from University of Georgia), and their three children, Caroline, Jane, and Jack. Schlabach also keeps in touch with his Mu Chapter brothers: "They’re still my best friends," he says.
The Theta Chapter is proud to announce that it raised $21,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Throughout the semester, Theta Chapter held events such as, Jam for St. Jude on February 7th, which raised $12,000, and Crawfish for a Cure on April 10th, which raised $9,000 plus 2,500 cans to donate to the Tuscaloosa community soup kitchen. Theta Chapter is also proud to announce the success of its first parent's weekend, which raised $9,000, an event that will grow and gain the chapter's recognition as “meets expectations” in six of the eight categories in Ball State’s Greek standards program. The Theta Nu Chapter received recognition for their membership development as “exceeds expectations.”

This year’s event saw more than 160 runners and walkers, which resulted in donations totaling more than $3,500 for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Both of these numbers were records for the event. The St. Jude 5k has been Nu Alpha’s premier philanthropy event since coming to the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith (UAFS) in spring 2007.

Ball State

Alex Sventeckis and Max Wurster of the Theta Nu Chapter took home Greek Man of the Year and Outstanding Interfraternity Council Chapter President of the Year, respectively, at this year’s Ball State University Grand Chapter. The Theta Nu Chapter also became fully accredited and recognized as “meets expectations” in five of the eight categories in Ball State’s Greek standards program. The Theta Nu Chapter received recognition for their membership development as “exceeds expectations.”

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In November, brothers of the Iota Kappa Chapter won the intramural volleyball championship. The chapter also won Gamma Phi Beta’s Crescent Classic Philanthropy Week Competition (November 17th-19th) raising money for Girls on the Run and Camp Fire.

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the individual awards won were Outstanding New Fraternity Member (William Oldham), Christina Camardo Award for Outstanding Service to their Chapter (Anton Spencer), and Greek Man of the Year (Brian Hayt).

The chapter was also recognized for its leadership, citizenship, ritual use, and scholarship.

Despite its strong showing at the awards ceremony, the chapter is committed to continued growth. Delta Alpha will continue to strive for excellence in all areas. With planning and perseverance, the chapter will attain heights that were never thought possible.

Cornell

Brother Alex Krakoski was recently profiled on Cornell University’s Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management blog about his new company Trail-Worthy Beef Jerky. Krakoski, a sophomore brother, developed the idea for his company while studying abroad in Switzerland. Many of Krakoski’s classmates were seeking a better snack option for their daily skiing routines and he decided to use the recipe for beef jerky that his mother had used to create some snacks.

Krakoski’s team, now composed of nine other Cornell students, has won a $5,000 scholarship from the Cornell Johnson Graduate School of Management for their start-up. Speaking about his new start-up, Brother Krakoski said, “I donate a large percentage of my sales revenue to a scholarship student fund at my school.”

Also, at this spring’s Greek life awards presentations, Brother Julian Gallo (Cornell) was named Outstanding Officer of the Year by the Cornell University IFC. Brother Gallo created a new member education program that placed particular emphasis on non-hazing practices.

Delaware

On Sunday April 13th, the Delta Kappa Chapter of Sigma Nu held their 2nd annual Alumni Golf Classic, Auction & Dinner at the Deerfield Golf & Tennis Club in Newark, Del. The time and effort put in by the brothers to build on last year’s success was noticeable. Compared to last year’s event the chapter doubled the total attendance at the event while also tripling profits. This year the event was also a philanthropy event, benefitting the Wounded Warrior Project. There were 18 foursomes of golfers, with 72 golfers participating. There were more than 20 Delta Kappa alumni in attendance, as well as many collegiate brother’s fathers and uncles.

Immediately following last year’s golf outing the chapter outlined key areas that could be improved upon. The chapter recognized that to hit a higher fundraising target it needed outside help. The chapter got in contact with Delta Kappa Alumnus Kevin Scanlon who specializes in fundraising for events similar to the chapter’s event. The chapter’s Fundraising and Alumni Relations Chairman worked closely with Brother Scanlon to make the event the success that it was.

The chapter made about $13,000 in revenue and $7,500 in profit. This is more than triple the numbers from last year. The chapter is excited to build off this success next year. In planning for next year, the chapter has set a goal of $12,000 net profit. More importantly, the goal is to raise the participation of the chapter’s alumni in the event.

Drury

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Krakoski’s team, now composed of nine other Cornell students, has won a $5,000 scholarship from the Cornell Johnson Graduate School of Management for their start-up. Speaking about his new start-up, Brother Krakoski said, “I donate a large percentage of my sales revenue to a scholarship student fund at my school.”

Also, at this spring’s Greek life awards presentations, Brother Julian Gallo (Cornell) was named Outstanding Officer of the Year by the Cornell University IFC. Brother Gallo created a new member education program that placed particular emphasis on non-hazing practices.

Delaware

On Sunday April 13th, the Delta Kappa Chapter of Sigma Nu held their 2nd annual Alumni Golf Classic, Auction & Dinner at the Deerfield Golf & Tennis Club in Newark, Del. The time and effort put in by the brothers to build on last year’s success was noticeable. Compared to last year’s event the chapter doubled the total attendance at the event while also tripling profits. This year the event was also a philanthropy event, benefitting the Wounded Warrior Project. There were 18 foursomes of golfers, with 72 golfers participating. There were more than 20 Delta Kappa alumni in attendance, as well as many collegiate brother’s fathers and uncles.

Immediately following last year’s golf outing the chapter outlined key areas that could be improved upon. The chapter recognized that to hit a higher fundraising target it needed outside help. The chapter got in contact with Delta Kappa Alumnus Kevin Scanlon who specializes in fundraising for events similar to the chapter’s event. The chapter’s Fundraising and Alumni Relations Chairman worked closely with Brother Scanlon to make the event the success that it was.

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Relay for Life in Richmond, Ky. This is the second year the chapter has participated in the Relay for Life. Theta Theta saw much improvement in members becoming leaders of this event, having six committee members. Theta Theta Chapter saw this event as a great opportunity to step up as leaders and benefit an outstanding cause. Theta Theta Chapter helped raise money through personal fundraising and by having an on-site fundraiser. The chapter looks forward to being student leaders of this event for many years to come.

George Washington

The Delta Pi Chapter of George Washington University initiated five new knights into the Legion of Honor on April 26, 2014, at the Headquarters Shrine in Lexington, Va. It is the Delta Pi Chapter’s tradition to travel to the Headquarters Shrine to hold its initiations. The spring 2014 candidate class has proven itself deserving of Love, Truth, and Honor through arduous learning of the traditions and values of fraternity, as well as active participation in the chapter’s social, philanthropy, and service events. Their initiation has brought new blood into the chapter, and the new members are all excited to further contribute to the chapter’s improvement and prosperity with their talents and efforts.

Georgia

On April 6, 2014, Mu Chapter hosted its first annual Sorority Soccer Showdown - a 3 on 3 tournament organized to benefit the National MS Society. In total, 11 sororities participated with over 150 spectators in attendance. The Showdown was won by Kappa Alpha Theta, with Pi Phi coming in second.

MS touches the lives of many, but Mu Chapter chose to raise money for the MS Society in particular due to many brothers having family and friends who have been diagnosed with MS, in particular, Freshman Chase Griffin’s (M 2568) father, Charles Griffin (M 1889). The chapter wanted to show its support to the Griffin family.

“We chose to benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society because many brothers have family affected, so it is a cause close to home which is helping get everyone excited,” said Community Service and Philanthropy Chairman Alex Croy.

The chapter publicized the event through social media and flyers all over campus and downtown Athens businesses. Brothers of the chapter even walked downtown Milledge Avenue one afternoon and spread the word to all 17 sororities on campus.

The chapter raised over $8,000 from this event and its related silent auction — held on April 12 at the annual parent’s weekend. This was the first time the chapter hosted the event, but the brothers look forward to it becoming an annual occurrence. With the success experienced this year, it should be easy to make next year’s event bigger and better.

Georgia State

On April 5th, 2014, the Eta Gamma Chapter held its annual Sigma Nu Smoke Out benefiting St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. The chapter raised over $9,000 with the help of Eta Gamma alumni, brothers, fellow Greeks, and nearly 60 sponsoring businesses from metro-Atlanta. This has put the total amount raised from the Smoke Out to approximately $25,000 since it was started by Chris Pena in 2010.

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UC Davis

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Eta Gamma is the only IFC chapter to be recognized three years in a row by the university. The chapter won the Greek Collaboration Award for its recent Golden Reign Week, hosted alongside the brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha and Lambda Upsilon Lambda. The week focused on promoting Greek unity throughout the GSU community and consisted of multiple events including a clothing drive, a dodgeball tournament, a Greek block party, and a blood drive sponsored by the American Red Cross. Along with this great accomplishment, the brothers of Eta Gamma brought home the Jernigan’s Cup for the best overall intramural team at Georgia State for the second year in a row!

The chapter won several social awards, as well, over the past year. Brother Andrew Hoffritz won Alpha Xi Delta’s man of the year for a second year in a row! The brothers also won Phi Mu’s Spring Fling Week for the fourth time in the past five years, and Brother Ryan Monroe was named Spring Fling King. The chapter also won the Alpha Xi Delta Xi Marks the Spot and Football FrenXi championships in the spring and the Alpha Omicron Pi All in for Arthritis Week.

The brothers of Zeta Chi Chapter spent their monthly community service event with Eagle’s Lift Ministries, a non-profit organization that focuses on sheltering young homeless women and their children. The brothers spent time doing yard work, gardening, and some construction. At the end of the service day, the chapter presented Eagle’s Lift with a check for $1,000 to help continue their efforts to aid young homeless women and children.

The Nu Beta Chapter is pleased to announce two individual awards that were won by chapter brothers. Nu Beta Marshal, Jeremiah Stone was named the Huntingdon College Greek Man of the Year and Social Chairman Malone Kaak was named Future Fraternity Leader of the Year. Both individuals were nominated by multiple Greek chapters on campus.

Jeremiah is serving in his second term as Marshal, and is also IFC vice president of community service. Jeremiah is also involved in various organizations at Huntingdon College such as Ambassador, Student Alumni Association, Host, Voice of Justice, and 4Life. Malone is serving as Social Chairman and served as his candidate class president last semester. Malone is also involved at Huntingdon as IFC vice president of recruitment and as an orientation leader.

Jeremiah, uniquely, is the first person to win Future Fraternity Leader of the Year (2013) and follow that with Greek Man of the Year. A Sigma Nu has been named Greek Man of the Year two out of the last three years with Jake Bechert (NB 23) winning in 2011 and Jeremiah Stone (NB 56) in 2013.

Malone is the third consecutive Sigma Nu to win Future Fraternity Leader of the Year with Jagger Eastman winning in 2012 and Brother Stone in 2013.

Gamma Mu Chapter was honored at the University of Illinois Greek Oscars annual awards presentation for being one of five exceptional chapters in the IFC during the 2013 calendar year. The University of Illinois IFC has the largest number of chapters in the country with 51 active chapters and close to 3,000 men.

The chapter is also proud to announce that their former Commander, Chris Marr, won the Greek Man of the Year Award for the IFC. This award is selected by a vote from delegates of each chapter. The Greek Man of the Year is a man who embodies the best of the Greek community and has made a substantial impact to improve his chapter and community while leading others to do the same.

In the fall, the Beta Mu Chapter successfully recruited 32 new candidates with 20 additional candidates joining in the spring. The chapter looks forward to continuing its recruitment success through use of the Virgil M. Hancher Scholarship that is awarded to five incoming freshmen.

Beta Mu initiated 30 of its fall candi-
dates – its second largest initiation class in chapter history. The fall semester also saw the chapter have 22 members make the Dean’s List, with a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Led by the efforts of Brother Ricky Stochl the chapter raised a total of $12,611.41 for the University of Iowa’s Big Event. Speaking about his involvement with the Big Event, Brother Stochl said, “I feel extremely proud and feel very hopeful for our future involvement.”

**James Madison**

On Sunday, February 9, 2014, the Iota Delta Chapter at James Madison University traveled to Headquarters in Lexington, Va. At HQ, Iota Delta held its initiation ceremony for 18 brothers, as well as the induction ceremony for 14 new candidates. In January, Iota Delta won the Outstanding Alumni Program, Outstanding Alumni, and Chapter Scholarship Award at the James Madison University Fraternity and Sorority Life Excellence Awards Banquet. Also, Alumnus Matthew Alcide won JMU Fraternity Alumnus of the Year.

The chapter focused on alumni relations these past couple of years, and the results speak for themselves. These awards prove how much the chapter has improved in alumni relations. Moving forward, the chapter’s goal is to win JMU Fraternity of the Year.

**Kent State**

For more information on Gockowski, Brohio, and the group of fans that make up section 117 at Progressive Field. Gockowski, a Twinsburg, Ohio, native will now preside over the excitable section 117 (“Brohio”) that cheers on Nick Swisher with particular enthusiasm. Brohio went viral on social media throughout the summer of 2013 and is now a recurrent theme for all Friday and Saturday games during the 2014 season.

The fans of the Cleveland Indians – and Nick Swisher - have spoken, and have elected Brother Adam Gockowski as the first full-time Governor of Brohio, the group of fans that make up section 117 at Progressive Field. Gockowski, a Twinsburg, Ohio, native will now preside over the excitable section 117 (“Brohio”) that cheers on Nick Swisher with particular enthusiasm. Brohio went viral on social media throughout the summer of 2013 and is now a recurrent theme for all Friday and Saturday games during the 2014 season.

Fans originally submitted videos to be considered for one of four finalist spots, and those finalists then campaigned in front of Swisher himself on the KeyBank main stage in January at Tribe Fest, held at the ballpark.

For more information on Gockowski, Brohio and to see a video of Swisher congratulating the winner, visit Indians.com/Brohio.

On April 5, 2014, the Zeta Gamma Chapter volunteered at The Up Side of Downs Dinner, Dance, and Raffle at Lamalfa Hotel in Mentor, Ohio. The Up Side of Downs is a Cleveland based charity that has the mission to provide support, education, and advocacy for people with Down syndrome, their families and communities.

Zeta Gamma Chapter has volunteered at The Up Side of Downs Dinner, Dance, and Raffle every year for the past three years. More than 600 people from the greater Cleveland area attended The Up Side of Downs Dinner, Dance, and Raffle this year with 18 brothers from the Zeta Gamma Chapter in attendance to volunteer at the event.

The Zeta Gamma Chapter has been participating in numerous events with The Up Side of Downs over the previous three years and the generosity from the organization to help the chapter participate in these great events motivates the brothers to be more active in the community.

Four months prior to the event, the chapter planned the 2014 calendar around this event, so brothers were able to be in attendance. The chapter teamed up with members of The Up Side of Downs to raise more money at the raffle this year.

On April 13, the Zeta Gamma Chapter hosted its 2nd annual Sigma Nu: Golf Your Heart Out at the Fairways of Twin Lakes in Kent, Ohio, with proceeds being donated to the American Heart Association.

The Zeta Gamma Chapter has been hosting Sigma Nu: Golf Your Heart Out for two years with an increased attendance this year. Around 100 individuals came out to support, with 11 teams participating in the scramble and many parents coming out to the dinner afterwards.

The chapter for many years did not have a successful philanthropy that would occur yearly, so several brothers developed this idea in November 2012 and...
In spring 2014, Phi Chapter initiated 10 new knights as they successfully completed the candidate program over the course of the semester. In addition, the chapter had great success with its philanthropy Sigma CaNu. The canoe regatta put on by Phi on the LSU lakes raised nearly $8,500 for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

The Etta Zeta Chapter at Louisiana Tech University is proud to announce that it won the annual Greek week trophy for the third consecutive year. Greek week at Louisiana Tech consists of philanthropic, athletic, and culinary events.

The Etta Zeta Chapter also hosted its annual crawfish boil fundraiser this spring where over $7,500 was raised to benefit St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Hundreds of active members, alumni, and community members attended the event.

Brother Tyler Muller was recently elected as the new IFC president for 2014 at Middle Tennessee State University. Brother Muller had previously served as IFC vice president of recruitment during 2013. Muller is the second consecutive Sigma Nu to be elected IFC president as he takes over the reins from Brother Jared Adams.

Muller pursued the position of president due to his passion for IFC and the progress it has made. “Jared, myself, and the rest of the council have invested a lot of time into the steps taken this year and I believe I am capable to lead these men as we strive for even greater progress,” he stated.

Over the next year Muller hopes for the IFC to continue its significant improvements in recruitment as well as continuing to establish a positive image among the MTSU campus and surrounding community.

The story of Eta Upsilon’s descent from a powerhouse at Midwestern State to near extinction will not be repeated here except to say the decline serves as an example to current and future members of what happens when the Fraternity’s values no longer govern a chapter. This is a story of recovery based on dedication to those values.

Almost five years ago the five remaining collegiate brothers of Eta Upsilon Chapter saw themselves as the foundation of a concerted effort to rebuild their chapter. Many considered this a pipe dream while others set about helping rebuild what had been the powerhouse fraternity on campus. Recovery, however, was not going to be a simple matter. Some alumni had left the five remaining collegiate initiates with a distrust of almost all alumni, yet those five recognized the need for alumni participation in the recovery effort. One of the first steps taken was to find an alumnus to become chapter advisor. With that done, the search began for dedicated alumni to create and serve on an advisory board. Ten alumni scattered from Connecticut to New Mexico answered the call and began to meet monthly by conference call to help their chapter recover. Those ten alumni provided the necessary example that Sigma Nu is for life, that love of the brotherhood and a deep sense of personal honor are not simply abstract concepts learned as candidates.

Chapter recovery was further complicated by a sizable debt owed to the General Fraternity; a debt created through negligence of previous brothers. Alumni responded by donating the entire needed sum of $6,000. Alumni continued to support the chapter the following year and paid for its annual White Star Formal.

As Eta Upsilon became more stable, alumni support gradually increased and the chapter began to receive more suggestions for recovery, more help with recruitment, and more financial donations. Two events in the spring semester of 2013 finally showed the entire chapter the depth of restored alumni pride in the chapter.

In the fall, several alumni contacted the Commander to organize a tailgate in time for the homecoming game. At the tailgate, the brothers met a group of men who live their lives – personal and professional – by the Fraternity’s values. Moreover, the alumni left the tailgate with no doubt the chapter was restored and deserved their respect and continued support. Several weeks later alumni presented the chapter...
with a set of ritual robes immediately before an initiation ceremony as a vote of confidence in the chapter's recovery. During the course of Eta Upsilon's recovery, alumni taught the chapter some techniques of successful one-on-one recruitment. Other alumni also offered occasional ideas for recruitment but one idea was never considered: the chapter unanimously rejected all suggestions to lower recruitment standards for one semester and go for quantity over quality. As a result, the chapter had five members for one semester, four members for two years, then five for a year, and finally seven members. The number of graduating seniors and the refusal to lower standards kept the chapter as the smallest fraternity on campus. That commitment to quality still holds and will continue to do so. During the last six years, Eta Upsilon has gained the reputation of taking only the best of the best as candidates. Mediocrity in any form is not acceptable.

The chapter began 2013 with seven members. Brothers Zane Pollock (HY 539), Bryan Kisinger (HY 542), Storm Cantu (HY 541), Trey Tvillegar, (HY 545), Luis Lopez (HY 534), Dillon Irwin (HY 544), and Ryan Booker (HY 543) conducted the most successful recruitment campaign the chapter had seen in a number of years. The Commander promised alumni the chapter would at least double in size at the end of IFC’s formal rush week in September but even the chapter members, including advisors Joshua Kattner (HY 533) and Tom Carver (HY 42), considered that unlikely and expected six candidates at the most. Much to everyone’s surprise — except for the Commander — the chapter gained seventeen candidates for a total of 24 members. The seven knew the value of year-round recruitment and taught the techniques to the seventeen candidates. They learned quickly. Part of next semester’s candidate class is in the wings with possibly more to come after formal rush in February 2014. The chapter considered the IFC decision not to have formal rush in the spring semester unacceptable; so, Sigma Nu is the only fraternity on campus to have planned its own formal rush program for spring 2014.

Hard work, dedication to principles, and living the Creed of Sigma Nu has taken Eta Upsilon from being a joke on campus to being the leading IFC fraternity. The gentlemen of Sigma Nu, as known at Midwestern State University, once again have men asking about the Fraternity and enjoy a level of alumni support not seen before. The chapter is doing something many doubted it would survive to do — planning the 50th anniversary celebration for 2016. And all because of those three words: Love, Honor, and Truth.

It has been a great spring for the gentleman of Gamma Tau Chapter. Relay for Life was a huge success as the chapter raised the fifth highest total of any student group at the University of Minnesota. Brother Kevin Szuluga and Brother Jacob Iveland were recently elected to sit on the IFC and the chapter was honored to receive Greek awards for both Outstanding Recruitment and Chapter of Excellence. Gamma Tau Chapter is now looking to the fall in preparation for the annual Border Battle, a philanthropy flag football tournament that invites other chapters of Sigma Nu in the region to visit and help raise money for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

The Epsilon Xi Chapter at the University of Mississippi hosted a 5K charity run on February 26th. The 5K was held to benefit senior Brother Carson Otter. Brother Otter was attacked in Texas in September 2013 while attending the University of Texas and Ole Miss football game. He underwent brain surgery shortly after the attack, and spent several weeks in the hospital. The charity run went to help cover the family’s medical bills.

Brother Otter who has returned to school as of this February, was able to participate in the race along with his mother and sister. “I think this event really shows the true character of Oxford,” Otter said. “I really want to emphasize how much this will help my family members. They went through as much, if not more, than I had to. This is for them. I cannot express how thankful I am for the people that have gone above and beyond in making this event happen,” said Otter.

On March 21st the chapter hosted its 25th annual Charity Bowl, the philanthropy football game held every March to raise funds for patients recovering from spinal cord injuries. Epsilon Xi Chapter’s Charity Bowl was

Pictured is Sigma Nu & Phi Mu’s Nacho Average Tailgate benefiting The American Heart Association and Children's Miracle Network. Over $12,000 was raised for the organizations.
first held in 1990 and originally supported Chuckie Mullins, an Ole Miss Football player who was paralyzed after a violent on-field collision. The recipient of this year’s Charity Bowl proceeds, Stevelyn Robinson, was on hand to receive the $75,000 raised from the event. The 19-year-old Stevelyn Robinson, a former three-sport athlete, has used a wheelchair since injuring his spinal cord in a 2011 school bus accident. Robinson has worked through two years of physical therapy and can now push a wheeled walker for short distances. Stevelyn, who attended the event with his family, was joined at mid-field with Epsilon Xi Chapter officers and Ole Miss Football Coach Matt Luke for the check presentation. Commenting about Stevelyn, event coordinator Paul DeForest noted, “Stevelyn is an incredible kid. It’s just a matter of time before he starts walking again.”

The Charity Bowl featured a football game between members of the Epsilon Xi Chapter and the local Kappa Alpha Order chapter. KA gained its slot in the Charity Bowl by pledging the highest amount of money in an open bidding session between Ole Miss Fraternities. The Ole Miss KA chapter pledged $7,100, outpacing Ole Miss’ Alpha Tau Omega chapter by $500. Previous Charity Bowl participants have included Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Chi. Charity Bowl has become a longstanding tradition at the University of Mississippi, eventually expanding to include a cheerleading competition and a Charity Bowl “court” with a Charity Bowl Queen. While the chapter has donated $75,000 to Stevelyn and his family, additional proceeds from the event will go to the Friends of Children’s Hospital in Jackson, Miss. It is anticipated that an additional $25,000 will be donated to the Friends of Children’s Hospital.

The Charity Bowl is supported by a variety of Epsilon Xi alumni, current parents, and friends of the chapter. During the game, many parents and alumni volunteered by selling admission tickets and t-shirts, and working concession stands. With the help of parents and alumni, the chapter was able to raise $18,000 during the game.

Putting a wrap on the event, DeForest said, “It was an excellent experience and we were excited to help Stevelyn in his recovery effort. We’re honored to be able to celebrate the event’s 25th anniversary and look forward to the next 25 years of being the largest Greek philanthropy in the country.”

Iota Gamma is pleased to report that it has a new chapter advisor, Brother Patrick Bland. Brother Bland, an alumnus and past Commander, now living in Tupelo, Miss. stepped into the position in 2013. The chapter has also secured a faculty advisor, Nick Gordon, in the Dean of Students Office.

In the fall, the chapter plans to collaborate with several campus organizations to increase donations to organizations in the Delta of Sigma Nu’s Helping Hands Initiative. This year, the chapter enjoyed brotherhood outings at the reservoir in Jackson, Miss., and a paintball game in Alabama.
The chapter also held its first semiformal in Tupelo and held its annual riverboat formal in Memphis in April.

It was bittersweet to graduate some of the very last re-founding fathers of the chapter. Brothers Charles Capdepon, Sam Ward, Chance Ervin and Matthew Timmins graduated in early December. The chapter is proud to see them move on to a future in great careers and become engaged alumni of Iota Gamma.

Missouri
Past Rho Commander, Justin Kendall, was chosen to be on the University of Missouri’s homecoming steering committee for the 2014 homecoming in October.

Homecoming has a long and historic tradition at Mizzou and with the Greek community. The University of Missouri had the first homecoming celebration in 1911 and ever since then it has been established as the largest student-run event on campus.

Each year, over 50,000 people watch the homecoming parade and view house decorations. Also parts of homecoming include mainly Greek organizations raising over 160,000 pounds of food for Columbia food banks, 6,000 units of blood for the blood drive, and volunteering at six different charities.

Having participated in homecoming for many years in different capacities with Rho, Justin wanted to have a bigger impact on the homecoming experience.

Rho hopes to have more members on the homecoming steering committee in the future, and looks forward to participating in homecoming this autumn.

North Dakota State
Ryan Justak from the Eta Theta Chapter at North Dakota State University was named Greek life Man of the Year at the 2014 Greek awards ceremony for his accomplishments as Philanthropy and Community Service Chairman.

The Eta Theta Chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity at North Dakota State University is participating in Founders’ Month of Service by hosting their annual French Toast Feed to help support the local Red River Zoo, a non-profit organization. This is the fifth year the chapter has hosted this event and the fourth that has benefited the Red River Zoo. Last year the chapter had its most successful event raising over $1,200 and has set its goal to $1,500 this semester.

250 guests attend the event and this year the chapter will need over 300 to reach the goal and cover expenses. The zoo will make an appearance in a row providing information about its programs and even a few small live animals for entertainment!

Brothers are very active in philanthropic service with other Greek houses and on-campus fundraisers. Brother Schaefer keeps track of all donations brothers make, no matter how small and encourages all to take advantage of the philanthropy opportunities provided by campus and the community.

Arkansas
The participants of Nu Alpha’s St. Jude Breakaway 5k pictured on the campus at Arkansas Ft. Smith.

Oregon
In mid-October, 2013, the Gamma Zeta Chapter participated in Greek week, a week-long event supporting local causes such as Food for Lane County and bringing the FSL community together.

The chapter teamed up with Chi Psi and Kappa Delta as the Animal Planet team. At least 20 brothers participated in the final talent show at the end, placing them in third place overall. In the future, the chapter hopes to increase its participation and take back first place.

In mid-November Gamma Zeta held its annual Kick Ball Cancer Philanthropy event. All the proceeds go to the international
The Delta of Sigma Nu

with Movember

for men’s testicular and prostate cancer. Throughout November, members of the chapter reached out to family and friends for donations. The rest of the money was raised through registration fees for the teams. All of the sororities on campus had at least one team and almost every fraternity had at least one team.

The event raised over $5,000 and had over 400 participants. First place in the men’s division was Delta Sigma Phi with Chi Omega placing first in women’s. The event gained media attention from local affiliate KMTR.

During this process, the chapter worked with Movember national representatives that spoke very highly of the chapter:

“I saw many impressive Movember campus campaigns this year, but I can honestly say that the Sigma Nu (Gamma Zeta Chapter) was one of the best... both in terms of preparation, but also commitment. Sigma Nu’s Kick Ball Cancer tournament is a shining example of how simple and fun it can be to organize a Movember event on campus. I have sung your praises far and wide in my conversations with other chapters and campuses around the country. I look forward to working with Sigma Nu to continue growing the campaign into an annual tradition,” said Doug Prusoff, college engagement manager at Movember.

**Pennsylvania**

Beta Rho Chapter of Sigma Nu won the University of Pennsylvania’s IFC’s Outstanding Service to the Community award (runner-up). This was due to the chapter’s fantastic Community Service and Philanthropy Chairman (and now Treasurer) Jeremy Danziger.

The brotherhood’s resident band, Chalk Theory Bandits, has played several small concerts this semester with proceeds going to benefit St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

Several brothers have been elected to campus leadership positions. Joshua Chilcote was elected VP of the student body undergraduate assembly, Devin Grossman was elected to the chair of NEC, and Akhilesh Goswami was elected to the head of the IAA (the largest organization on campus).

**Penn College**

Brother Marc Kaylor was one of only eight students selected to receive the Bill Sanderson Aviation Maintenance Technology Scholarship. Brother Kaylor was selected through an international application process. Brother Kaylor will attend an MD Helicopters factory school that his scholarship of $8,000 will cover.

**Rhodes**

This semester, the Epsilon Sigma Chapter at Rhodes College has achieved some great things. Senior Brother Kondwani Banda was inducted into the Rhodes Hall of Fame after being chosen by a group of faculty and staff. Second, senior Brother and former EC Demetri Jerow won the award for Greek Man of the Year. Third, the chapter won the award for Fraternity of the Year at Rhodes.

The chapter held a party at its house in order to raise money for the Globemed chapter at Rhodes. The cover charge for each person was $2, the chapter matched all that we raised. Overall $1,400 was raised for Globemed, which helped them achieve and surpass their annual goal of raising $10,000 for clean water filtration system in Nicaragua.

The chapter also hosted a number of unique LEAD sessions, one of which involved retired Air Force Lieutenant General John Bradley coming to speak about his NGO, the Lamia Afghani Foundation, and its philanthropic work in rural Afghanistan.

Overall, this has been a very exciting semester for the chapter.

Senior Brother Kondwani is the 4th straight brother to appear in the hall of fame. Kondwani has committed himself to service to the college and to the Memphis community making him an ideal representative of the fraternity and much deserving of the honor of the college’s hall of fame.

The hall of fame is selected by distinguished campus leaders and campus administrators. Kondwani has shown four years of leadership and service to the college and has sought to make all of those he comes into contact...
with more wholesome individuals.

Kondwani will be graduating in May and moving back to New York to continue his interests in international media and public relations.

Southern Poly

This spring, the Iota Pi Chapter, sometimes referred to as The Iota Pi Family, at Southern Polytechnic State University has won what could be the last traditional Greek week. This is the ninth consecutive year and largest point margin the chapter has won to date. Greek Week at SPSU is a highly competitive event that has lasted over 30 years. This year was especially crucial because it was the last traditional Greek week before the consolidation with Kennesaw State University. Greek week at SPSU involves 18 athletic events in which fraternities and sororities compete.

It has been the premier event for the Iota Pi Chapter and through continued support from the alumni and undergraduate chapter, Sigma Nu has been the fraternity to compete against at Southern Polytechnic University. The prime motivation in Greek week has always been the support of not only the active chapter, but also the alumni. Brother Robert “Regi” Bailey states, “I feel like the sound of my brothers cheering me on gives me the extra motivation I need to compete at my best.”

Numerous preparations are always made by the active chapter to succeed in Greek week each year. Brothers like Chad Bennet are one of the many leaders of Greek week that make sure the Iota Pi Chapter is always on top of things by organizing practices and appointing committee heads for each event.

Through the next academic year Southern Polytechnic State University will be consolidating with Kennesaw State University, while most of the chapters at SPSU are concerned. The Iota Pi Family is more encouraged now than ever before to continue their legacy of excellence and success. John Pulicare, the Commander of the Iota Pi Chapter states, “There is much excitement going into the consolidation after this Greek week victory. We have established a foundation of excellence at SPSU and look forward to the opportunities the consolidation will provide for the future of this great chapter.”

Stevens

This spring the Gamma Delta Chapter participated in the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life event hosted on the campus of Seton Hall University. Gamma Delta Chapter has participated in this event for the last two years. Last year, Brother James Coyle even served as the MC and DJ of the event.

About 2,000 students, including 25 brothers of Sigma Nu, attended this year’s event. The 12 hour relay resulted in a donation of over $36,000. Many brothers have been impacted by family and friends who have been diagnosed with cancer.

For this reason, the brotherhood has made this event a staple in its calendars every spring.

The chapter plans to attend this event again next spring, but also has plans to host and run a Relay for Life on the Stevens Institute of Technology campus.

The Gamma Delta Chapter came away from the inaugural Stevens Fraternity and Sorority Achievement Awards reception with three great distinctions. As a chapter, Gamma Delta received Excellence in Campus Involvement and individual awards were presented to Brothers Anthony Montufar and Mark Scalzo.

The Gamma Delta Chapter takes pride in the active involvement of its members in all the different sports, extra-curricular activities, and
community service. Being well-rounded individuals is something that the chapter focuses heavily on, in addition to the rigor of the academic curriculum at Stevens.

Although the chapter does not aim to win awards for all of its hard work and dedication, it plans to be a favorite for similar awards in the future.

Brothers Chris Vaughan, Daniel Smith, and Gabe Shankweiler were all honored by the American Volleyball Coaches Association as All-American performers in Division III Men’s Volleyball. Sophomore Chris Vaughan was selected as a 1st Team All-American while Junior Daniel Smith was selected as a 2nd Team All-American. Freshman Gabe Shankweiler also gained 2nd Team honors in addition to being selected as the UVC Co-Rookie of the Year. The Stevens Men’s Volleyball team, which consists of 10 brothers of the Gamma Delta Chapter, finished ranked #5 in the AVC Top 15 roll and will be competing in the quarter-final match of the NCAA Division III Championship.

This semester in the LEAD Program, several alumni guest facilitators, and other guest facilitators were used, as well as many smaller sessions facilitated by the chairman and brothers featuring TED Talk topics. Using the Best Practices Library recommendations, Gamma Delta established a new bylaw requiring all officers to complete LEAD Phase II. Seniors participated in the annual etiquette Phase IV dinner with Stevens Board of Trustees member and Gamma Delta Alumnus Phil Crowley.

The chapter is pleased to report that following the spring 2013 semester, 18 brothers achieved a GPA of a 3.5 or higher. This was capped by Brother Etan Bennett achieving a 4.0 with 21 credit hours. In the fall, the chapter had 30 brothers make the dean’s list.

Tufts

This fall, the Zeta Eta Chapter at Tufts University will be back in a chapter house – its first since being removed from its old home in the summer of 2012. The chapter will be moving into 90-94 Curtis Street, to a property that it will be sharing with Kappa Alpha Theta, a new sorority on campus. Commander Michael Hursh is optimistic with moving back into a chapter home in the near future. “We lost the house at a tough time, but we’ve learned a lot from that and moved forward,” he said. “One of the positives of this is that we’re moving into a new space ... and we kind of have the opportunity to make it our own and to really develop [it] much like we have developed from the past as a brotherhood,” said Hursh.

In an interview with The Tufts Daily, Commander Hursh spoke of the success that the chapter had using Values Based Recruitment. “Obviously, having a house does play a role in recruitment, but one of the things we tried to focus on during our time away from having a house was what we call value-based recruiting, which is trying to recruit people with shared values and common views, rather than people who are just in it for the house,” he said. “If you can maintain the values and then use the house more to drum up initial support, that’s kind of the

North Dakota State

Brothers of the Eta Theta Chapter at their French Toast Feed, an event to raise money for the Red River Zoo.

The Delta of Sigma Nu

Brothers Anthony Montufar and Mark Scalzo pictured as “Greek Leaders of Distinction,” an award given to the top 15 members of Greek life on campus.
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**Washington**

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When asked about his thoughts regarding the award, Commander Alex Retzloff remarked, “I could not be more proud of all of the members of Lambda Chapter. They put in their all and it paid off — the university took notice of their remarkable efforts. However, this award does not mean we can stop what we are doing and rest on our laurels. Now more than ever we must strive to continue to be an exemplary part of the community, both on and off campus.”

**Columbia**

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Kappa Eta Rechartered

**Location:** University of California, Santa Barbara – Santa Barbara, Calif.
**Designation:** Kappa Eta
**Chartering Date:** January 25, 2014
**Installed by:** Regent Charlie Eitel (Oklahoma State)

**CAMPUS SNAPSHOT:** The UC Santa Barbara campus is bordered on three sides by the Pacific Ocean, has miles of coastline, its own lagoon, and a rocky extension, known as Campus Point. Founded in 1909, the university is a part of the University of California system and according to U.S. News and World Report it is one of the top 15 public universities in the United States. The Greek community has over 8% of the 19,000 undergraduate population.

**CHAPTER PROFILE:** The Kappa Eta Chapter, number 214, was originally founded in 1983 as one of the earliest fraternities founded at UCSB. In 2008, the chapter was closed. Since refounding, the colony consistently worked to bring pride and dedication to everything they were involved in, including community service, philanthropic events, intramurals, scholarship, and brotherhood.

On January 25, 2014, the Kappa Eta Chapter was rechartered, initiating 31 knights as refounding fathers with a total manpower of 75, after the most recent recruitment. The chartering was a successful event with nearly 175 people in attendance, including the original founding fathers from 1983. Also in attendance were Regent Charlie Eitel, Past Regent and Chairman of the Sigma Nu Educational Foundation Joe Gilman, and Grand Historian Bob McCully.

The Kappa Eta Chapter would like to recognize Regent Charlie Eitel and the Kappa Eta Alumni Advisory Board for pledging their support to Sigma Nu at UC Santa Barbara. The chapter would also like to give a very special thanks to the rest of the alumni, parents, university staff and advisors, the Sigma Nu staff, as well as Regent Charlie Eitel and the High Council for helping to make the Kappa Eta rechartering a success.

Delta Epsilon Rechartered

**Location:** University of Oklahoma – Norman, Okla.
**Designation:** Delta Epsilon
**Re-Chartering Date:** April 12, 2014
**Installed by:** Regent Charlie Eitel (Oklahoma State)

**CAMPUS SNAPSHOT:** The University of Oklahoma campus is located in Norman, Okla., just south of the state capital. Founded in 1890, the university has grown to over 20,000 undergraduates and a Greek community representing almost 25% of the student population.

**CHAPTER PROFILE:** The Delta Epsilon Chapter, number 75, was originally founded in 1909. In 2010, the chapter was closed. Since refounding, the colony consistently worked to bring pride and dedication to everything they were involved in, including community service, philanthropic events, intramurals, scholarship, and brotherhood.

On April 12, 2014, after working diligently for 18 months, the Delta Epsilon Chapter was rechartered, initiating 44 knights as refounding fathers. The chartering was a successful event with nearly 200 people in attendance, including Regent Charlie Eitel and Regent Elect Joe Francis.

The Delta Epsilon Chapter would like to recognize all the alumni who have stepped forward to serve on the Delta Epsilon Alumni Advisory Board, House Corporation, building committee and campaign committee, and for pledging their support to Sigma Nu at Oklahoma. Much of the chapter’s success is built upon a solid foundation set by these alumni leaders. The chapter would also like to give a very special thanks to the rest of the alumni, parents, university staff and advisors, the Sigma Nu staff, as well as Regent Charlie Eitel and the High Council for helping to make the Delta Epsilon chartering a success.
SOYLENT GREEN, THE 1973 DYSTOPIAN film starring Charlton Heston, portrays an overcrowded and polluted America in 2022. Its people are starving and living in large, bleak cities. The primary sustenance of the day — small, green wafers made from plankton, called Soylent Green — are mass produced and distributed to feed the hungry population. As the film unfolds, the protagonist Robert Thorn, played by Heston, discovers that Soylent Green is not made with green plankton but rather human remains. The shocking revelation leads to one of the film’s memorable scenes, with Heston’s character proclaiming, “Soylent Green is people!”

Fortunately, this new startup that could revolutionize food and nutrition has little in common with the movie beyond the name. Founded by Rob Rhinehart and Matt Cauble — two Sigma Nus from the Gamma Alpha Chapter at Georgia Tech — Soylent has instead designed a product that provides a hassle-free, nutritional meal with one ingredient: water. Rob and Matt decided to name their startup Soylent as a tongue-in-cheek nod to the 1970s dystopian film.

So what is Soylent? As mentioned, the only step to prepare it is to add water. The final result is similar to nutritional, protein smoothies that are purchased from supplement stores. However, similarities between Soylent and other nutritional smoothies end right there. Unlike traditional smoothies or even meal replacements, Soylent contains more of the essential nutrients that humans need in a daily 2,000-calorie diet. Recently approved for a nutrition label, Soylent recorded at least 33% for 23 needed vitamins and elements found in a 2,000 calorie diet. In fact, Cauble and Rhinehart argue that Soylent is able to serve as a full meal. To prove their point, both are now consuming Soylent for approximately 90% of their meals.

Understandably, this new venture has created a lot of buzz — especially among the lifehacker-entrepreneur circles of California’s Silicon Valley region. Last year, two popular tech websites, Ars Technica and fourhourworkweek.com, both ran lengthy descriptions of their experiences sampling Soylent. Writing for Ars Technica, journalist Lee Hutchinson said, “Soylent worked and my body was able to handle it.”

The company also has its own subreddit on the popular internet site, Reddit. These are just a few examples of Soylent’s popularity among techies and entrepreneurs as the startup has also been featured in Forbes, The Washington Post, Vice, The New Yorker and NPR.

The attention is not without merit; Rhinehart and Cauble think they may be on the way to finding a possible solution to global food shortages and chronic health problems. “By focusing on Soylent as a staple, fool-proof meal, this could do a lot more for health,” Rhinehart said in a recent interview with Ars Technica. “Soylent is supposed to be like an ultimate staple meal.”

The production stage of Soylent has now begun in earnest according to the company’s website. As of spring 2014, over 20,000 people had ordered a supply of Soylent. It is exciting times for the startup that sees itself as part of an industry helping to create the future of food and providing a healthier and more convenient meal. “Think of [Soylent] as a new type of bread; it’s good for you and nutritionally complete,” Soylent COO Cauble told me in a recent phone interview.

Cauble and Rhinehart, who moved to the San Francisco bay area shortly after their graduation from Georgia Tech in 2011, began developing the idea for Soylent after reflecting on their unhealthy eating habits. The pair had moved to create their own startup in the information technology and computer
networking sector when they began to reconsider their decision. In evaluating their lifestyle and expenses, they began to notice several problems with their diets. "I started looking at my lifestyle and saw the biggest problem was food. I was eating poorly," Rhinehart recalls. The realization led to a change of direction for Rhinehart and Cauble. "Why am I working on wireless networks? People don’t need better wireless networks. People need better food," told Rhinehart to the Telegraph in a 2013 interview.

Thus, Rhinehart and Cauble decided to begin a new venture. Rhinehart and Cauble, both engineering majors, used their experience and training in the best way they knew how: they turned their food problem into an engineering problem. "We broke it down to find where the inefficiencies were," Rhinehart explains. Thus began the research and development of their new venture. Rhinehart and Cauble bought many of their ingredients—phosphorous, vitamin D, and calcium carbonate to name a few—from local supplement stores. In fact, many of the ingredients in Soylent can be purchased over the counter which allowed for significant experimentation in the early phases of their product development.

As if walking out of a classic science fiction movie, the earliest testers of Soylent were none other than Rhinehart and Cauble. For company CEO Rhinehart, this was all part of the process. Rhinehart, whose background is in electrical engineering, compared the testing of Soylent to creating new software products, a process known as "dogfooding." Speaking about the similarities Rhinehart said, "Any time you create a new product you would try it on yourself. It was a similar approach [with Soylent] but a little more nerve wracking because I was doing it with my body rather than something on my computer.”

After getting over their early fears — and in Cauble’s case, dislike (“the first Soylent was inedible to me”) — the pair began to see positive results not only in health but in product quality. "From Rob’s perspective he had some great results. He dropped a lot of weight that he ended up maintaining, so that was a really good sign,” Cauble says. Rhinehart noticed the results as well. "It was certainly an improvement over what I was eating before," he added. Following tweaks to their product, Cauble and Rhinehart began to consume Soylent regularly.

After finalizing their initial formula, the pair began to expand their testing, including their family and friends. Seeing the success of development, Rhinehart and Cauble launched an online campaign to help fund an increase in operations. The campaign became wildly successful, raising over $2 million and in the process gained significant media coverage from the aforementioned media outlets NPR, The Washington Post, Vice, The New Yorker, and Forbes. With the new funds, Cauble and Rhinehart were able to expand their operations and began to hire staff to assist them in production. By summer 2013, Soylent was ready for consumption.

During the summer of 2013, Shane Snow, a freelance writer for Wired magazine and Fast Company decided to spend two weeks consuming only Soylent and wrote about his experience on fourhourworkweek.com. Snow noticed the results almost immediately. He felt better and more alert during the day with one of his coworkers telling him that he was “more wired and chipper than he’d ever seen me.” Snow went on to proclaim that he would happily continue using Soylent.

Despite the excitement about Soylent and its early results, some argue that it isn’t a new innovation. In an interview with The Washington Post, Jay Mirtallo, the immediate past president of the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition, noted that Soylent is basically liquid, medical food. Mirtallo, whose organization focuses on administering nutrients through intravenous injection and feeding tubes, added that liquid diets have been around for a while.

Rhinehart and Cauble are undaunted by this perceived similarity. Cauble was quick to point out that although meal replacements have been around for many years, Soylent is in a whole new category of its own. One of Soylent’s distributors confirmed this; Cauble and Rhinehart received word that Soylent would be placed in an entirely new merchandising category.

“Both of us believe this is exactly what they envision for Soylent. “This is really a new product. It saves you time and is cost-competitive with groceries. You’re also getting more nutrition. Traditional meal replacements are not really meant to supplement what you would get from a normal diet,” says Rhinehart.

The point: Soylent isn’t just a meal replacement; it is a meal – and a healthier one at that.

Soylent has quickly grown in popularity. The increased exposure has meant a significant rise in orders and in turn the production of Soylent has had to be improved. Cauble and Rhinehart have refined their supply chain from producer to consumer — an activity that Cauble is especially suited for as chief operating officer. Cauble, who compared the orders they make to commodities trading, routinely has to pay attention to the price of global agriculture.

“A certain crop may have done poorly and that may affect the price, but we still have to nail down the price for our consumer,” added Rhinehart.

It seems fitting that Rhinehart and Cauble deal with global food prices: their ambitions for Soylent are global. In an interview with Vice, Rhinehart admitted that his ambitions for Soylent are larger than simply saving time not having to prepare dinner.

"Food should be optimized and personalized. If Soylent was as cheap and easy to obtain as a cup of

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coffee, I think people would be much healthier and healthcare costs would be lower. And I think this is entirely possible.”

The pair is ambitious about their possibilities — and as they see themselves — convinced that they’re offering something entirely new. As Rhinehart sees it, Soylent — unlike other commercially produced foods — will be holistic and seek health first. “I do see a social component for this business; we could provide a substantial amount of aid to those who have struggled with food security or malnutrition. I think this will be something that is a part of many people’s lives,” Rhinehart predicts.

When speaking about their undergraduate days, both Rhinehart and Cauble credit Sigma Nu for introducing each other and for teaching them how to run an organization. “Seeing the way things were run at the chapter level reminded me of a company, especially having a diverse makeup of individuals and turning it into a positive outcome,” Rhinehart observes. Cauble, who served the Gamma Alpha Chapter as Commander, added that Sigma Nu helped him develop a strong peer group from day one. “We always prided ourselves on how diverse we were and how our different personalities were still able to come together,” added Cauble. “This showed me how creativity flourishes with the right group of people in the right environment.”

Ultimately, Rhinehart and Cauble’s days in the active chapter at Gamma Alpha laid the foundation for them to create a successful startup. Rhinehart recalls being impressed by Cauble’s role as chapter Commander in 2010. “A huge hurdle to successful entrepreneurship, is knowing that you can’t do it alone … I really credit the fraternity for bringing Matt and I together,” said Rhinehart.

For Cauble, Rhinehart, and Soylent the possibilities for expansion and growth look large. The 20,000 orders that have been placed have come from all over the United States with a few international orders mixed in. Not bad for a company that is only one year old.

This past spring, Rhinehart spoke on a panel on the future of food at the popular SXSW conference held in Austin, Texas. Along with other CEOs and entrepreneurs, Rhinehart spoke to the future of food and the uses of technology in developing it. Like their SXSW counterparts, Rhinehart and Cauble are using technology to improve food products, and if Soylent’s early sales are an indicator, they’ll continue to do just that. “I see us introducing different products, both novel forms of food and products that would enable the user to quantify and improve their health and their quality of life,” Rhinehart says.

For Rhinehart and Cauble, this is perhaps the biggest departure from Soylent Green the movie. Their Soylent isn’t people, it’s for people. 🌟
Delta Xi Chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity celebrated 100 years at the University of Nevada and as a chapter of Sigma Nu with two days of festivities and renewal of brotherhood on April 25 and 26, 2014. A committee chaired by Jay Sprow (Delta Xi 1483) spent two years organizing and planning the centennial celebration events. Programming focused on the rich history and tradition of Delta Xi.

The celebration festivities began with a reception on Friday, April 25, 2014, at the Delta Xi Chapter House in Reno, attended by at least 300 active members, alumni and guests. The reception provided time for renewal of brotherhood among alumni members, many who traveled long distances to be in attendance. The reception featured an exhibit illustrating 100 years of Delta Xi that was prepared by Carl Fuetsch (Delta Xi 865). On the morning of April 26, the University of Nevada Alumni Association sponsored a reception and continental breakfast at the University Quadrangle for Delta Xi members and their guests. They were greeted and welcomed by University of Nevada President Marc Johnson.

The centennial commemorative dinner and program was conducted during the evening of April 26 at the Peppermill Resort Hotel Casino in Reno. The dinner was attended by more than 400 members of Delta Xi, their wives and other guests, including Sigma Nu Regent Charlie Eitel (Oklahoma State), Grand Historian Robert McCully (San Diego State), and Spencer Montgomery (South Florida) of the Sigma Nu Educational Foundation. Delta Xi Chapter received congratulatory messages from Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval, Reno Mayor Bob Cashell, Regent Eitel and other officials and dignitaries.

In his remarks during the program, Regent Eitel noted that the total attendance for the event was likely a record for any chapter anniversary celebration in Sigma Nu history, and referred to Delta Xi as one of the “Flagship Chapters” of the Fraternity.

During the dinner, Delta Xi Chapter presented a special award to Brother Sam Dibitonto (Delta Xi 525) for a lifetime of exemplary service and commitment to Delta Xi and to Sigma Nu. Brother Dibitonto is the only Delta Xi member to serve as Vice Regent on the High Council of Sigma Nu. Dibitonto also served for more than 20 years as a Division Commander.

Janice Crumley Pine, daughter of Newton Crumley (Delta Xi 165) was present at the dinner as a special guest and received recognition and thanks for the Crumley Family’s annual sponsorship of the Crumley holiday dinner, a tradition that has continued annually since its inception in 1928.

The program of the Delta Xi Centennial Celebration Dinner celebrated the rich history and traditions of the chapter, and the culmination of the dinner was the viewing of a 25 minute video produced by Dean Richard (Delta Xi...
1397). The video provided a capsulated summary of the 100 years of Delta Xi at the University of Nevada, using interviews and vintage photographs, all stitched together by Brother Richard’s narration.

The story of Delta Xi began in 1911, when six University of Nevada male students formed the Nevada Club as a local fraternal organization dedicated to the promotion of brotherhood with honor. By 1913, membership had expanded to 15, and the club had rented a two-story residence on University Avenue in Reno, just outside the gates of the university.

The Nevada Club considered affiliating with several different national fraternities, settling on Sigma Nu, then a national fraternity of about 80 chapters. The Nevada Club members petitioned Sigma Nu to charter the Nevada Club as a chapter and the petition was approved in April 1914. The official induction ceremonies were conducted by members of the University of California and Stanford University chapters on August 22, 1914, at the Odd Fellows Lodge in Reno. The induction was followed by a celebratory banquet at the Riverside Hotel on the banks of the Truckee River in downtown Reno. The Nevada Club had become Delta Xi Chapter of Sigma Nu, the first nationally affiliated fraternity at the University of Nevada.

Delta Xi became a “Battle Born” chapter: of the first 50 Delta Xi initiates, 60 percent served in the military, and one Brother, Ferney Snare (Delta Xi 39) lost his life. As Delta Xi was being chartered, the “Guns of August” were thundering in Europe, announcing the start of World War I. Nevada had been granted statehood by proclamation, signed by President Abraham Lincoln in 1864, as the Civil War raged, and had been designated as the “Battle Born” State. In keeping with Nevada tradition, Delta Xi became a “Battle Born” chapter: of the first 50 Delta Xi initiates, 60 percent served in the military, and one Brother, Ferney Snare (Delta Xi 39) lost his life. By 1918, Delta Xi almost disappeared as there were only two members left at the university, and they had been forced to give up the lease on the chapter house.

Only three years from its chartering, Delta Xi had begun its Battle Born legacy of service and sacrifice during wartime. Charter member Albert M. Jackson (Delta Xi 7) remained in the US Army after the war and served with distinction during fighting in France in World War II. Following the leadership of Albert Jackson, Delta Xi brothers responded to the call to fight for freedom, starting first with Brother Robert Merriman (Delta Xi 179) who lost his life as part of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade fighting in the Spanish Civil War against fascism. Delta Xi continued its service with the entry of the United States in WWII. Brother Eric Young (Delta Xi 251) perished on the Arizona, on December 7, 1941, at Pearl Harbor; and later, Brother Deane Quilici (Delta Xi 318) died during the fighting at Normandy in 1944. Dozens of Delta Xi members served in WWII, including Jack Streeter (Delta Xi 320) who became the most decorated Nevadan while fighting in Europe, and Olinto Barsanti (Delta Xi 375). Wounded numerous times and highly decorated in WWII, he later commanded the Army’s 101st “Screaming Eagles” airborne division. Innumerable other brothers served their country during subsequent wars in Korea, Vietnam, Kuwait, Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere.

In April 1921, Delta Xi alumni organized the housing corporation, and after years of leasing, were able to purchase a house on University Avenue, next door to the original 1914 leased house. Then in 1953, under the leadership of Hugo Quilici (Delta Xi 44) the housing corporation became aware
of the availability through an estate liquidation of The Graham Mansion at 1075 Ralston Street, a few blocks west of the university. The housing corporation recognizing that the mansion would be an ideal fraternity house — after appropriate interior remodeling — purchased the property for $65,000. The historic mansion, known to the brothers as “The Castle,” continues today, 64 years later, as the most impressive fraternity house at the University of Nevada.

In 1928, Delta Xi hosted the first “Crumley” a holiday dinner sponsored by the parents of Newt Crumley (Delta Xi 165) for the benefit of fraternity brothers who couldn’t afford to go home for the holidays. The Crumley family still sponsors the annual dinner, which has grown in tradition for all Delta Xi brothers as the foundation of brotherhood and loyalty to each other and the Fraternity. The Crumley remains the oldest, annual tradition in the State of Nevada.

The Sigma Nu Alumni Club Scholarship Endowment was established with the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation in 1984 and has awarded more than $85,000 to more than 100 Delta Xi students and has an endowment of close to $100,000.

Delta Xi is proud of its 100 year history at the University of Nevada and as part of Sigma Nu, but equally proud of the character and accomplishments of its alumni. In 1959, Delta Xi established the Delta Xi Legion of Honor, which recognizes alumni for significant service to the fraternity and for professional and community accomplishments. In addition to the military heroes, Legion of Honor members include two Reno mayors, Hugo Quilici and Sam Dibitonto, and one governor of Nevada, Jim Gibbons (Delta Xi 895). Other members of the Legion of Honor include Glen “Jake” Lawlor (Delta Xi 157), legendary coach and athletic director at Nevada, Dan Klaich (Delta Xi 1044), current chancellor for the Nevada system of Higher Education, and numerous University of Nevada Board of Regents members. Dr. Tyrus Cobb (Delta Xi 730) was the last US combat soldier to leave Vietnam in 1979 and later served as an advisor to President Ronald Reagan.

Prominent journalists and writers who are Delta Xi members include Frank McCulloch (Delta Xi 289), nationally acclaimed journalist formerly with The Los Angeles Times and Time Magazine, Pulitzer Prize winning journalist and UNR faculty member Warren Lerude (Delta Xi 636), and award winning journalist Tyrus Cobb (Delta Xi 237). A total of 80 distinguished alumni have been inducted into the Delta Xi Legion of Honor.

MAURY GASTON: Outstanding Mechanical Engineering Alumnus

Vice Regent Maury Gaston (Auburn) receiving the Outstanding Mechanical Engineering Alumnus Award. Gaston was presented the award by Auburn Engineering Dean Chris Roberts. Brother Gaston currently serves as the Chair of the Auburn Alumni Engineering Council.

Right: Maury Gaston (on right) with Engineering Dean Chris Roberts (left).
Brothers from the active and alumni chapters gathered the weekend of April 26, 2014, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the chartering of the Mu Iota Chapter at the University of Hartford. The chapter was chartered April 17, 1964, and has initiated 247 brothers since then. The 50th anniversary White Rose Formal was held at the Hartford Marriott Downtown and welcomed 131 attendees, 78 of which are initiated brothers of the Mu Iota Chapter.

The event was held in the Marriott’s brand new Capital Room ballroom and had entertainment provided by Premier Source Live entertainment. Three Sigma Nu flags were signed by each brother in attendance and were then given in a raffle to two winners, with the final flag being donated to the active chapter. Graduating seniors Nick Flynn, Tim Scalzi, and Mike Williams were commemorated with personal keepsakes that the active and alumni members were able to sign.

During the evening, several addresses were given by special alumni and brothers of the chapter. The evening was opened by Alumnus Bro. Kevin Volchok, who previously served as the Mu Iota Chapter’s commander.

Brother Nastri extended a warm welcome to several individuals in attendance including, General Fraternity staff member Josh Green (Arizona) and Grand Historian Bob McCully (San Diego State). Nastri was especially appreciative of McCully’s service at the national level and for his role in organizing the 50th anniversary celebration.

Brother Don Bonney, who served two terms as Commander in the late sixties, delivered the keynote address. Brother Bonney’s comments reminded the group of the vows they took as young men becoming Knights of the Legion of Honor. “[The founders’] choices guided the choices we made to subscribe to these ideals when we joined,” remarked Bonney. Following his remarks, everyone was challenged to live up to the commitments that were made upon initiation.

Taking the stage after Bonney, Worthy Commander Nick Volchok recognized the first 34 initiates of the Eta Kappa Chapter. Brother Volchok thanked these brothers for their “vision, dedication, and need for something better in a fraternal organization.” Following his recognition of this group, Volchok gave an update on the activities of the alumni chapter.

The state of the alumni chapter was reviewed with particular attention to its reorganization in 2011 — Brother Jeff Giarde reviewed with particular attention to its reorganization in 2011 — Brother Jeff Giarde initiated the reorganization — and the progress made since that time. The resurgence of the alumni chapter marks the first time since the mid-1970s that the alumni chapter has been an active presence.

There was recognition for Alumni Chapter Lt. Commander Jim Stark who previously served as alumni chapter Commander. “None of this would be what it is today without the leadership of Jim Stark,” remarked Volchok.

“It is my opinion that nothing is more important to our alumni chapter than to foster brotherhood amongst our members, build our membership, and to bring back a solid Sigma Nu chapter to SDSU. Please join us in that effort,” Volchok said in concluding his remarks.

Bob McCully spoke on behalf of the Eta Kappa Alumni Scholarship Fund that was established in 2008 in conjunction with Sigma Nu’s Educational Foundation. The fund was started in anticipation of Eta Kappa’s 50th anniversary that took place in 2013. Since 2008, over $110,000 has been raised for the scholarship fund. McCully noted that this was one of the highest amounts of all scholarship accounts started with the Educational Foundation.

Brother David Nastri gave an update on the house corporation and invited all attendees to the housing meeting that followed the breakfast. In conclusion, Brother Nastri led the group in a recitation of The Creed of Sigma Nu.
“LACUNA,” “CUPPING,” “FLAKING,” and “varnish aging” are just a few of the terms I recently learned from my work in Sigma Nu’s museum and archives. These words are well-known to art conservators, restorers and museum curators, and describe types of damage to older paintings. Like everything, paintings over time show wear and tear and deteriorate from age. It’s important that this aging damage be slowed down, as much as possible, through proper conservation and preservation methods to ensure they are around for future generations — but more about that later in this column.

First, let me tell you about three magnificent and symbolic paintings in our headquarters. One painted in the early 1950’s, the second in the early 1960’s, and the third one more recently in the 1980’s — all by young Sigma Nu initiates.

A Serpent, A Rose and A Star
Arguably the most well-known to Sigma Nu initiates is A Serpent, A Rose and A Star, by Elmer Paul Catts, Jr. from our University of Delaware Chapter. Paul Catts was initiated in 1949, and it’s in the fall of that year our story begins. A group of Sigma Nu collegiate members having a discussion at the chapter house concluded Sigma Nu needed a symbolic painting to visually portray our symbols and traditions.

Of course, James B. Settles (Washington University in St. Louis) had already painted The Founding of Sigma Nu, showing the three Founders at The Rock on January 1, 1869. While the young men liked this painting, they felt it was more illustrative than symbolic. During the discussion, the men convinced Paul, a sophomore and the chapter recorder, to undertake the project.

He immediately set to work thinking about what he should include and sketching out ideas. Fortunately, he donated his sketches to the Sigma Nu archives so we can follow the evolution of his thinking. He initially planned to paint a single knight climbing steps up to the three shrouded Founders on top of The Rock. However, over time, the idea of adding two additional knights to tie into the three sections of The Creed evolved. Later developments included adding candidates and the women that hold a special place in Sigma Nu.

After all the preliminary thinking and sketching, he finally put brush to canvas in July 1950. Due to other commitments on his time, he worked on the painting over the next two years and finally completed it in January 1952. The alumni of the Delaware Chapter’s original predecessor local (Phi Sigma) paid to frame the painting, and it hung in the chapter house for many years.

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Symbolism
A year after completion, the active chapter asked Catts for a name for the painting. It was then given its name because the painting included all three Sigma Nu symbols — going from the lower right to the upper left of the painting.

In addition to these three distinct symbols, the artist included many others. The three central figures (the Knights) each represent one section of The Creed — the White Knight for Truth, the Black Knight for Honor and the Gold Knight for Love. Each Knight is armed with a different weapon, symbolizing the individuality and different talents each initiate of Sigma Nu is endowed with and brings to the Fraternity and his journey through life.

At the bottom are three men in brown hoods representing candidates, each bearing a different weapon as well. The ogres and other grotesque figures in the foreground represent the profane world that each knight and candidate must battle during their journey.

The Roman numerals representing 1869 are emblazoned on The Rock symbolizing the year of our founding. The three women in the field of white roses represent the females that are allowed to share our badge — sweetheart, sister and mother. The artist painted them in the nude to symbolize their innocence and “the avoidance of artificial dressings.” Sigma Nu initiates will recognize other symbols in the painting that will become known to candidates as part of their initiation ceremony.

A Gift to the Sigma Nu Museum
The painting did not become widely known outside of the Delaware Chapter until it became the cover for the February 1960 edition of The Delta. On May 25, 1976, Dr. Catts and a delegation of initiates of the Delaware Chapter brought the painting to Lexington and donated it to the Sigma Nu museum for permanent display. A photographic reproduction replaced the original in the chapter house.

Today, the painting is prominently hung in the Sigma Nu museum where it greets every visitor to our beautiful headquarters.

Above: a sketch of A Serpent, A Rose and A Star by Elmer Paul Catts, Jr.. Opposite: the final product.
Saving Our Treasures
The Quest
In the mid-1980’s, Michael V. Jaszczak (Case Western Reserve) completed a second painting displayed in our museum. Titled The Quest, it also is a symbolic representation of concepts relevant to our initiates. Mike has done many paintings for Sigma Nu and is a multi-talented artist in several media. He was selected as the co-Sigma Nu Talent-of-the-Year in 1983 and again in 1984. He also served on the High Council and was inducted into the Alpha Affiliate Chapter.

As with the previous painting, The Quest also grew out of a discussion at a chapter house, this time in the fall of 1983. The brothers discussed how important fraternity symbols could be incorporated into a painting to tell our story. Mike spent time over the next two years in bringing it together to form The Quest. Mike and the Case Western Reserve Chapter presented it as a gift to the General Fraternity at the 1986 Grand Chapter in New Orleans.

There are many symbolic representations throughout the painting, and I only have space here to point out a few. The three mountain peaks in the background represent the three founders, and the building is a representation of VMI. The central figure is a knight and beside him is his apprentice or squire, representing candidates. Items from the Sigma Nu Coat of Arms are emblazoned upon the knight’s shield, and his sword has the letters of our motto on it.

In the lower right is a limestone rock inscribed with the date of Sigma Nu’s founding in Roman numerals. Also in the foreground is a serpent and white rose bush.

Sigma Nu Coat of Arms
Ellwood McClelland (Lafayette) designed the original Sigma Nu Coat of Arms, officially adopted at the 1915 Grand Chapter. In the early 1960’s, Philip Mullinax, a young initiate of our Mercer Chapter, painted a magnificent rendition that is now at our headquarters in Lexington. Original documents prepared by McClelland and provided by Richard R. “Dick” Fletcher (Penn State) guided Phil in ensuring the accuracy of the painting.

In the summer of 1962, Dick Fletcher came down to Macon, Georgia, to visit the Mercer Chapter and see Phil’s work in process. On seeing the actual work, Dick invited Phil to attend the 1962 Pittsburgh Grand Chapter later that summer where a special tribute was planned for McClelland at the closing banquet. That night, Phil presented his painting to the fraternity in honor of McClelland and had the thrill of having the original designer comment on it. Phil recalls the 83-year old McClelland being impressed with how accurate and true to the original it was — stating that it was “the most accurate representation he knew of.”

To this day, that moment is one of the highlights of Phil’s time as an undergraduate in Sigma Nu.

The Challenge
As I said earlier, over time paintings start showing wear and tear. Unfortunately, the same is true of these three beautiful paintings and others in our historical collection.

The Catts painting, after 60 years, is starting to crack and flake. Cracks in paintings start off small, but grow over time if not fixed. Eventually, if not repaired, the paint starts flaking off the canvas entirely and leaves a large empty gap, known as a “lacuna.”

The Quest is darkening, and the symbols included by the artist are becoming harder to see; the result of “varnish aging.” Varnish is applied to paintings as a protective measure – to guard them against accumulations of dirt and grime in the paint. However, over time, varnish darkens and the painting underneath becomes darker and harder to see.

The Coat of Arms painting is showing damage due to less than ideal storage conditions. The environmental conditions in Virginia swing from frigid and dry in the winter to very hot and humid in the summer. The conditions in the summer months are ideal for the growth of mold and the painting has succumbed. Currently, it is stabilized in better environmental conditions, but the existing mold must be very carefully...
removed to prevent additional damage and further mold growth.

The Delta Alpha Alumni Chapter (Case Western Reserve) recently made a donation of $3,000 to restore paintings in our historical collection. However, their condition was that it be matched by another $3,000 from donors interested in preserving our art treasures. Fortunately, at the Sold! For Sigma Nu auction at the Grand Chapter in July, we raised the matching amount from donations from generous alumni and collegiate chapters in attendance.

So here’s the challenge. This doesn’t solve the ultimate problem we face. We’re in possession of many paintings and other items in our historical collection that require work if they’re to be around 50 years from now.

These three young men, and others, who contributed paintings to Sigma Nu were idealistic and passionate about Sigma Nu and created something to last and inspire future initiates in The Legion of Honor. What a shame it would be if we didn’t take steps now to restore and preserve these inspiring pieces of art and other significant items as part of our legacy.

To help us, please go to sigmanufoundation.org and make a donation by clicking on the “Donate” button. On the next screen, in the instructions field put a note earmarking it for “Museum/Archives Fund.”

Please help us meet this ongoing challenge to preserve these unique treasures in whatever way you can. ♦

Above: Sigma Nu Coat of Arms as painted by Phillip Mullinax (Mercer).

Remembrance: Honoring Heroes of the Vietnam War

In the fall 2013 issue of The Delta, I discussed an effort currently underway to identify all initiates who served in the military and gave their lives to protect our freedoms during one of the wars the United States and Canada fought in. Their names will be added to the Flag Pavilion at our headquarters in Lexington to appropriately honor and remember them for their courage and ultimate sacrifice. To make sure they are all recognized, I asked our readers to send in the names of those they are aware of who died.

In the last edition of The Delta, I listed brothers killed in the Korean War. Listed below, are the names of those brothers we have identified killed in the Vietnam War. In future editions of The Delta, we will list the names of those who died in other wars.

- Donald Bruce Adamson (Albion)
- Robert Laurence Armond (San Jose State)
- Anthony Rodney Bellamy (Idaho)
- Dee Bergera (Utah State)
- William Anthony Berry (Mount Union)
- Curtis Richard Bohlscheid (Idaho)
- Lloyd Riley Bunting (Lamar)
- Robert Nelson Clark, Jr. (Rose-Hulman)
- Gregory John Crossman (Idaho)
- Donald Vance Davis (North Carolina State)
- Joseph Wilson Devlin (Lafayette)
- Steven Lewis Dongus (Butler)
- Francis Murtaugh Driscoil (Brown)
- Charles Glendon Dudley (Montana State)
- William Michael Duncan (Kentucky)
- Glenn Charles Dyer (East Carolina)
- Tom Emerson (Oklahoma)
- Reay Gordon English (Montana State)
- Louise Wayne Frericks (Bradley)
- Sigard Richard Grimstad (Bradley)
- Ralph Edward Hunt, Jr. (Mount Union)
- Bruce Allan Jensen (Wyoming)
- James Harold Johnson, Jr. (Delaware)
- John Anthony Kocak (Ohio)
- Bruce Magnus Langauet (Montana)
- John Joseph Livingston, Jr. (Missouri)
- Allen Robert Loane (Bowdoin)
- John Andrew Marsh (Gettysburg)
- Larry Raymond Martin (West Virginia)
- John Charles Martin (Tulane)
- Lloyd Arthur McGrew (Rose-Hulman)
- Robert Warren Miller, Jr. (Texas)
- Burke Holbrook Miller (Missouri Tech)
- John Edward Miller (Carnegie-Mellon)
- Gary Andrew Milton (West Texas A&M)
- Steven Allen Olson (Missouri)
- Litchfield Huie Patterson (North Carolina)
- Henry Harvey Persons (Indiana)
- Eugene LeRoy Rathman (San Diego State)
- Charles David Rogers (East Carolina)
- Ronald Oliver Scharnberg (Washington & Lee)
- Lloyd Moore Scott, Jr. (Missouri Valley)
- John Andrew Shaffer (Syracuse)
- Charles Warner Shuman, III (Presbyterian)
- Lewis Phillip Smith, II (Penn State)
- Daniel Raymond Spurlin (Georgia State)
- Robert Doane Stepanov (Kent State)
- James Derrick Stevenson (Nebraska)
- Charles Stockton Taylor (Samford)
- Michael H. Thomas (Arkansas)
- David Areln Walders (North Dakota State)
- Jan Frederick Warmbrodt (UCLA)
- Dempsey H. Williams, III (East Carolina)
- Charles Clark Williard, II (Rollins)
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WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE FOR A

group to come up with ideas? This is the

question Simon Sinek addresses in his new

book Leaders Eat Last: Why Some Teams

Pull Together and Others Don’t. The book’s

central theme examines how the most

successful leaders use ancient survival

strategies to allow their members to feel safe

and have the freedom to express new ideas.

Sinek illustrates these concepts by

comparison to ancient forms of tribalism.

In Sinek’s account, tribes elected leaders

to hunt for food and provide protection.

The leaders of the tribe fulfilled their duty

through keeping watch, warding off and
defeating attackers, and eating last when

meals were served. This safety created by

leaders ensured the long-term survival and

stability of the tribe.

Drawing this comparison, Sinek shows

that modern leaders can create a culture

of safety by allowing team members to

innovate, challenge ideas, and make

mistakes without the fear of being shunned

or removed should failure occur. Sinek

argues that it is essential for successful

leaders to create this culture in their own

organizations. Without a culture of safety

an organization could fail to adapt to new

circumstances or create a fear of failure that

cripples productivity of the team.

Sinek further illustrates the culture of

safety in an analogy that he terms the Circle

of Safety. There are three parts to Sinek’s

model: outside the circle, the boundary, and

inside the circle. Sinek explains the circle’s

parts and how each is analogous to different

aspects of an organization.

The first part of Sinek’s Circle of

Safety, the outside, represents the threats

that attempt to disrupt or damage an

organization. These threats can take many

forms and could be the organization’s

competition, the media, the stock market,
or people that want to see the organization
fail. Threats can vary over a period of time
but they remain throughout the life of
an organization and must be dealt with
by its leaders. In fact, much of the job
of an organization’s leaders centers on
eliminating threats.

Inside the circle is where the

organization’s culture is created; its beliefs,
principles, and corresponding actions.

Inside the circle is also a place of safety
for those it protects. It is here where the
organization’s members have the freedom
to try new ideas and question without fear
of harsh repercussions. While it is a place of
safety, the inside must be protected. In fact,
much of an organization’s daily operations
are set against outside threats attempting
to win their way in.

The boundary of the circle is the most

critical area of the model. The extent of
the circle’s barrier is based on the choices
and attitudes of the leaders who influence
it. The barrier extends further if all of the
organizations members, regardless of rank,
are free to express their beliefs, share ideas,
and aren’t scolded for making mistakes.
The barrier shrinks if members are scared
of being removed from the organization
because they feel expendable, unwanted,
or that they have no voice. While it is important that members of the organization feel protected, it is also equally important that leaders protect the integrity of the circle’s barrier.

Sinek’s ideas can be tied directly into the teamwork that goes into running Sigma Nu chapters and is applicable to the level of safety granted to chapter members. If chapter leaders don’t extend the Circle of Safety, it will inhibit the growth of the chapter and its members. Members will be afraid to pitch ideas, challenge decisions, or be outspoken if chapter leaders discourage creativity. Members may become apathetic if the culture discourages new ideas and sharply punishes failures from chapter members. But, chapter leaders who succeed in keeping their members safe should expect to have a robust culture in which members contribute new and helpful ideas.

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Set in Mark Hill, Georgia, near the end of the Great Depression and following Henry Jimson’s life to the end of World War II. The plot develops an unlikely bonding between an old man and a boy. Old Man, the name he prefers, is a permanent resident of the country home at Mark Hill and befriends young Henry. He is a constant source of wisdom, knowledge and guidance for the boy. Mother, Father and Henry are a close knit and loving Christian family. We follow this intelligent and gifted boy from seventh grade until his graduation from high school, and then to a university with a full scholarship. World War II interrupts Henry’s education and time with his new love, Mary. Injured during his service in the medical corps, Henry is comatose and cared for in a British hospital for weeks. He miraculously awakens but returns home to learn of the death of Old Man. The conclusion of Two Lives One Life sees the reader learn of Old Man’s surprising identity and past.

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The legendary John Mosby led his band of marauding Confederate raiders through northern Virginia on daring raids deep behind Union lines and, his ability to seemingly disappear, earned him the name of Gray Ghost.

“Legacy of the Gray Ghost” morphs into a tale of how one of his young raiders founded a family that becomes very successful and in honor of Col Mosby, establishes Mosby University. The antics that follow the various groups of students and their many adventures will offer up lots of laughter and cheers. Any reader who enjoys football will be rooting for the out manned and underdog Mosby Raider team and the heroics of Coach Willie Hairston, who subscribes to the belief, that emulating Mosby’s techniques of surprise and intelligence, and having a positive attitude, can be the key to a person’s or a team’s success.

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Explaining The High Cost of College Tuition

An article published by NPR in March attempts to explain the complicated history of America’s high college tuition. According to John Thelin, author of A History of American Higher Education it has a lot to do with World War II. In 1944, with the passing of the Serviceman’s Readjustment Act, (later known as the GI Bill of Rights) a huge number of veterans — eight million — enrolled in college.

The number of servicemen entering college far outstripped what the authors of the bill had anticipated, but the results were seen as overwhelmingly positive by educators and policy makers. In addition to funding for veterans, the federal government established the Federal Perkins Loan program which allowed nonmilitary lower income students to attend college at an affordable price.

Along with the government’s involvement, colleges and universities expanded grants and financial aid to partner with the new national focus. Along with the Higher Education Act of 1965, the new programs and funding allowed a wave of students to arrive on campuses all across the country.

In the 1970s America’s post-war economy finally began to slow down. With rising inflation and an oil embargo, the federal government shifted from grants to loans as the primary method of helping students afford higher education.

The students were not the only group affected by the loss of government spending. Colleges and universities also lost funding from the federal government. According to Sandy Baum of the Urban Institute this is the reason for the increase in tuition and fees charged by colleges and universities.

Readers will recall The Delta’s coverage of the higher education bubble in 2012. In her article, “The Looming Bubble,” Kathryn Masterson traced the contemporary problems of student debt incurred by many of today’s college students. Now in excess of $1 trillion — higher than America’s collective credit card debt — student debt has become a major focus of the Obama administration.

Whatever the rising cost, many Americans see higher education as intrinsically valuable. As Baum concluded for NPR, “The reason people are paying for it is because the return to the investment is so high.”
Liberal Arts Still Relevant for Modern Learners?

Scott Samuelson, writing for The Atlantic, thinks so. Samuelson, who teaches philosophy at a community college has extensive experience teaching students Plato, Aristotle, and Kant among other classic thinkers.

Samuelson thinks this education should be available to all people, not just those who are accepted into elite, liberal arts colleges. “For the most part, the wealthy in this country continue to pay increasingly exorbitant tuition to private prep schools, good liberal arts colleges, and elite universities.” Samuelson is particularly concerned that a focus solely on “outcomes” when considering education eliminates all but a few of the students that would study the liberal arts.

While Samuelson is deeply skeptical of “bottom-line” thinking when it comes to education, it would not be wise to abandon practical realities when footing the bill. As Mark Kantrowitz told The Delta two years ago, “Unless students limit their debt burdens, choose fields of study that are in demand and successfully complete their degrees on time, they will find themselves in a worse financial position and unable to earn the projected income that justified taking out their loans in the first place.”

As Kantrowitz points out, students should be shrewd when deciding on a course of study. Student debt may make a humanities degree unfeasible, especially if that degree does not offer a promising career path. But if Samuelson has anything to say about it, the humanities should remain an option for students to pursue.

Perhaps rather than pursuing liberal arts fulltime during their undergraduate careers, students should balance humanities courses — philosophy, history, etc. with a more practical course load that would prepare students for future work.

Samuelson points out that Henry David Thoreau once wrote, “We seem to have forgotten that the expression ‘a liberal education’ originally meant among the Romans one worthy of free men.” If what Samuelson argues is correct, the future of the republic depends on students having access to this education.

E-Readers: A Stumbling Block to Understanding

This is the position that Naomi Baron, a professor of linguistics poses in The Chronicle of Higher Education. As Baron argues, the shift from print to digital reading has reduced the pursuit of work in the humanities, her area of teaching. Explaining in more detail her primary argument, Baron argues that digital reading does not allow for so-called “deep reading” that print reading does. This deep reading can only come from a sustained and lengthy period with the assigned text; not by skimming or speed reading.

Baron is not without data behind her reasons. According to the author’s own surveys with university students in the US, Germany, and Japan, about 90 percent prefer print copies for class readings. If the assigned text is long, the percentage rises to 92. A similarly high percentage of students reported that they were less likely to multitask and be distracted while reading print.

For Baron, the source of distraction arises not simply from digital reading but rather easy access to the internet. Jacobs notes that many e-readers do not necessarily connect to the Internet and can have similar efficacy to print reading. Jacobs also points out that Baron’s research was done with university students, who up to that point had likely done their academic reading in print. Jacobs thinks this may be a matter of familiarity rather than preference.

For Baron, the student may benefit from finding a hard copy of their assigned reading materials, rather than using the digital copy. Of course, students may find that a distraction free environment would solve the underlying problem regardless of preferred reading method.
Having been the chapter advisor at Mount Union University since 1998, Dr. Mark Himmelein was initiated as a non-matriculate in 2000 as Beta Iota 1766. A German Professor at the university since 1995, Dr. Himmelein was named Sigma Nu’s Chapter Advisor of the Year in 2013.

1. What has been your favorite part about being chapter advisor?
I think the contact with the guys – watching them grow-up, take on new challenges, and enjoy a few successes. I find it helps me keep things in perspective. It is easy to live in the past and to get out of touch with what students need and how they learn, and if you are an educator, that can be a real problem. I learn more being with students and working with them than I would if I were just in the office or reading a textbook. We always ask our Commanders as they leave office, “If you had it to do all over again, would you still want to be Commander?” If I were asked that question as chapter advisor, I can very honestly say my answer would be, “Yes, without a doubt!”

2. What makes a successful alumni volunteer?
The ability to listen is critical. That’s harder to do than most people think. It’s much easier to just give orders and set down rules, but in the end, that doesn’t really teach anyone anything and it certainly is not good for the chapter. You have to know what you believe in and what is right and wrong, but what is critical is getting the active members to make wise decisions on their own. Often times this means stepping back and allowing them to fail, and most of all being there to help them understand what went wrong and how it could have been better. It’s not about having all of the answers, but rather helping younger members find the answers for themselves. I think that is what makes a fraternity different than just a club; clubs are great for entertainment and for pleasure, but a fraternity ought to be about that and much more.

3. What are some of your “best practices” as chapter advisor that you can recommend to other Sigma Nu volunteers?
The thing I have learned the most and always try to be better at is to guide the chapter members, not lead them. It is easy to simply give instructions, and there are times when you have to draw the line, but it is far better to help them come to the right conclusions on their own. Without being too critical of current students, many have not had the opportunity to stand on their own or to make their own mistakes. Moreover, a lot of them lack the moral and familial support that they should have and will need as a young man out on his own. I think you have to “show how” to support the students, and be there when mistakes are made, not to point out the error, but to help figure out what the best next step is. I think you also have to listen to what the students are saying and try to find some value in the things they like. Once you have graduated and moved on you have to realize that the fraternity cannot forever exist the way you remember it. If you try to force that image you had of a great experience as an undergraduate on to the next generation, you’ll end up being very frustrated. I’m all for tradition, telling stories, passing on memories and building connections to the past. Realistically though, advisors need to remember that the chapter is not a way to relive their own past. Expect that things will be different and focus on keeping the core principles the same. In the end, those are the things that connect the alumni to the active chapter.

4. What do you think makes a great chapter leader?
A great chapter leader has the capacity to move beyond his own self-interests and needs, and to think instead of the greater good. I think it is a guy who is willing to examine his actions and ask if he made the right choices for the right reasons. If he has made a tough decision for the right reasons, then he can stand by it, regardless of whether or not it is popular. He also has to learn to admit his mistakes and to make a genuine effort to do better the next time around. In the end, as a leader it is not about yourself, but about the people you lead.
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Regent Charlie Eitel (Oklahoma State) welcomes brothers and guests to the 66th Grand Chapter opening ceremony in the Country Music Association Theater in Nashville.