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Alpha Delta Perseveres, Pushes Forward With Second Pledge Class

By Greg Conner '05

Fall 2006 has been an up and down struggle for Alpha Delta. Since starting the semester with 13 members living in the chapter house, Theta Chi has seen both failure and success, cumulating in the induction of 25 new members this fall.

“To say this semester has been easy is about the furthest thing from the truth,” said Jimmy Cox '09, Chapter President. “I think we’ve experienced the lows of the lows and the highs of the highs. But we all knew going in that rebuilding this chapter would not be an easy task.”

As was outlined in the last edition of this publication, Alpha Delta evicted 10 out of the 13 undergraduate members living in the chapter house in October. It was not an easy decision but one that had to be made for the betterment of the chapter.

“We all must be onboard with the notion that we can’t halfway rebuild Alpha Delta,” said Rick Conner '76, House Corporation Treasure. “None of us are interested in a temporary fix or simply recruiting bodies to pay the bills. The only way we are going to secure the future of Theta Chi at Purdue University is to rebuild with men that whole heartedly believe in the direction we are trying to take Alpha Delta in. We must have young men that are engaged in our brotherhood and the ideals of this fraternity.”

Since the evictions in October, Alpha Delta has persevered and experienced the start of what promises to be a successful second half of the school year. In November Alpha Delta initiated six new members to our brotherhood. These men have demonstrated through their actions and commitment that they have what it takes to move Alpha Delta forward.



Theta Chi is For Life Fr. Phil Bowers '75 addresses the new member class on December 7th.

Since their initiation, each one of these members has taken up residency in the chapter house, as well as taken a leadership position within the chapter.

Additionally, Alpha Delta inducted its second new member class of the semester on November 30th. This 19-member class, which will be initiated in February, is probably the single biggest success story of the fall semester.

“Ending the semester on such a high note has done wonders for the confidence of everyone involved in the rebuilding process,” said Conner. “It’s not only proved to us all that we can recruit outstanding new members in an alcohol free environment, but more importantly it’s demonstrated to everyone that our brothers living in

the house have what it takes to truly move this chapter forward.”

SEND RUSH NAMES NOW!

This may be the most important year for RUSH in the history of Alpha Delta. Please send us your recommendations for new brothers. There is no doubt the best brothers typically have been recommended by our own.

Send names to:
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Alpha Delta Finds New Recruiting Channels

By Jimmy Cox '09

In addition to the traditional channels of finding potential new members such as alumni and sorority referrals, open rush parties, and general word of mouth, Alpha Delta’s current undergraduate members have found much success from a completely different source – the Purdue Dean of Students

Each semester the Purdue Dean of Students receives requests from a number of different groups of students wishing to form their own fraternity or sorority. Many of these students are seeking an environment where they can immediately gain leadership opportunities and make an impact. For a variety of reasons these students have not found what they are looking for in Purdue’s Greek community. Whether it be concerns about hazing, alcohol or scholastic achievement, these students have sought to start their own organization – a task not easily accomplished.



This semester a group of roughly 30-40 freshmen guys set out to start their own fraternity. The pack which began as a small study group in August, eventually grew in numbers to an organization that was meeting regularly for social as well as academic and philanthropic reasons.

On November 2nd the group met with our undergraduate members as well as Brian Kavicky '94, Chapter Advisory Committee, Greg Conner '05 Foundation Chapter, and two members of Theta Chi National Fraternity. The meeting went extremely well and it was quickly discovered that many of the young men were looking for an organization very similar to Theta Chi.

Over the course of the next three weeks Theta Chi extended 20 bids to members of this group, of which 18 were accepted (2 accepted bids came from new members not associated with the group).

"I think what is exciting about this new member class, is that it shows that our brothers are not content with the way fraternities traditionally go about finding potential new members," said Kavicky. "It shows that they are truly committed to finding the best caliber guys possible and that they are going to truly be selective in who they extend bids to.

Full Speed Ahead A group of Theta Chi Alumni were present at the new member dinner on December 7th. From left to right, Kyle Evans '05, Brian Kavicky '94, Charlie Drane '76, Dave Lach '94, Angelica Ruvarac, House Director, Fr. Phil Bowers '75. Not Pictured Greg Conner '05.

There is no question that the young men that make up this new pledge class are some of the brightest and most talented we've seen in a long time."

Theta Chi Executive Director – Dave Westol Resigns

From Theta Chi Press Releases

The Grand Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity has accepted the resignation of Chief Executive Officer David L. Westol, effective December 18, 2006 and Chief Operating Officer Andrew Robison effective December 22, 2006. The Grand Chapter recognizes Westol and Robison's longtime service to the Fraternity and their significant contributions to the organization. Dave has served as CEO/Executive Director for the past 17 years, making his tenure the second longest in Theta Chi history. Through four decades of volunteer and professional service, he received almost every Theta Chi award and numerous interfraternal awards.

Robison has been with Theta Chi since 2005. Prior to coming to work for Theta Chi, Robison served as an Assistant Dean of Students at Purdue University.

Chief Financial Officer James L. Powell will provide the necessary continuity in the operation of the International Headquarters.

A search committee will immediately initiate a process to identify a successor for this important leadership roles. This committee, chaired by National Vice President Michael P. Maloney, is composed of past National Presidents, and a representative from the Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity and the Norwich Housing Corporation.

Theta Chi Fraternity is committed to providing a positive fraternity experience for its members as well as supporting the academic mission of our host institutions. With this leadership change, the Grand Chapter reaffirms its support of prudent risk management practices, Alcohol Free Housing and anti-hazing policies.

Contributions can be Tax Deductible

By Rick Conner '76, House Corporation
Treasurer

Alpha Delta needs money! Anything you can give (\$50, \$100, \$1,000, \$5,000) will help us bridge the gap between now and next Fall when we have many more brothers paying rent. Without your help we will not get there.

If tax deductibility is not important to you your contribution helps Theta Chi most if you give to the House Corporation. Make checks payable to Theta Chi and send to 7260 Shadeland Station #175, Indianapolis, IN 46256.

If tax deductibility is important to you then make your check payable to the Theta Chi Foundation and send to the same address. The Foundation can also receive appreciated stock. If you are interested in this option please contact Rick Conner at 317-691-4623 or at rconner@amercons.com.

Rebuilding a chapter is expensive, but it is the right thing to do to preserve our place at Purdue and to move us to the next generation of Fraternity living and values.

NEWS FROM THE BROTHERS

Dear Brothers,

Hope all is well. Given the financial status of the Alpha Delta Chapter, and recent challenges, I wanted to forward the remaining balance of my original agreement. I hope this helps with the rebuilding process and keeps our house and brotherhood strong.

As for news on my end, I got engaged this year to an incredible woman. Our wedding will take place next April in Cleveland. She will move to Chicago shortly thereafter. Our address for the next 5+ years will be 3338 N. Racine Ave., Chicago, IL 60657. I'm still based out of Chicago and work for Capgemini as a consultant (Manager level).

Go Boilers!
Brad Durst '96

Brothers,

Thank you for the incredible support with rebuilding process of the Alpha Delta Chapter. While it was disappointing to hear of the dismay, it is equally humbling to see the character and effort of those who care enough to rebuild. While I'm unable to assist due to location, I hope this small token of a donation will help the house.

Please let me know how I can be more helpful.

Sid Yu '84

Brothers,

Thanks to all involved in "righting" the ship and getting it going in the right direction. We all appreciate you efforts.

My new address is 5801 Nicholson Lane, Rockville, MD 20852

Ron Nestor

BIRTHS

- Keaton Dolick
The proud parents are Becca & Drew Dolick '96

CHAPTER ETERNAL

James W. Janosek '51

Snake Bites

Initiation Ceremony Held at IHQ

This semester's Initiation Ceremony was held at the International Headquarters of Theta Chi Fraternity in Indianapolis. To the best of anyone's knowledge this is the first time in the history of the Alpha Delta Chapter that an initiation ceremony has not been held on the Purdue campus. With the help of the headquarters staff and nine local alumni, the ceremony was conducted in a very professional manner and was undoubtedly one of the most memorable in recent years. Plans are already under way to schedule the next initiation to be conducted at IHQ.

"Having the ceremony at the National Fraternity helps in two respects," said Rick Conner '76 House Corporation Treasure. "Not only does it provide a venue for a very memorable ceremony, but it also allows for more of our local alumni to be present and thus make it a very special occasion for our new brothers."

Undergrads In Line To Receive Award

Alpha Delta's total of 25 inducted new members has the chapter in the running for Theta Chi's Holland Award, which given out to the chapter that recruits the most new members.

Community Service Event at US-Open

The undergraduates have made the commitment to participate in at least one community service event each month. Most recently the undergraduates volunteered at the United States Open Swimming Meet which was held at the Boilermaker Aquatic Center in November.

Your Classmates Want to Hear From You!!

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