



Kimball's Corner

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30 Years in the Left Field Lounge



DX trailer circa 1990.



The DX trailer in 2017.



Delta Chi will have a spot on the back row of the new "rigs" in right field.

Delta Chi has been enjoying Bulldog baseball from our trailer in left center field since 1988. With the renovation of Dudy Noble Field, our new location will be alongside other fraternities in the right field area. The Delta Chi Alumni Association (DXAA) owns the spot and was consulted on the design of the new area. DXAA leaders chose the four-tier option. The cost of the spot has increased significantly to \$2,000 per year from \$375. Annual contributions to the DXAA from alumni make this possible.

Delta Chi's presence in the Left Field Lounge (LFL) began in 1988 when the family of **Johnny Cooper '90** donated their LFL spot and a homemade grandstand on the back of an old pickup truck to Delta Chi. **Robert Hubbard '88** remembers, "That old pickup withstood a heavy load when MSU set the on-campus attendance records at Super Bulldog Weekends in 1988 and 1989. I remember it swaying and squeaking, but we survived."

A new trailer was built prior to the 1990 season thanks to the construction expertise of **Steve Ashmore '92**. It survived for many years and was stored in the offseason at the DX house.

Some great Delta Chi cooks have exhibited their culinary skills over the years: **Wes "Uncle Buck" Wilmoth '91**, **Brian Harris '07**, and **Joe Lawhorn '05**, to name a few.

Fans in the LFL are well known for their heckling abilities. No doubt that **Tom Massey '88** will forever be known as Delta Chi's #1 abuser of the opposing center fielder.

Delta Chi in the LFL has been a great tradition for the last 30 years, and now a new era begins in 2018. Please help fund this tradition with an annual donation to the MSU Delta Chi Alumni Association.

Chapter Operations Workshop Review



ABT VP John Hairston '87 mentors the Chapter.

The weekend of November 10-12, 2017, the Alumni Board of Trustees (ABT) and the Delta Chi Building Corporation (DXBC) hosted a successful Chapter Operations Workshop. **John Hairston '87**, **Robert Hubbard '88**, **Chris Strohm '85**, and **Joe Lawhorn '05** presented informative sessions on academics, rush, financial management, and housing, with nearly 100% participation by actives and associates. Additionally, several alumni from the '90s were in attendance and contributed to the discussion: **Travis Swenson '94**, **Dave Edwards '93**, **Chris Hester '93**, **Chris Smith '98**, **Brian Sullivan '94**, and **Rick Bethay '93**.

The workshop resulted in specific goals for the chapter related to class attendance, GPA ranking among fraternities, philanthropy, campus involvement, chapter growth, and house occupancy. Achievement of the goals will be carefully measured and monitored by the ABT.

Contributions to the 2017 Alumni Association Membership Campaign not only made this event possible, but allowed the Delta Chi Alumni Association (DXAA) to sponsor a dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday.

Mississippi State Delta Chi Successfully Hosts 2017 Regional Leadership Conference

The 2017 Regional Leadership Conference (RLC) held March 3-5 was a great success. Nearly 150 members from 23 chapters and colonies were in attendance. We were honored to have Keith Shriver, executive director of Delta Chi, as well as "AA" Aaron Otto and "CC" Tom Carroll in attendance. Fifty-two new members of the 1890 Society represented \$2,603.30 raised for the Delta Chi Educational Foundation with matching gifts. This was the largest amount of money and new members of any RLC this year!

Members participated in sessions that discussed risk management, philanthropy, recruitment, chapter finances, men's health, and alcohol awareness. After a full day of activities, members joined the MS State chapter at the house for a cigar social.

Thanks to the generosity of the Alumni Association, members were able to donate money to the V Foundation. The Alumni Association also purchased \$500 worth of cigars for the members to enjoy. Overall, it was a fantastic weekend and everyone had a great time.



*RLC Co-Chairmen
Zach Howell '17 and Alec Chism '19.*



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Mississippi State Alumnus Begins New Leadership, Expansion Position with Delta Chi

Zac Howell '17 begins his new job as a leadership and expansion consultant with IHQ this semester. In this position, Zac will present lecture- and seminar-based discussions on topics such as recruitment, membership education, and chapter management.

"Coming onto staff has been a great decision," Zac said of his new position. "The entire team at

IHQ has been more than awesome to work with. I will always cherish the countless people from the Mississippi State chapter that made a lasting impact on my time in Starkville. I look at this as an opportunity to give back to something that gave me so much. If I can ever help or assist anyone in anything, please do not hesitate to let me know."

Update from the Chapter



The chapter ended the fall semester by hosting their annual Miss Greek MSU pageant in Bettersworth Auditorium at Lee Hall. An excellent panel of judges assisted with the event, including Dr. Regina Hyatt (the vice president of student affairs), Nick Fitzgerald (quarterback for our beloved Bulldogs), and Andy Cannizaro (the former head coach of our top 15-ranked Bulldogs baseball team). The pageant was emceed by Molly May (former Miss Maroon and White, Miss MSU, and second runner-up to Miss Mississippi) and **Alec Chism '19**. This year's Miss Greek crown went to Kylie Rae Tuttle of Chi Omega. The chapter successfully raised more than \$3,500 to benefit the V Foundation through this event.

On Friday, November 3, the chapter held a Mothers Weekend that started with a movie at the Starkville Movie Theater. They rented a screen for the brothers and their families to enjoy a movie and relax after their long trips. The following day



Left to Right: Molly May (former Miss MSU), Nick Fitzgerald (starting quarterback for MSU), Andy Cannizaro (former head baseball coach for MSU), Adrienne Morris (professional pageant judge), and Dr. Regina Hyatt (vice president of student affairs).

we had a mother/son tailgate prior to the UMass football game and then concluded the evening with a formal dinner for all the mothers (and families) before they headed back out of town on Sunday afternoon.

At the beginning of the spring 2018 semester, the brothers spent their day off from classes to give back to the community for the Starkville-wide Martin Luther King Jr. day of service. The chapter was divided into two separate groups to volunteer our time more efficiently. Half went to the Christian World Mission and assisted with hanging insulation and plywood sheets on the walls and ceilings. The other half went to the Brickfire Project and assisted with cleaning up trash, washing windows and tables, and putting together shelves.

The chapter is looking forward to hosting its annual campuswide Earth Ball Competition for the Jimmy V Foundation this spring.

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Upcoming Events _____

Mississippi State Baseball Opening Weekend, March 9-11: Mississippi State baseball plays their opening weekend versus Utah State. The chapter would like to invite alumni and family to the house for a crawfish boil, along with housing tours and a presentation of the state of the chapter and finances by **Mark Hodge '20** and **Jackson Laurence '20**.

The chapter is also planning an alumni and active brothers' golf outing toward the end of April. Exact date and costs TBA.

Super Bulldog Weekend, April 20-22: The DXAA will continue a tradition that began in 2006 with our sponsorship of a team in the Pig Cooking Contest. Last year's team won 1st place in Shoulders and 2nd place for Whole Hog! Team Sponsorships are available at \$500 (Title), \$300 (Presenting), and \$150 (Supporting). Look for more details in upcoming e-mails.

You Can Recruit! _____

Delta Chi wants a strong chapter on campus full of great young men to represent the fraternity well. If you have a son or a family friend who may attend Mississippi State, please send his name and contact information to msudxalumni@yahoo.com. You can help the chapter with future legacy recruitment by sending us the name and birthday of your son(s). The chapter will contact him at the appropriate time in the future.



The DXAA barbecue Team, surrounded by family, receives their trophies on the hallowed ground of Scott Field. Team members (left to right) included Trent Pinero '97, Herb Levy '94, Chris Farrell '95, Shan Carpenter '92, Cory Rawson, John Gonzales, Chris Hester '93, Mark Gonzales '94, Travis Swenson '94, Jamie Shepard '91, and Brian Sullivan '94.