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A Higher Court Receives Two of Delta Chi's Best

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Dr. Marsh W. White
"AA" 1952-54



Mr. Joseph F. Lacchia
"AA" 1958-60

At the start of every new Associate Member Class, Delta Chi's newest members are introduced to the little red book we call the *Cornerstone*. Over the course of their time as Associate Members, these men will read about the founding of our fraternity, learn who our Founders were, and understand the basic concepts of what it means to be a member.

One day, while casually glancing through the text, some of them will thumb through the "Appendices" section and see the names of men Delta Chi has recognized for their service. Then, two questions will undoubtedly come up, "How does someone get into the Order of the White Carnation?" and "What does 'Emeritus' mean anyway?" We all know this because, as any elder member of the fraternity will tell you, the task of answering such questions will inevitably fall to us. We also know that the answers are usually evasive and come only with a great deal of difficulty. How does one define the distinctions known simply as, "The highest awards given by Delta Chi"? It is similar to answering such esoteric questions as, "What is Brotherhood?" or "What does it mean to Advance Justice?" Yet, I have found over the years that the best way to characterize any such honor is to give a genuine description of the men who have obtained these lofty titles. Now, two men who have achieved the highest honors of Delta Chi have attained legendary status as they have gained admittance to that higher court with all of us knowing that their work on this earth is done.

In 1920 Marsh W. White received his Master's Degree in Physics from Penn State University. During his studies there he got involved with a group of men who had organized a local fraternity. "The group I got involved with was known as Delta Pi. After my initiation I became quite an active member," recalled Marsh in a 1985 interview. "After a few years we got a bigger, nicer house, and when we felt we were firmly entrenched, we began looking around at national organizations. We petitioned Delta Chi, a well-known group, for membership. I remember it

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cost us a huge sum to join - eight hundred dollars. It nearly ruined us; we had very little money when we started. But we were granted a charter and were installed in 1929. That was the beginning of Delta Chi at Penn State." And it was the beginning of Marsh's involvement with Delta Chi. Starting as the chapter's first "BB", his involvement would last for the rest of his life.

"I began, back in the days when we were a local fraternity, as a faculty advisor," said Marsh. "That job involved just about every phase of the fraternity's operations. I had to attend the weekly meetings, assist with social and business affairs, try to see that the group maintained a certain level of scholarship, and in general, ensure that they became a good chapter in every way.

It wasn't easy. In my day fraternities were founded on such lofty ideals, but the members were human beings after all, so you couldn't expect perfection. I just tried to be a positive influence, to be there when I was needed."

After being initiated on June 1, 1929, Marsh was selected as the National Director of Scholarship for the Fraternity in August of that same year at the well known Estes Park Convention. In 1935 he was elected "DD", a position he served in for five years until he became "CC" in 1940. For the next 12 years Marsh would maintain this position. Then in 1952, Dr. White was elected "AA" and served on what is now known as the Executive Committee, for two decades. In 1962 he was named "AA" Emeritus, and in 1979 he was inducted into the Order of the White Carnation. Both honors were given for his exemplary service to Delta Chi, the first for elected office and the second for his other work.

One of the more visible contributions to the Fraternity for which Marsh is credited is the current Associate Member Pin and Associate Member Ceremony. "For a long while there was no ceremony to show that you were associated with the Fraternity. You were given a handshake and a welcome and that was it- you were a pledge," Marsh recalled. "I felt that there should be some sort of formal welcoming to Delta Chi, so I got together with Balfour (a well known jeweler of the time) and he put me in contact with a ritualist, who knew heraldry and such. Together we came up with a pledge pin and a

*Cover: While it would be difficult if not impossible to fully chronicle the contributions to Delta Chi and even to the Fraternity World at large of **Joe Lacchia**, NYU '25 and Michigan State and **Marsh White**, Penn State, many would agree that their most lasting and valued gifts are represented on the front cover.*

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pledge ceremony." Both are still used by Delta Chi today.

Another idea conceived and implemented within the Fraternity exhibits the considerable, and long lasting, impact Brother White had on Delta Chi. "It was my theory that the chapters, in the east especially, were dealing with the same issues and weren't far apart, so it would be good for them to get together. And so we organized this particular meeting. At the time I never thought that it would have some national implications, just as a regional meeting." So, on March 20 and 21, 1937, six of our chapters gathered in State College, Pennsylvania, for the first Regional Conference. "I was delighted that something I organized turned out to be so successful," said Marsh. Yearly gatherings of this nature still continue today and are an integral part of Delta Chi.

This same theme of regionalization within the fraternity would again rear its head during the years in which Delta Chi shifted from the centralized "XX" cabinet of government to the current Board of Regent system. Together, with fellow Order of the White Carnation member Joe Lacchia, and a few others, they laid the foundation of Delta Chi's current governing body which calls for a more equal representation of the chapters throughout the country. The term Regent was coined by Marsh during this transistion, while everything was being outlined. "I figured universities had Regents on their boards, and since we were part of the university we could have Regents on ours."

"I guess I've done the group a little bit of good," Marsh allowed in a 1988 interview. "A particular pleasure of mine has been going to the [inter]national conventions. They always start



Marsh White attended his first convention in 1929 at Estes Park where Delta Chi adopted its historic stance against "Hell Week."

the same way. At the opening session the presiding officer says, 'Everybody please stand.' Then he asks, 'Is this your first Delta Chi convention? If so, please sit down.' And an enormous number of people sit. Then he says, 'If this is your second convention please sit.' And so on through third, fourth, fifth tenth, fifteenth, twentieth, etc. Soon, I am the only person left standing. It's been that way for several conventions now. I get a big hand." Brother White attended every Convention from 1929-1987, and was present at the Centennial Convention via speakerphone.

Maintaining his involvement with the Greek system, Marsh served on the NIC Board of Directors from 1955-1957. Soon after his service he was asked to take up the mantle of leadership as the NIC President, but he declined on the grounds that he didn't "...feel of sufficient caliber." However, his work was apparent throughout his years as he was awarded the NIC Silver Medal for "...a lifetime of service to youth," in 1981.

During the latter part of World War Two, Marsh interrupted his teaching to accept a government post. This job involved finding misplaced people- physicists, engineers, scientists- who had been swept up by the general draft, and reassigning them to a special unit called the Technical Detachment. Marsh recalled, "Well, there I was, a civilian with the rather overblown title of Expert Consultant to the Secretary of the Army. The military is fond of grandiose titles. And I found myself in a quite influential position. I had a small staff, and we studied personnel records, conducted interviews, and posted notices to find these misplaced scientists. Once we located them we had the power to 'appropriate' them and send them someplace else. We did, in

a few cases, take a boy right off a boat for the Orient. That got a few commanders pretty steamed. Once they got a group of soldiers trained and ready to embark, they didn't like to see one of their troop diverted. Of course the soldiers were grateful. It was a whole lot better to be working in a government lab than to be sitting in mud someplace overseas." His government work earned him a War Department Citation in 1946 and the Presidential Certificate of Merit in 1948.

As a professor at Penn State University, Marsh always placed an emphasis on scholarship. In 1926, he was the first person ever awarded a Doctorate Degree at the University, which he earned in Physics. His Ph.D. sheepskin still hangs in the Kern Graduate Building. "Suffice it to say I set out to prove Einstein was wrong with his mc^2 business. I was delighted to find I couldn't do it. The world didn't bow down and worship me for those modest experiments, but my work was satisfactory so far as my peers were concerned, and it was a suitable piece of research to justify my doctor's thesis." Since that time over 1,900 doctorates have been awarded by the University.

Throughout his life Brother White committed himself to education. A member of several honor societies including: Sigma Xi Honor Society, Sigma Pi Sigma Physics Honor Society (President 1957-1958), the American Association of Physics Teachers (President 1952-53) and Phi Mu Epsilon Mathematics Society, he also served as a Fellow to the American Physical Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. As a Physics professor of 42 years, he was named Professor Emeritus by Penn State University and brought this same enthusiasm for scholarship to Delta Chi. He served The Delta Chi Educational Foundation, which was formed in 1954, as a director from 1965-1998 and personally raised \$150,000 for the White/Penn State Account in the Foundation.

The classic tale of Marsh comes from an interview in *Town & Gown* magazine, a local State College, Pennsylvania, periodical. When approached about being the subject of a magazine profile Marsh White said, "What for? I'm just an ordinary guy." Then after finishing the interview which gave him a retrospect of his life's achievements, influence and impact Marsh concluded, "I saw my duty and I did it, and I had a marvelous time along the way. But please don't write any of this stuff down."

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When asked by fellow OWC Gary Monk, "In all your years, what would you change about Delta Chi?" Marsh replied, "Nothing, I think we've done a pretty good job."



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Joseph F. Lacchia became a member of Delta Chi in the more traditional way at New York University, graduating there in 1925. "Back then we were still very much a legal fraternity," recalled Joe. "I think I was

either the first or second one they let in who wasn't studying law."

While an undergraduate he served as the Rush Chair, Social Chair, the Interfraternity Council Representative and the "B". After graduation Brother Lacchia moved from New York City to Lansing, Michigan. In late 1934, two local fraternities at nearby Michigan State College (later to become Michigan State University), the Union Literary Society, which had been founded in 1876 as Michigan State's first local fraternity, and the Aethon Society, founded in 1915, merged and petitioned for a charter from Delta Chi. That petition was granted, and the chapter was installed on January 5, 1935, with Joe Lacchia as the founding "BB".

His service to the Michigan State Chapter and to Delta Chi was continuous from that time. Brother Lacchia served as "BB" for twenty years, until 1955. He founded the chapter's Alumni Control Board (now known as the Alumni Board of Trustees) and served as its chairman while "BB" and as a member after that until 1998. In the 1950's, Joe even enrolled in a class at Michigan State, enabling him to add a formal affiliation with the chapter to his N.Y.U. designation.

In 1941, he organized the Chapter's House Corporation- the Delta Chi Building Corporation. He served as the corporation's president and treasurer until 1956, and continued as treasurer for the rest of his life. Through Joe's service and leadership, the corporation enjoyed tremendous success. The mortgage was burned before 1940 and the property has remained unmortgaged since. "We at Michigan State acquired a reserve fund through efficient and business-like management of the chapter," remarked Joe in the 1984 Spring *Quarterly*. All repairs and renovations since have been paid for by the corporation's own assets, and it continues to remain debt free and clear today. However, he did not stop there. During the 1940's and 1950's the corporation under Joe's leadership financed the purchase of the houses for three other chapters of Delta Chi, at the University of Michigan, Western Michigan University and Wayne State University. Joe served on all of those chapters' house corporations for a number of years, and in the 1980's served as a member of the Alumni Board of Trustees of the Delta Chi Colony and then Chapter at Central Michigan.

Away from Delta Chi, Joe graduated from N.Y.U. with a Bachelor and Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering. As an ROTC graduate of N.Y.U. and a Captain of the U.S. Army Ordinance Department he was called to active duty in 1940, but was

released because of his experience and know-how to convert industrial presses over to the needs of the military. Joe was a charter member of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church and served over 50 years as head usher. In addition to this he was involved with the Elks, the Lansing Engineers Club, Lansing Area Rotary and the Lansing Country Club.

Brother Lacchia's interfraternal service and involvement began in his undergraduate years when, as already noted, he began as his chapter's IFC representative. He represented Delta Chi at the National Interfraternity Conference from 1954-1960. In 1941, he had organized Michigan State's Fraternity Advisors Association and then served as its president for three terms. He continued as a representative for Delta Chi into the 1980's. While president, he organized and chaired the post-war conference for fraternities held at Michigan State's campus. Then he edited the results of that conference in a book entitled *Post War Programs for Fraternities*.

During those years, Joe also assisted many other chapters at Michigan State by playing a leading role in assisting the initial founding and/or securing chapter houses for Phi Kappa Psi, Delta Tau Delta, Alpha Sigma Phi, Phi Kappa Sigma, Phi Sigma Delta and Alpha Phi Alpha. (His assistance to the last was in the face of anonymous threats of physical harm.) In 1955, his assistance to the chapter of Alpha Epsilon Pi at M.S.U. resulted in

that Fraternity's Supreme Board of Governors' selecting Joe Lacchia as the first non-member of Alpha Epsilon Pi to receive its Certificate of Merit. Then in 1990 Joe received the NIC interfraternal award. He was offered this praise by then NIC President Henry Bauer of Kappa Sigma, "Joseph Lacchia has given the lion's share of his spare time to the Greek movement for well over 50 years, living an intensive and extensive commitment to the entire fraternity movement. His greatest involvement in exemplary service

has been in the area of finance and housing, the one area where undergraduates have the greatest need for, and benefit the most from alumni involvement."

Joe attended every Delta Chi International Convention beginning with his service in 1935 and from 1973 through 1985 served as the "FF". In 1958, in the absence of an Executive Director, he coordinated the Fraternity's entire Convention in East Lansing, Michigan. The Fraternity elected him

"DD" in 1956 and "AA" in 1958. As a result of his experience with Michigan State's financing of the three other chapter houses, while an international officer he conceived and spearheaded the founding of the "Building Loan Fund" (later to be known as the Delta Chi Housing Fund) which was formed at the 1960 Convention. After his serving as "AA", Joe served as the first Chairman of the Housing Fund Committee until 1980. At



Joe attended his first convention in 1935 at Yellowstone National Park.

the request of the Fraternity, Joe served a second stint as "DD" from 1969-1970. In 1970, he was awarded the title "AA" Emeritus, Delta Chi's highest award for conspicuous service to the Fraternity, and in 1983 he was named to the Order of the White Carnation, Delta Chi's highest award for inconspicuous service to the Fraternity. He then continued to sit on the Board of Directors of the Delta Chi Educational Foundation for many years.

Joe's business-like approach to fraternity, which he applied to the Michigan State Chapter and all facets of Delta Chi in which he had been involved can be seen in a 1984 interview he had with fellow Order of the White Carnation Member Gary Monk. His concluding remarks of that interview are as follows:

"We have many weak chapters - some numerically and some financially. Our cemetery is overcrowded with tombstones of deceased chapters. All are a product of finances. Failure to operate on a sound business basis. Each member endeavoring selfishly to get all he can out of the Fraternity without carrying his load. Always giving the famous selfish phrase, "Where is the brotherhood?" Unfortunately, fraternalism ceases where the dollar signs begin. Pay up or go out and sponge off someone else if you can. You cannot pay the chapter's operating bills on so called "fraternalism". That is the cause of failed chapters. The financial part of the chapter must be put on a pure and simple business basis. There's no continuity in fraternity operation. It is continuously a new group, with responsibility changing hands yearly. Therefore, we must treat it as such."

This was the realist in Joe. But no one knew more or had a better perspective on what "fraternalism" is than Joe Lacchia. Nor did anyone know what the fraternity could do for a man, and what that man could do for the fraternity more than Joe. He gave an account of this in his address delivered at the installation banquet of the Arizona State Chapter on October 11, 1959.

"Fraternity life imparts into an individual intangibles which are not found in books nor can they be secured nor digested by cramming. It is a positive asset which is acquired slowly, and its full value is not fully appreciated until later years. It is a well known fact that social polish and poise are acquired from Fraternity life.

In conclusion, may I very strongly urge upon you, as fraternity men — men of Delta Chi — a full participation, not only in the activities of your own college, but in the fraternity world in which you are a part. Be loyal to your colleges and to your Fraternity. Be an enthusiastic and proud fraternity man, and above all, live up to the principles and ideals of The Delta Chi Fraternity — for you will benefit from your fraternity in the same por-

tion as you contribute—"as ye sow so shall ye reap." Don't just be a wearer of the pin. Don't be a negative number. For you, and you alone, will be the greater loser.

The interested and active fraternity man is compensated for his contribution by a lifetime of close and confiding friendships, and the satisfying knowledge that he has made a similar contribution to the lives of others. There can be no greater reward

in this troubled world of ours, where friendships amongst men are very sorely needed; but where greed, avarice, and the selfish desire for power have caused a split amongst men and nations, which at times seems to threaten our civilization. This situation presents an unavoidable challenge which you men must meet. I am sure that your college and fraternity life, in a large measure, will adequately prepare and equip you for the task. This is your opportunity. This is your challenge — so make the most of your fraternity life, for:

No man is born into this world
Whose work is not born with him.
There is always work and
Tools to work withal for those who will
And blessed are the horny hands of toil.
The busy world shoves angrily aside,
The man who stands with arms akimbo set.
And he who waits to have his task marked out
Will die and leave his errand unfulfilled."

When we view in retrospect the development of Delta Chi through the years, we cannot but marvel at our fortune in commanding the services of talented leaders- men whose devotion and ability endowed our Fraternity with enduring strength and made it an institution in the realm of education and human association. Their purpose was to prove the cause, to justify the existence, to broaden the scope of Delta Chi. Such men were Joseph Lacchia and Marsh White. Their passing leaves a gap in our ranks. A gap, yes, but not an emptiness, for they have bequeathed us their loyalty and their idealism and we shall ever be stronger for their achievements. Just as they enriched our past they will inspire our future.

So, if you ever happen to be asked the question by a new member, "How does someone get into the Order of the White Carnation?" Answer, "Well, let me tell you about Marsh White and Joe Lacchia..." Because it may be the letters and our ritual that make the fraternity, but it is the men in the fraternity and our memories of them that has made it great.



"I've had several alumni who have become quite prominent claim they got more out of fraternity life than out of books."



Pictured at the 1983 Convention, left to right: Victor T. Johnson, Purdue '32; Joe Lacchia; Marge Lee, Office Manager; Douglas Holslaw, AZ '27; George Obear, DePauw '30; and Marsh White.



Connecticut Moves Into NewHouse

We have moved into our new house at 1459 Storrs Rd, Storrs, CT. 06268. Our new home houses 14 brothers, and all the rooms are significantly larger than in the old house. It has a fireplace, soda machine, outdoor porch, and a larger dining room, so hopefully we can hire a chef for a few meals during the week, so our chapter can sit down and eat together. This house is a great stepping stone in our goal to reach our 40 brother destination house in the UConn 2000 Greek Village program.

Academics at DePauw

Academics continue to take precedence at the DePauw Chapter. Whether applying to some of the most prestigious graduate schools in the nation, or securing a job with a reputable company before the second semester has even begun, the seniors have set an outstanding example for the entire house.

Many seniors have already been accepted to graduate programs with intents ranging from medical school to journalism.

Most seniors who decided to look for jobs have already received multiple job offers from very good companies. Former "A" **David Peaper** said, "It's great to see that so many have their futures laid out for them this early in the year."

The associate member class shows the same promise with an exceptionally high GPA. The associates finished with a very close second in class GPA. The entire chapter has also continued its tradition of academic excellence by maintaining a GPA well above the campus average and second overall.

Duquesne Toga Raid

In the waning months of the winter, the Greeks at Duquesne University put their creative talents on showcase for the rest of the university and the public at-large in the long standing tradition of Greek Carnival. Unfortunately, there are nine fraternities and eight sororities on campus, so one fraternity is left without a partner and is therefore unable to perform a tent show. In this 50th anniversary year, it was our turn to be excluded. Uncomfortable with the idea of being excluded from the biggest event for Greek life in the fall semester, the brothers got together to devise a way to participate in carnival.

We planned to have a "Delta Chi Toga Raid" on the last night of carnival in celebration of the founding of carnival back in 1947 when all the Greeks paraded around campus dressed in togas. Despite concern that this would turn out to be like a scene from "Animal House," we were able to put on a display that reflected positively on the fraternity and Greek life in general.

Eastern Illinois Gets Ready For Miss Eastern Illinois Pageant

In the 1970's, our chapter was involved in this philanthropy to get involved in the surrounding community. After a long absence, our chapter has recently restarted this tradition. With the help of our "BB", **James Price**, Brothers **Ryan Coffey** and **Dave Foreman** are working diligently to have another successful turnout. Local businesses have donated funds along with a portion of the money coming from our house, and we hope to make this pageant the biggest one in Central Illinois. The winner of this February pageant will receive a chance to compete for Miss Illinois. A few years ago, one of our local contestants, Charlotte Martin, won our pageant and took second runner up to Miss Illinois. To have someone become Miss Illinois from our pageant would definitely be an honor for our house.

Embry-Riddle Floor Hockey Champions

Once again we have taken the championship for floor hockey. This season's record was not as superb as last season's undefeated reign, but even still we came through and conquered yet again! Having held this honor for two seasons in a row, it does not look like anyone will be taking the trophy home any time soon. Next season we will have to defend the title as we did this year, and in doing so we will show Embry-Riddle that Delta Chi is the best fraternity in floor hockey!

Idaho Brother Mahmood Sheikh New Student Body President

We kicked this semester off with a brother being elected the student body president. After two years with the ASUI (Associated Students University of Idaho) **Mahmood Sheikh '00**, decided to run for the position. As a local resident he had wanted this since grade school. With the aid of his brother

On the evening of the last day of the carnival, all of the brothers got together in an off campus apartment and prepared for our big show. Despite a cold rain and low temperatures, we all dressed in togas and marched through Pittsburgh until we reached the university. With much support and fanfare from passing motorists and pedestrians we were ready to make our dramatic and rather unexpected entrance to the carnival shows. Once we reached campus, we regrouped and formed a single file line consisting of 25 brothers and a couple of alumni and walked silently to the middle of the field. Once we gathered the interest of all who were out visiting we rushed into the center and chanted one of our fraternity cheers. We then supported our fellow Greeks by enjoying the other attractions of the carnival. To our amazement, many older alumni and faculty came over and commended our show, some going so far as to say that our ingenuity and performance was better than most of the tent shows. Through a strong write-in campaign, we received third place in the "People's Choice" award despite only performing one night of a three-night balloting effort by the carnival committee.

ers and family, groups went throughout campus putting up signs and banners. After a nerve wracking wait it was announced that he won 724-392, nearly doubling his opponent. In his inaugural speech, Mahmood was quick to thank his Delta Chi brothers and his family. Now the head of 10,000 plus students he is extremely busy but is working hard to push legislation into action. Mahmood is the second Delta Chi to be elected president in just three years. During Mahmood's freshman year Brian Kane, the student body and house president, encouraged and helped Mahmood into office. Mahmood has continued the inspiration by encouraging other Delta Chis into the ASUI.

Some other Delta Chis in office include **Mike Koelsch** - Productions Board Chair, **Jeff Kay** - Activities Board Chair, **Kevin Jones** - Chief of Staff, **Brad Schoff** - Senator, **Dieu Dinh** - Lecture Note Administrator, **Nick Whitesel** - University Computer Advisory, **Matt Jessup** and **Jim Bielenberg** - Activities Board. We also have four former senators among our ranks.



Indiana Red Team Wins Buff Bowl

In our largest brotherhood sporting event a year's worth of bragging rights was put on the line. A beautiful November Sunday set the stage for the competition. The Buff team scored first with a **Tim Kegley** touchdown run. But, that would be Buff's only moment of glory. After that, Red stepped in and never left the spotlight with **Jeff Nelson's** TD pass to **Jason Sonneborn**, a reverse play that **Mike Marderosian** turned into a TD and another TD pass to **Jeff Robertson**. The final score was 20-6.

The Annual Red and Buff Bowl football game is composed of two teams, Red and Buff. Team captains divide the house as evenly as possible. Event jerseys are made and plays are thought up months in advance. The goal is to get as many brothers to participate as possible, have fun and promote unity within the house. One of its organizers, Tim Kegley spoke of the game's importance. "It's an opportunity for brothers to combine the spirit of competition and brotherhood."



Duquesne Brothers show off their togas.

Iowa Emphasizing Alumni Relations

With a newly elected board of officers, we decided to start off the new year by strengthening and emphasizing our relationship with our alumni. Suggesting in no way that our relationship with those members was lacking, we decided to make them our first priority this semester. Through three very creative programs, we were able, by semester's end, to have an active and prosperous relationship with more alumni than ever before. Between our fund raising philanthropy entitled "The Brickyard," creating a list serve by e-mail in order to facilitate communication with and between our alumni, and revamping our annual Delta Chi Alumni Golf Outing, we had high hopes of a very exciting semester and we're looking forward to continued success in the future.

"The Brickyard," which was in its initial stages last year, is a venture in which an alumnus may purchase a brick with his name and graduation date or may honor another brother in the same manner. The bricks will then be laid together on opposite sides of the entrance to the chapter house. The Founding Fathers of our chapter here at the UI will be the first members enshrined, along with other significant alumni of our chapter, including **O.K. Patton '12** and **Larry P. Audlehelm '71** to follow.

The e-mail list serve is already underway and was started with just four addresses. The list serve has grown rapidly and keeps on growing. Any Iowa Delta Chi alumnus who would like to be on the list serve, should send an e-mail to "marc-svendsen@uiowa.edu".

The annual Delta Chi Alumni Golf Outing saw dramatic changes this year. First, the location was moved from Pleasant Valley to Finkbine. Following the tournament, we held a barbecue at the golf course. Other enhancements included a tee gift for all participants, and transportation to and from the course. Although the weather looked questionable that morning, we had a terrific turnout from undergraduates and alumni alike. Thanks to all of the alumni who came out. If you missed it, we'll look forward to seeing you at next year's alumni golf outing!



Kansas looks to expand

Excitement levels at the Kansas Chapter continue to grow as we move closer to the ground-breaking date for the renovation and expansion. The renovation, which was set to begin in late April would double the

square footage of the house while only increasing capacity by nine. The expansion includes a new library, computer room, several study rooms, internet access throughout the house, and will provide each man with almost twice as much personal living space. The structure will not only be larger and more beautiful, but will also be a valuable recruitment tool for our future.

Thanks in large part to the continuous help and support of our alumni, we hope to raise approximately 1.75 million for the project. The completion date for the renovation is January of 2000. We are all excited and proud of the hard work that has gone into getting the expansion off the ground. The structure of the house will change, but the traditions inside the walls will remain the same. Although we are disappointed that we must leave 1245 W Campus Road for the fall semester, we are looking forward to starting the new millennium in our brand new house.

A Colony Dies ... and a Chapter is Born

In the fall of 1995, two undergraduate men had decided to create a new Fraternity on the Kettering University campus that would change Greek life forever. By the fall of 1996, the group had grown to 23 undergraduate gentlemen who had all set out to start this new Fraternity called Delta Chi.

Many of them had rushed other fraternities and had even pledged, but none were satisfied with their experiences. These men pulled together to start something different, a no hazing, substance free fraternity based on brotherhood. What a concept! Who would have thought it would have worked? These men were not aware of the barriers they would face. As time progressed and the number of Founding Fathers increased, it became more obvious that all the hard work was going to pay off.

On October 24, 1998, these Brothers of the Delta Chi Fraternity finally had reached their primary goal of receiving their long awaited Charters. Upon arrival to the North Bank Center in Downtown Flint, many of the brothers were not aware of how emotionally overwhelming the evening would be.

There were numerous conversations pertaining to our chapters. Yes that is chapters, currently we have two Delta Chi chapters on the same campus, living in the same house. This is possible because our school runs in a fashion that when one chapter is in school the other is working in their co-op jobs. Every three

months this changes, the brothers who are working go back to school, and those at school go back to work.

The evening began around five o'clock with hors d'oeuvres and a reception, followed by dinner, the presentation of the charters and ending with a dance. The banquet was entirely alcohol free, which impressed many parents, especially those skeptical of their son joining a fraternity. It wasn't until that evening when most parents had realized that everything they had heard about the fraternity was true. Approximately 190 people were in attendance, including the brothers, their guests, family, friends, and numerous alumni not to mention two International Officers. In attendance were the past "AA", **Paul Bohlman**; the current "AA" **Bill Williams**; Order of the White Carnation **Chris Johnson**; and Region VI Regent **Jeff Schoenherr** who was the emcee.

Once the presentation began, awards were presented to **Chris Jensen** Greek Life Advisor, **Steve Schneider** the Housing Corporation President, **Brian Barrie** the ABT President and Jeff Schoenherr. Around 9:30 Bill Williams presented both the A-section President **Mark Kenworthy** and B-section President **Jason Cregan** with the official Charters. All that the brothers had worked for up to this point had been accomplished, but as the celebration began the chapters were reminded that their hard work was not finished but just beginning. Now that the colony is laid to rest, the brothers look forward to the challenges of being a chapter in the Brotherhood of Delta Chi.

Long Beach wins First Annual Greek Award

Last fall, the Greek community held its first ever Greek Week at CSULB. Greek Week included four days of competition and festivities, including the Greek Sing, a two-day barbecue, various spirit competitions, and a ceremony crowning the Zeus and Hera of the Greek community.

The Greek Sing was the highlight of the events. The skits had to be a minimum of five minutes long, and each fraternity was paired up with a sorority. Each team was left to create their own skit and, with partner Delta Zeta, Delta Chi created a medley of dance numbers set to well-known songs.

On the final day of Greek Week, a party was held at the campus pub to announce the winners for Zeus and Hera, as well as the overall champions. Our chapter received first place for the Greek Sing. The Zeus was **Robert Garcia**. With all the points accrued over the course of the event, Delta Chi took home the trophy for Greek Week champions, which was excellent for our PR on campus. All of the money raised for this event went to "For the Child", a Long Beach charity dedicated to helping physically abused children.

Michigan State House Improvements

Five years ago our house underwent major renovations. This past year we have decided to renovate a few things ourselves. We purchased a new awning for the front of the house facing Grand River. The new canopy not only improves the appearance of the house but it provides a place for brothers to congregate and socialize with one another. To add to the improvements of the outside of the house, we added a Delta Chi rock formation beside the walkway on the side of the house facing Woodmere.

The interior has also experienced some changes. The game room received a major face lift. The ceiling has been replaced along with a fresh coat of paint in the room. New carpet has been laid and new pictures have been placed on the wall alongside the old photographs.

The improvements to the formal room are what we are most proud of achieving. Early this year with backing from our housing board we purchased a new wood floor. In addition to this floor we purchased new furniture and rugs to compliment the room. This was a big step for the house and we are proud of the fact that we are financially stable enough to make these improvements. With help from our alumni we, the active brothers, can make the house a better place for future members.

To thank our outstanding alumni we had a formal dinner. Everything went well and we had great participation from our alumni. Hopefully, the plaque we hung on the wall to thank those alumni who have donated their time and money will have many names added to it in the future.

A Penn State Delta Chi Leads The Way

Violence against women is a problem at college campuses all over the country. Often, the only attempts to combat this problem are programs organized by the universities or interest groups in the area. Rarely is there ever any student involvement. This is not the case however at Penn State.

This year, **Kevin Bierschenk**, "A" headed up the White Ribbon Campaign. The White Ribbon Campaign is the largest effort in the world of men working to end men's violence against women. This campaign was started in 1991 in Canada by a small group of concerned gentlemen. By wearing a white ribbon, the symbol of the campaign, you are making a personal pledge never to commit, condone, nor remain silent against violence. Kevin heard about the White

Ribbon Campaign at a conference he attended in Singapore over the summer. He judged it to be an important cause and a cause that would represent the beliefs and opinions of the rest of the brothers of the Penn State Chapter of Delta Chi. He came back to school determined to make a difference with this campaign and raise awareness all over campus. He opened a lot of eyes on campus by alerting and informing men of this serious problem.

Kevin organized a weeklong outreach campaign. He gave out more than a thousand white ribbons to men all over campus, had a speaker come to further educate those men who became interested and wrapped up the week with a heart warming parade entitled "Take Back the Night."

All of Kevin's efforts exemplify what it means to our chapter to be a brother in Delta Chi. It is one of the many reasons that he was elected our Chapter Luminary, and why he is our "A". His efforts, along with the overwhelming support that he received from the rest of the brotherhood, contributed to our winning the IFC Chapter of the Month Award. Today, being a brother of Delta Chi, and a male student, come with certain responsibilities. Our brotherhood is striving to set the example that others should follow.



Mississippi State Helps Out

On the weekend of November 7-8, we went to help out at the Pushmataha Area Cub Scout Council of Northeast Mississippi's annual parent-son weekend. The activities, which included arts, crafts, air rifle and archery marksmanship, and an obstacle course began on the 7th. Several of us helped out at each of these activities throughout the afternoon by giving any advice or help we could give. That evening we grilled hamburgers and hot-dogs for all 500 of the parents and kids followed by an overnight campout. In the morning the parents and sons were able to participate in some of the activities from the previous day, or pack up and head home. We are grateful we had a chance to help out and hopefully made the weekend more meaningful for all.

Nominations due for Borelli Family Leadership Award

Recognizing that leadership development and recognition must be included in the ongoing program for "Personal Growth through Brotherhood," the Delta Chi Educational Foundation is pleased to announce The Borelli Family Leadership Award Program.

The program is to recognize those undergraduates who have fulfilled two or more of the following criteria:

A. Held two elected officer positions in the chapter and made a significant contribution to the chapter that can be readily documented and measured and is recommended by the chapter "BB", ABT president, and respective campus fraternity advisor.

B. President of a recognized major campus activity as certified by the respective dean of students (IFC, student government, student union, Omicron Kappa Delta, etc.).

C. Captain of a varsity sports team as certified by the director of athletics, or a cheerleader captain for one full year as certified by the dean of students.

D. Editor of the campus newspaper or yearbook as certified by the dean of students. Additionally, all recipients must be active in their chapters and have a "B" average (4.0/5.0-3.0/4.0) or better in their particular college or university.

There will be a maximum of 25 men recognized each year.

The deadline for receipt of all nominations will be June 1. The awards committee of The Delta Chi Educational Foundation will make selections and no member of the Borelli family shall be a member nor receive the award. Each recipient will receive a certificate, and up to five of the top nominees may receive the award with "distinction" for "leadership above and beyond."

The awards will be presented at each biennial convention and during the non-convention years, at the summer meeting of the Board of Regents. If a recipient or a representative of his chapter is not present at the board meeting or the convention, the award will be mailed to the "BB" for presentation at the Founders' Day Celebration.

Established to honor the memory of Pamela Anne Borelli (beloved daughter and sister) and Mrs. Patricia Ann Borelli (beloved wife and mother) by Raymond, IL '58, Past "AA", and Mark, IL '81.

Radford Has A Pepsi Rush

This spring we received a sponsorship from Pepsi for our dry rush. Pepsi donated many products including two ten foot banners, 48 two liters and eight cases of different types of Pepsi products. These products allowed us to hand out drinks at our rush table and to spread our name around campus easily to Radford students. The rush was the most successful in our history.

South Florida Colony Excels in Student Government

We have been successful in taking the necessary steps to become not only a chapter, but an excellent one at that. We have a strong presence among the Greek system that has found its way into Student Government as well. We are the only Greek organization on campus that has at least one member in all branches of Student Government.

Randy Moss is the Chief of Staff for the Executive Branch, **Chris Cook** and **Eric Steinbach** are Supreme Court Justices for the Judicial Branch, and **Bevan Edwards**, **Sammy Kalmowicz**, **Rob Mackay**, **Dan McAvoy**, and **Tim Scott** are Senators for the Legislative Branch. **Sammy Kalmowicz** is currently the Senate Vice President and **Dan McAvoy** is the Statutes Committee Chair. **Bevan Edwards**, **Tim Scott**, and **Rob Mackay** are all members of the Student Concerns Committee. We're continuing to run for more seats in Student Government, including Student Body President.

Texas Expansion Plans

Last fall we moved into a newly renovated house which includes two plots of land for future expansion. We have started planning for the construction of a new chapter house. Architects have started planning the new house which consists of a large and open chapter room on the ground floor, an industrial kitchen, and several individual rooms on the second floor. We also plan on building a few stand alone apartments on the same lot isolated from the new house. All in all, the complex will house about 35. The tentative date for move-in is August 2000.



TEXAS A & M CELEBRATES 10th ANNIVERSARY

Last summer a call was sent forth to all initiated brothers of the Texas A & M Chapter to congregate in College Station, Texas, over the weekend of October 17-19 to celebrate not only our Fraternity's Founders' Day, but the 10th anniversary of our chapter.

Ninety brothers (almost fifty percent of the total chapter initiates) with representatives from every associate class (save one), gathered with spouses and families for a weekend of brotherhood and remembrance. Social events included the resurrection of a once legendary seafood party, as well as a mixed generations golf tournament and a banquet. The banquet was held in the Hilton, where our chartering event was held ten years ago. (Of particular interest was that the current banquet room was once the hotel's nightclub, where most of our first social functions were held in 1985-86!).

Emceed by **Rod Arnold**, the banquet's special guests included Regent **Lance Belin**, who presented the chapter with a ten year anniversary plaque from headquarters. Also in attendance was Educational Foundation President, **Fred Hammert**, Oklahoma '60. Fred was instrumental in the development of our chapter during his tenure as "AA" in the 1980's, and had also presented us with our original charter in 1988. Fred shared with the audience a message of the importance of the brotherhood and of the lead-

ership and motivation to get involved which fraternity life creates.

Recognition/Awards were presented to the following: Outstanding Service Awards: **John Simon**, **Chris Parr**, **Brian Devaney** - ABT member, and **Jared Wingfield** - "BB" and former "A"; Award of Brotherhood: **Felipe Salomon**, Founding Father; Officer of the Year: **Hilton Gottschalk** "D"; Alumnus of the Year: **Adrian Gottschalk**, ABT member and former "A"; and Lifetime Service Award: **Al Reeves**, Founding Father and former "A".

The evening was concluded with an unforgettable video presentation by **Steve March**. Currently working in production at a local network affiliate, Steve gathered photos from the past ten years, as well as home videos, period music and **Kevin Costner** movie clips to weave an unforgettable trip back through the chapter's first decade.

Western Illinois Acquires a New House

We have seen our membership grow immensely in the past couple of years. With the increased membership we felt we had outgrown our current house. So with a lot of hard work over the past year we have acquired a new house. It has 17 bedrooms and will have between 25 to 35 men living in. Currently it is undergoing a complete renovation including new flooring, carpet and tile, interior and exterior painting, remodeling the kitchen, formal room, and bathrooms, along with various other improvements. It will be finished in time for the fall.

A lot of hard work and effort went into acquiring this house; without the help of our ABT, a strong executive board, and a motivated chapter, none of this would have been possible. We see our chapter as taking a big step forward with this new home.

WHITE WATER WINS AGAIN!

For the second year in a row we proudly brought home both of the homecoming traveling trophies. This is a huge feat in the Greek community. Only one other time before last year has any Greek organization

on campus ever earned the right to take home both trophies in the same year. This year also marks the third year in a row we have won at least one of the trophies. We have clearly set the stage for many homecomings to come. Our love for our tradition, brotherhood, and our competitive ways keep us strong year after year.

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"Where did we get such men?"

by Robert P. LaBouy, Washington '66 and past "AA"

This poignant question is asked by the Admiral in James A. Michener's epoch war story about the pilots and men of the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. While this quotation has come to remind many of us of the sacrifice and contributions many young Americans made for our country during that conflict, I have often remembered it as I review the numerous contributions of Delta Chis who have fought for and defended our country during World War II.

America's experience and the reactions of its young men during World War II have been the source of numerous, very popular books lately. The key ingredient of the generation of Americans who fought for our country is now seen as mysterious and hard to define qualities. These same qualities are being revisited and popularized on the "big screen" by such movies as "Saving Private Ryan." Delta Chis do not have to look to popular fiction to see such men.

Recently, I was able to review the 1940 through 1946 volumes of the *Delta Chi Quarterly* which provide a chronicle of our Fraternity's contributions in the defense of our country during that great crusade—in the Atlantic, European and Pacific campaigns. Reading the many notes, letters and quotations about Delta Chi members who served their country is cause for a great deal of pride and I want to bring some of those contributions back into view. I have long held those who serve in our Armed Forces in high regard and attempted to honor their service and dedication. It is a source of great pride as a Delta Chi to know the men who came before us in our Fraternity. Their sacrifices have given us the opportunity to enjoy our lives and much of the freedom we enjoy today. The war years issues of our *Quarterly* are literally filled with many stories about members who left their undergraduate and post graduate college lives to serve our country. It provides a vivid and often sad commentary about their trials, heroism and ultimate contributions in our country's struggle to defend itself and its allies during World War II. I would like to share some of those contribu-

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tions with you. It is important to recall their efforts for our country and to remember their efforts to gain a better sense of the contribution which our Fraternity has made in the life of our Nation's history.

One such Delta Chi was a young man from our DePauw Chapter, **Alexander Vraciu** '41. In case his name is new to you, it is because he is now retired and living quietly in the rolling hills east of the San Francisco Bay Area. Life wasn't always quiet nor peaceful for Alex. Even as an undergraduate, Alex was often the center attraction at the DePauw Chapter. In one incident, which later may have seemed like a precursor to his Navy experiences, Alex was the center attraction in a get-even prank on the professor during one of Professor Fay's psychology classes. During a slight lull in the lecture, to the complete consternation of both the professor and his fellow classmates, Alex got up stating, "I can't stand this any longer" and jumped through an open window. An article in the *Quarterly* reported "Vraciu 'cracked' under the strain of the final and leaped out a second story window. Coeds screamed and the shaken professor and the class rushed to the window. They found Vraciu sitting in a tarpaulin held by his Delta Chi Fraternity brothers." While flying in the Navy, once during a stateside training flight and once during the Pacific campaign, he twice was to successfully jump from Navy aircraft.

Like many of his contemporaries, he saw the war coming and obtained his private pilot's license under the government's Civilian Pilot Training (CPT) program at Muncie, Indiana, during the summer vacation between his junior and senior years. Following his university graduation in 1941, this East Chicago, Indiana native entered the service as a pilot candidate just before Pearl Harbor and our entry into the war. He proudly received his wings as a Naval Aviator on June 24, 1942. Various notes in the *Quarterly* pointed to his early World War II

training as a Naval Aviator and he was to fly the premier fighter off Navy carriers in the Pacific, the Grumman F6F Hellcat. Alex finally got to the fleet and served in Fighting Squadron Six (VF-6) in early 1943 and was fortunate to have one of the Navy's legends as his squadron commanding officer, LCDR "Butch" O'Hare. Many of you will recognize the O'Hare name, both as one of the Navy's early Medal of Honor recipients during the WW II Pacific campaign and as the name of one of the world's busiest airports, O'Hare Field near Chicago. It was while flying as section leader in LCDR O'Hare's division on October 5, 1943, that Alex scored his first aerial victory over a Japanese "Zero" at Wake Island. By mid February, 1944, his

record of enemy aircraft shot down had climbed to 9. By any standards, his success as a naval aviator and having served aboard two torpedoed carriers had earned him a well deserved rest and rotation to the States. However, characteristically for LTJG Vraciu, he requested continued combat area assignment to another carrier squadron, VF-16 aboard the USS Lexington when VF-6 was returned stateside.

It was during this carrier duty with VF-16, in what was later popularly labeled as the "Marianas Turkey Shoot," that his best known exploits were to occur. On earlier flights he had brought his total victories to 12 enemy aircraft. But on June 19, 1944, Alex achieved the almost unbelievable—he shot down six aircraft in eight minutes in a single mission. The next day brought his final confirmed 19th kill. His per-

Lt. Alex Vraciu displaying a Japanese Sabre souvenir to two squadron mates after spending five and a half weeks on Luzon, Philippines, with USAFFE guerillas. He had been shot down December 14, 1944, while strafing near Clark Field by anti-aircraft ground fire.



sonal achievements added to one of the most noteworthy victories at "The First Philippine Sea Battle." Alex became the Navy's top ranking "ace" for four months ending the war as the Navy's fourth highest scoring ace. In addition to his 19 aerial victories, he had destroyed 21 enemy aircraft on the ground.

But his war effort did not just end at that point. After rotating stateside for a few months, he talked his way back out into combat. On December 14, 1944, while strafing over Luzon Island in the Philippines, Alex's aircraft was struck by anti-aircraft fire and he was forced to parachute safely from his damaged aircraft. He was subsequently reported as "missing in action," but Alex was neither "missing" nor was he "not in action." He succeeded in evading capture by Japanese ground forces with the help of USAFFE Filipino guerrillas and spent the next five weeks with them awaiting General MacArthur's promised landing. Though he had grown a beard and let his normal well groomed Naval attire slip a bit, he was happy to eventually meet with the advancing Americans who had landed at Lingayen Gulf leading his 180 man guerrilla group, he was identified as a naval aviator and returned to the Navy off Luzon, sporting a Luger and carrying a Japanese sword.

Alex continued his career in the Navy and served as a test pilot at the Naval Aviation Test Center in Patuxent River, Maryland, with assignments at the Naval Post Graduate School and various ship-board and shore assignments. He was also rewarded with what he considered his ultimate desire, that of command of his own fighter squadron, VF-51. It was during that tour of duty and his flying in the Navy's 1957 Naval Air Weapons Meet, that he won the High Individual Air-To-Air Competition, outshooting all Naval and Marine Corps pilots for the honor. In his congratulatory message, the Commander in Chief Pacific Fleet commented, "Congratulations on being Top Gun in jets in peace, as you were with Hellcats in war."

For his services on behalf of our nation, Alex Vraciu was awarded the Navy Cross, the Distinguished Flying Cross with two gold stars, Air Medal with three gold stars and numerous other awards. One of the highest honors bestowed on Alex was his recommendation for the Congressional Medal of Honor for "special achievement and outstanding acts of services: throughout a given period in June, 1944." The citation enumerated four separate missions totaling eight enemy aircraft shot down, a large ship sunk, and materially assisting our bombers in the sinking of an enemy aircraft carrier while escorting our bombers on a record long-range strike against the Japanese battlefleet. All five on-the-scene Naval Commanders strongly recommended approval of the medal, but a reviewing armchair admiral at headquarters, Pearl Harbor, inexplicably downgraded the award recommendation to a Navy Cross. Comparing the squadron recommendation with the final approved version, it could be noted that one of the four flying missions was deleted and the Navy even listed the wrong fighter squadron and wrong aircraft carrier. So much for an incredible standard or review for evaluation of the Nation's highest award!

In 1947, the Navy Department Board of Review for Decorations and Medals, on its own, tried to "right-the-wrong" after becoming



Lt. Alex Vraciu and his Grumman F6F Hellcat.

"Congratulations on being Top Gun in jets in peace, as you were with Hellcats in war."

aware of the Navy's inconsistencies in WW II in the awarding of Congressional Medals of Honor to fighter pilots—10 for the Marine Corps and only 2 for the Navy. It also called attention to the fact that the majority of the fighter pilots received the CMH, for acts performed either in a single combat or throughout a given period, for only four or five planes destroyed. Resubmission to the senior admiral—presumably out of Naval courtesy—again was returned unfavorable in spite of earlier Navy precedent and the additional "strongest possible" recommendations by two more firing-line Task Force Commanders involved in the First Philippine Sea Battle. The senior member of the above Post-war Board of Review stated after the Board was dissolved that he did not concur with the admiral and felt that an injustice may have been done in this instance. In 1990, a subsequent strong effort was mounted by an Indiana businessman and historian and a Congressman to see the navy's earlier error corrected, but the Navy again backed away from the issue, presumably hoping that it would go away.

Along the way, Alex Vraciu and his exploits have become a well-known part of Naval Aviation history and the stories of his action in the Pacific are in almost every book about World War II. Two F6F Hellcat aircraft are currently memorialized in flying museums with Alex's name and personal markings on them—one at the Lone Star Flight Museum in Galveston, Texas, and the other, surprisingly, at Duxford, England, as part of the Fighter Collection of the British Imperial War Museum. Of particular interest in the latter Hellcat is the fact that seven of Alex's first nine victories were actually in the cockpit of that aircraft.

Following his outstanding naval career and retirement as a Commander, Alex retired in the San Francisco Bay Area and entered into a second career in commercial banking, as Trust Officer for Wells Fargo Bank, retiring a second time in 1983. He and his wife Kay have a beautiful home in the foothills in Danville, California. They are also the proud parents of five children and nine grandchildren.

There are many Delta Chi brothers whose lives and actions in the defense of our country deserve our recognition and thanks. They have served our country, and set fine examples for all members of Delta Chi.

The qualities Alex Vraciu exemplifies are those of courage, dedication and leadership. These are also the essence of the qualities Delta Chi fosters and develops in its members. Certainly few men have more clearly demonstrated these qualities than Alex Vraciu, DePauw '41.

ALUMNI NEWSMAKERS

BALL STATE

The Insurance Institute of America presented an Award for Academic Excellence in the Associate in Fidelity and Surety Bonding program to **Thomas S. Kuntz**, '80, bond underwriter for Ohio Casualty Group, Hamilton, Ohio. This award is given each year to the persons who earn the highest grade averages for the national essay examinations in this Insitutute program.



CORNELL

Michael D. Nadler, '56, was named as a 1998 Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award recipient. In 1997 he and his wife Lorraine received the "Foremost Benefactor Award." These awards are the highest awards that the University bestows on its alumni. Mike currently serves on the Cornell University Council, is vice president of his class, was the regional chair for the Cornell Campaign Creating the Future and is President of the Cornell Delta Chi House Corporation. Mike is instrumental in the current effort to strengthen the Cornell Chapter as well as restore the chapter house.



CREIGHTON

John Hess, '75 was the co-chair of his Masonic Lodge's Book Fair in Kansas City. The Fair was organized to provide books for the underprivileged.

ILLINOIS

Charles Marshall, '51 and his wife, Millicent, recently established a record-setting endowment for the University of Illinois Library. In recognition of the gift and the couple's long-standing support of the University and the Library, the the Library plans to name the east foyer of the Library as the Charles and Millicent Marshall Library Gallery.



Originally hired by AT&T when he was 24, Brother Marshall served as vice president at Illinois Bell and Southwestern Bell and chief operating officer of Illinois Bell. In 1981 he became executive vice president in charge of planning for deregulation at AT&T and later went on to become chairman and CEO of American Bell and AT&T Information

Systems. He retired in 1989 as vice chairman at the coporate headquarters of AT&T although he continues to serve on five corporate boards. Brother Marshall was named Delta Chi of the Year for 1993.

JACKSONVILLE STATE

William A. Meehan, '72 has been named as the 11th president of Jacksonville State University. After beginning as a biology instructor, Meehan worked as director of academic advisement. He became assistant to the vice president for academic affairs, then acting vice president and, later, associate vice president for academic and student affairs.

MIAMI

James Nesper '57 received the Kiwanis Hixson Award for chairing a rummage/antiques/collectibles sale in which the Kiwanis made \$55,000. It is believed to be the largest sale of its kind in the country.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

Raymond C. Lenzi, '68, director of economic and regional development at Southern Illinois University Carbondale was named as the University's acting vice chancellor for institutional advancement. Institutional Advancement at SIUC comprises the SIU Foundation, the



SIU Alumni Association, Public Affairs, and Special Events and Projects. Chancellor Jo Ann E. Argersinger made the appointment, and said Lenzi's strengths will provide a firm foundation for fundraising, a key advancement activity.

"During his tenure at SIUC he has increased grant awards for economic development projects by more than 500 percent, and the Dunn-Richmond facility (the University's small business incubator) has been filled to capacity," she said.

Lenzi believes his new duties are a logical extension to those he's had with external groups and says he is ready for a new challenge.

"This is an exciting opportunity to contribute to the future growth of the University that I know and love so well," he said.

"I'm humbled by this opportunity and firmly committed to bringing energy and imagination to the task. I would hope to expand on all the positive Southern Illinois contacts and build a broader partnership base to support the University's mission."

Lenzi returned to SIUC from Missouri three years ago to lead SIUC's office of Economic and Regional Development. At the University of Missouri-Columbia, he was a tenured associate professor and taught courses on community development and rural issues. He also founded and directed an outreach center there.

Calling All Delta Chi Members



Beginning June 28th, representatives of Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company, Inc., will start phoning members for the verification phase of our Delta Chi Membership Directory project.

Much of the information to be verified on each individual's listing will be going into the directory, including name, chapter, residence and business information. The directory will sort by chapter, alphabetically and by geographical location in separate sections of the book.

Soon, locating fellow members will be as easy as turning a page with the Delta Chi Membership Directory. You may reserve your personal copy when your Harris representative phones, but don't delay because only prepublication orders at that time will be guaranteed. The phoning will extend through August 23, 1999 and the absolute last date for any changes to the information to be printed in the directory will be August 30, 1999.

Tentatively scheduled for release in January, 2000, the Delta Chi Membership Directory promises to be the definitive reference of our members. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of it!

KEEPING IN TOUCH

FAREWELL & PARTING

*These men have lived amongst us for a time, and we have been honored to call them Brothers.
Now they are gone and we bid them a fond farewell at this parting.*

CHICO

Born to Brother and Mrs. **H. Kit Miyamoto** '89, a daughter, Naomi Anne, on February 28, 1999.

EASTERN ILLINOIS

Born to Brother and Mrs. **Dan Noble** '90, a son, Erik Daniel, on February 25, 1999.

GEORGIA TECH

Brent Robert Nitschke '99, married to Beth Jacquin on December 12, 1998.

Karl D. Riddett '01, married to Chandler Kritsky on December 19, 1998.

GORHAM STATE

Jimmie Baccon, Jr. '94, married to Tracie Bergeron on January 10, 1998. Jimmie is currently a deputy sheriff for Yourk County in Maine.

LIVINGSTON

Born to Brother and Mrs. **Paul Pugh** '92, a son, Evan Garrett, in December 1998.

Greg Siavelis '96, married to Heather Jordan on December 19, 1998.

Born to Brother and Mrs. **Bryan Lorenz** '97, a son Christopher Andrew, on January 11, 1999.

Mark Marchant '98, married to Miranda Rivers on December 19, 1998.

MARQUETTE

Born to Brother and Mrs. **Todd Frederick** '90, twins, daughter Megan Elizabeth and son Ryan Michael, on January 2, 1999.

MASSASSCHUSETTS

Matthew Keeling '94, married to Naomi Ferris on February 3, 1999. Matt is a financial planner in Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

MISSISSIPPI STATE

Born to Brother and Mrs. **Kevin Nurre** '88, a son, Nicholas Paul, on March 25, 1999.

Born to Brother and Mrs. **Jim Weems** '88, twin daughters, Rebecca and Rachel, on January 8, 1999.

Born to Brother and Mrs. **Jamie Mahne** '96, a son, Jackson Joseph, on February 17, 1999.

NEW HAVEN

Born to Brother and Mrs. **David Gregory** '92, a son, Robert Gregory, on February 17, 1999.

Jeremiah McElligott '99, married Jody Festa on December 19, 1998.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE

Born to Brother and Mrs. **John K. Mason** '91, a daughter, Caitlin Breanna, on April 17, 1999.

ARIZONA

James Mellinger '98, July 31, 1998

Lawrence Nelson, Dec. 13, 1998

CENTRAL MICHIGAN

Dennis D. Reynolds '75, March 31, 1999

CORNELL

John James Murray '37

DEPAUW

Dr. Fred Cheist '34, Dec. 28, 1998

James Dickerson '40, January 2, 1999

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Hubert L. Childers '71

GORHAM STATE

Scott Avery '97, Oct. 31, 1996

ILLINOIS

A. E. Patton '21

Roger A. Lowe '32, Nov. 1998

Eugene C. Bauer '37

Don R. Harper '37, Sept. 3, 1998

LaVern W. Pointer '39

Ken Figan '43, Sept. 20, 1998

Albert Wilson '49, Oct. 1997

John B. Tingleff '57

ILLINOIS STATE

Tim Fields '85, March 9, 1999

IOWA STATE

Laverne L. Kaltoft '50, September 22, 1995

KANSAS

Lester Vogel '29, Dec. 25, 1998

Ray Heskamp '39

Jamieson R. Vaughan '49

James Brown '51, Aug. 8, 1998

John Killinger '52, March 11, 1999

Gordon Cummings '53, Feb. 1999

KENT STATE

Joe Schimizzi, March 10, 1999

LAKE FOREST

Leigh Allen Cord '57

NORTH TEXAS

C. Brent Kennedy '92, married to Shannon Rene Morris, on February 26, 1999.

NORTHEAST MISSOURI

Born to Brother and Mrs. **Douglas Less** '93, a daughter, Mackenzie Nicole, on February 1, 1999.

NORTHERN IOWA

Born to Brother and Mrs. **Wade A. Round** '89, a son, Jacob Wilson, on March 23, 1999.

Born to Brother and Mrs. **Lincoln Schmeiser** '93, a daughter, Elizabeth Elaine, on November 13, 1998.

LEHIGH

Bruce Chiccine '54, March 1999

Roger Mason '57, Oct. 18, 1998

LONG BEACH

Peter D. Harney '75

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Gleim Burkhart '34 Dec. 18, 1997

Charles Perrill '34, Jan. 11, 1999

Richard K. Ewing '46, Jan. 1995

Newell Preston '65 Jan. 1996

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George Thum '39, Mar. 17, 1999

William L. Meuleman '40, March 8, 1999

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Robert R. Cottrell '28

Donald Courtney '28

James Lemon '28, June 27, 1996

Theodore F. Loeb '31

Harry M. Cooper '32

Walter M. Eller '36

Melville A. Cochran '38

John K. Farrar '39

Ray Kreager '39, Oct. 25, 1996

Ed Jados '40, April 29, 1996

Harold E. Goncher '47

Edward Traub '47, April 2, 1996

John B. Harshman '48

George Dailey '49, Jan. 31, 1998

James A. Shealy '49

Noel L. Green '55, Sept. 5, 1998

Richard Hill '58, March 13, 1996

OKLAHOMA

Bill James Massey '54

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William Endow '58, Mar. 29, 1998

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Egerton Brown '27, May 29, 1998

Harold Boylan '54, March 11, 1999

Born to Brother and Mrs. **David Kuehner** '99, a son, Jonathan David, on May 18, 1998.

OLD DOMINION

Born to Brother and Mrs. **Andy Pendleton** '97, a son, Thomas James, on March 19, 1999.

PURDUE

Born to Brother and Mrs. **William E. Humphrey** '85 a son, Trevor Mark, on May 3, 1999.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Born to Brother and Mrs. **Brian Slagle** '97, a son, Ethan Jay, on January 15, 1999.

David W. York '57
Judge Larry G. DeKoning '68

PENN STATE

Eric von Hausswolff '26
Robert Ott '56, Feb. 27, 1998

PURDUE

Roy Clifton '28, Feb. 3, 1991
Forrest Orr '32, Feb. 28, 1999

Melvin A. Fisher '45, December 19, 1998

Robert Ferrari '52, April 17, 1998

William Ross '52, Dec. 29, 1998

William Swanson '53, February 18, 1998

Duane D. Fites '55, March 1999

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Michael G. Nadoski '99, March 21, 1999

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Art Randorf '31, Nov. 17, 1998

Edgar Jack '36, Nov. 1998

Richard Egan '49, Feb. 24, 1999

TEXAS

W. L. Foster '28, Oct. 25, 1998
Paul Werner '34, Feb. 1, 1999

TRI-STATE

Alan Rauh '69, Feb. 9, 1999

UCLA

Palmer Campen '42, Oct. 14, 1998

WASHINGTON

Thomas F. Hargis '45
David Phifer '55, May 21, 1997

WAYNE STATE

James B. Bodenstedt '68, September 17, 1998

WEST LIBERTY

Dominic T. Pucci '88, 1995

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

Brad Cole '91 was recently elected to serve as a Carbondale, Illinois, City Councilman.

WASHINGTON STATE

Michael Majestic '90, married to Danielle Marguerite Pommer on March 20, 1999.

WESTERN MICHIGAN

James P. Bernthal '95 has been promoted to Captain in the Marines and is flying the AV-8B Harrier.

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