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Delta Chi Celebrates Three Major Milestones 50 Years at MSU, House Dedication, and Chapter Chartering

The weekend of October 4 - 6, 2013, was very memorable as 70 alumni returned to Starkville to celebrate our 50th Anniversary Reunion and participate in the dedication of the new house on campus. At the same time, representatives of Delta Chi International Fraternity officially announced the upgrade of the colony to chapter status. The 50-year journey has not been without challenges, but Delta Chi has persevered because of the strong character of active and alumni members who have worked together because all believe that "great advantages are to be derived from a brotherhood of college and university men."

The celebration began Friday night with a banquet at Starkville Country Club. Over 125 guests attended the dinner, including five of the 26 charter members from 1964. A special thanks to Betty Lynn Hunt, wife of **David Hunt '64**, who was in charge of decorations.

Chris Strohm '85, Alumni Association (DXAA) President, acted as Master of Ceremonies. **Robert Hubbard '88**, DXAA VP for Development, facilitated the history of the chapter with the help of alumni from various eras. David Hunt '64 and **Johnny Mack Morrow '65** told the story of how Delta Chi began on campus and reminded everyone of the influence of **Mickey Putman '64** and **Gene Hansen** both of whom are now deceased. **Charlie Foretich '86** spoke about the colonization effort in the fall of 1983 and adversities (burst water pipes) that brought the colony together. **Skip Manuel '98** spoke about the strength of the chapter in the '90s and early '00s with President's Cup wins in 1994 and 2002 and the Stephen D. Lee Award received for the top fraternity at MSU in 2001.

Justin Sherman, executive director of Delta Chi International Fraternity, and Chris Kilroy, regent for Region 8, were present to witness the chartering ceremony. **Miles Washburn "AA"** read the chartering proclamation and stated, "Chartering is not what's important, building a good chapter is. Alumni, your commitment to the colony does not end with this chartering ceremony, it is only beginning. Actives, you should always be looking forward, towards improvement." Chapter "A," **Frank Chandler '15**, graciously accepted the charter and promised that the chapter would carry on the strong tradition of Delta Chi at MSU

John Hairston '87, Co-Chair for The Campaign for Delta Chi and ABT VP, received the *Lustrum Alumni Award* for outstanding service to Delta Chi and spoke about the inspiration he received from **Michael Case '89** who handled his fragile health with great courage until his premature death in 1992.

Ray Carroll '87 and **Stephen Sansing '01** gave inspiring testimonies



Active members and alumni gather to celebrate the House Dedication and Chapter Chartering and participate in a special ribbon cutting ceremony.

about the impact of Delta Chi on their respective lives before all alumni, actives and associates sang "The Bond of Delta Chi." Entertainment for the banquet was provided by **Ron Sennett '67**.

Over 150 alumni, actives, friends and family attended the house dedication on Saturday. Lunch was catered by Bulldog Deli. Actives led house tours and alumni leaders spoke about the challenges overcome to make the day a reality: closing the chapter and selling the North Jackson House in spring 2011; purchasing a fraternity house without a fraternity in August 2011; embarking on the ambitious *Campaign for Delta Chi: A Cornerstone for Brotherhood on Campus*; and recolonizing a fraternity whose brand had been diminished.

Lead campaign donors **John Hairston '87** and **Stacey Goff '87** shared the honor of cutting the red ribbon.

Following the house dedication, various alumni hosted pre-game tailgates. **David Hunt '64** hosted alumni from the 1960s, **Sam Shepard '73** and **Brian Harris '07** hosted alumni from the 1970s, 1990s and 2000s. **Chris Strohm '85** hosted alumni from the 1980s.

The common theme of the weekend was a sense of awe and gratitude. All Delta Chi's are truly pleased with what has been accomplished and thankful to all who have contributed to the success of Delta Chi at Mississippi State University. The joint effort required for these achievements truly exemplifies that Delta Chi is indeed "The Brotherhood of a Lifetime." Additionally, everyone agreed that Delta Chi is well positioned for unprecedented success over the next 50 years and beyond!

Save the Date

- The 1st Annual Delta Chi Golf Tournament is scheduled for Elm Lake Golf Course in Columbus, MS, at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 26, 2014. Baseball game vs. Texas A&M starts at 2:00 p.m. that day. For more information, please contact **Joe Lawhorn** at joseph.c.lawhorn@gmail.com or (865) 207-3308.
- Super Bulldog Weekend is scheduled for Friday, April 11 - Sunday, April 3.

Chapter Initiates 11 New Members During Fall 2013

Brings active membership to 26

Mississippi State Chapter of Delta Chi now has 26 active members, thanks to a successful fall recruitment season. The chapter gained 17 new associates in its first official recruitment in the new house and initiated 11 of them into the Bond on November 11. All 26 members will return for the 2014-15 school year.

Looking to the future, alumni are encouraged to submit rush recommendations to **DJ Miller '15** at djm257@msstate.edu. Just like in sports, it's never too early to start recruiting, so names of high school juniors are welcome in addition to high school seniors.

The Alumni Board of Trustees (ABT) is working diligently to facilitate chapter success. Under the tutelage of ABT VP, **John Hairston '87**, the chapter has established a robust committee system to set goals and monitor success. The committees range from facility-related (landscape, fence, audio system) to chapter operations (financial management, Rush) to public relations (website development, family relations, sorority relations). Progress will be reviewed regularly by the chapter executive committee and the ABT.

2014 CHAPTER OFFICERS

"A"

D.J. Miller '15

"B"

Thomas Burnham '15

"C"

Ethan Cartwright '17

"D"

Gammon Long '17

"E"

James Weems '17

"F"

Nick Stewart '16



Delta Chi Mississippi State Active Membership

New Initiates:

Hayden Camp
Starkville, MS

Hayden Carroll
(son of Ray Carroll '87)
Collierville, TN

Alec Cartwright
Starkville, MS

Ethan Cartwright
Starkville, MS

Joe Harvey
Columbus, MS

Caleb Jordan
Arlington, TN

Gammon Long
West Paducah, KY

Shannon Manson
Brookings, SD

Josh Potts
Brandon, MS

Nick Stewart
Starkville, MS

James Weems
(son of Jim Weems '88)
Brandon, MS

The Mississippi State Chapter Active Brotherhood:

Tyler Arinder
New Albany, MS

Zach Anderson
Huntsville, AL

Cole Bacot
Diamondhead, MS

Brian Brotherton
Southaven, MS

Thomas Burnham
Perry, GA

Frank Chandler
Ruleville, MS

Joel Huddleston
Brandon, MS

Dan Jantsch
Gulfport, MS

Michael Joyner
Clarksdale, MS

D.J. Miller
Collierville, TN

Adam Mitchell
Southaven, MS

Jackson Rice
Huntsville, AL

Juan Rodriguez
Kosciusko, MS

Dylan Spencer
Hattiesburg, MS

Will Studley
Coventry, RI



The active brothers, along with two proud Alumni fathers, Jim Weems '88 and Ray Carroll '87 (seated in rocking chairs), gather for a picture in front of the Delta Chi house after the initiation ceremony.

Delta Chi Settles into New House

Twelve brothers call it home

Mississippi State Chapter of Delta Chi moved into its new house on August 1, 2013. Twelve brothers now call it home.

"The house is great," said former Chapter "A", **Frank Chandler '15**. "Alumni and active members have contributed a tremendous amount of time and energy performing general maintenance, painting and cleaning. Thanks to **Phil Parrish '89** and **Todd Wendling '86** for working on the furniture layout and bedding, respectively. We utilized the expertise of **Josh Ard '05** to equip the kitchen and the meal provider, Upper Crust, is now serving 15 meals per week. Finally, thank you to **Dr. Allen Butler '95** and **Ray Carroll '87** for donating TVs for the chapter room and lounge."

Additional household items needed include office furniture, filing cabinets, a desktop PC and Alumni Guest Room furniture. If you wish to donate items (new or used), please contact House Director **Brett Herring (Florida Chapter '11)** at brettaberring@gmail.com or (407) 538-1359.

The next facility priority is the development of the outdoor area.

Travis Swenson '94 is leading this initiative which will include landscaping, band party area, a fence, and possibly outdoor activity areas such as sand volleyball and/or basketball.



"Over \$50,000 has been spent to get the house ready for occupancy," said Building Corporation (DXBC) Treasurer, **Robert Hubbard '88**. "There was an unexpected \$12,000 in fire safety repairs and upgrades that had to be made. However, thanks to the success of the *Campaign for Delta Chi*, the DXBC is in sound financial position. Thank you to the alumni who have fulfilled their financial pledge as promised."

"I am very pleased with the accomplishments and appreciate the many alumni who have contributed not only financially but also something that is more precious – their time," reports DXBC President, **Phil Carroll '00**. "Without everyone's commitment to Delta Chi, this transition would not have gone as smooth as it has."

Update: 2013 Alumni Association Membership Campaign

Thanks to 56 generous donors, Delta Chi at Mississippi State University has raised \$6,527 for the 2013 Alumni Association Membership Campaign. Donations to the campaign help maintain the alumni relations program, host alumni and recruitment events and fund leadership training for active members.

The MSU Delta Chi Alumni Association is grateful to all of our donors for their support during 2013. As we enter the new year, please be on the lookout for our upcoming 2014 Alumni Association Membership Campaign. We look forward to continuing our chapter's success in 2014, and we are thankful to have such dedicated alumni support.

Visit www.msudxalumni.com to learn more about Delta Chi's ongoing campaigns and how you can help.

Thomas Burnham '15, D.J. Miller '15 and Frank Chandler '15 Receive Mickey Putman Scholarships

Since its inception in 2008, the Mickey Putman Scholarship Fund has grown to over \$14,000 in tax deductible gifts.

The Mickey Putman Scholarship Fund was created in memory of Mickey Putman '64, a founding father of Delta Chi at Mississippi State University. During his time at MSU, Putman was a cheerleader, Student Association treasurer and president and was selected Mr. Mississippi State University in 1964. The scholarship is awarded to Delta Chi actives who exhibit similar qualities to Putman, who passed away in 2006. **Thomas Burnham '15, D.J. Miller '15 and Frank Chandler '15** are the first beneficiaries of the Mickey Putman Scholarship Fund.

Thomas Burnham '15 is a junior from Perry, Georgia, majoring in political science and economics, with a minor in German. He has a 4.0 GPA and served as the colony "B" and recruitment chair. He is a member of the Golden Key International Honour Society, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and the German Club. He received a \$300 scholarship.

D.J. Miller '15 is a junior from Collierville, Tennessee, majoring in mechanical engineering and



"BB" Ben Bachman '04, (far right) presents the first Mickey Putman Scholarships to (L to R) Thomas Burnham '15, D.J. Miller '15 and Frank Chandler '15.

geology. He has a 4.0 GPA and served as the colony "E." He is a member of the Geology Club and the Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists. He received a \$200 scholarship.

Frank Chandler '15 is a junior from Ruleville, Mississippi, majoring in international business. He has a 3.6 GPA and served as the colony "A." He is a member of the International Business Club, the French Club and Conversation Partners. He received a \$200 scholarship.

To make a tax deductible contribution to the Mickey Putman Scholarship Fund, please visit the Delta Chi Educational Foundation website at www.dcef.com. Make sure to designate the donation as "Mississippi State CSA."

Breaking News: Charter Reinstated



Mississippi State is officially a chapter again! Miles Washburn "AA", Region VIII Regent, Chris Kilroy, and ABT President, Don Buffum sign the charter. Join us in congratulating the chapter on their successful year!

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By accessing our official alumni website you can:

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- Search for alumni
- Update your address, phone number and email address
- Find out about upcoming events
- Post noteworthy accomplishments (a new baby, a recent marriage, a recent promotion, etc.)
- Make a pledge to support the current campaign



Brother to Brother

Douglas T. Wert '89 is the head golf professional at Oakcreek Country Club in Sedona, Arizona.

John E. Ball '91 recently moved back to Starkville and is an assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering at MSU.

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Honoring the Hansen Family

Eugene Hansen (Illinois Chapter '50) passed away on January 30, 2013, at the age of 86. He was a founding member of Delta Chi at Mississippi State University.

Hansen graduated from the University of Illinois in 1950 and began a career in architecture. He served as the first "BB" for the chapter and created the vision of an on-campus house with architectural renderings. His wife, Elaine, served as the de facto house mom while hosting many chapter events at their home. Brother Hansen's mother really was the House Mom for several years at the house on Lafayette Street

"Gene was truly the glue that helped us succeed," says **Tom Stovall '67**. "He was dedicated to Delta Chi and attended many alumni events." **Milton Sandy '66** added, "If it hadn't been for their support, there is no question Delta Chi would not be moving into the 3rd largest house on campus."

To honor the Hansen family legacy, the charter members from 1964 are pooling their donations to the *Campaign for Delta Chi* for the purpose of naming the house director suite after the Hansen family. Thus far, \$9,700 has been pledged from four of the 21 living charter members, and Mrs. Hansen added \$1,000. An additional \$9,300 is needed to name the suite. To contribute to this donation, please donate online at www.msudxalumni.com or contact **David Hunt '64** at (662) 902-7195 or drh@drhuntlaw.net or **B.J. Johnson '64** at (314) 308-0485 or bjjohnsoncpa@sbcglobal.net.



1960s alumni enjoy holding the ribbon with Elaine Hansen, widow of the first "BB", Gene Hansen



1980s alumni celebrate the house dedication; (L to R) Robert Hubbard '88, Chris Strohm '85, Reggie Moore '85 and Phil Parrish '89