



# KIMBALL'S CORNER

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## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REALIZES FIRST YEAR SUCCESS

By Robert Hubbard '88

*Interim President*

*MSU Delta Chi Alumni Association*

The MSU Delta Chi Alumni Association (DXAA) has had a very successful first year as we have made significant progress toward our goals and mission. First, we have facilitated an improved brotherhood among all Delta Chi's (alumni and actives) by publishing *Kimball's Corner*, sponsoring a Super Bulldog Weekend BarBQ Team, and hosting tailgate parties at The Junction. Additionally, an Alumni Board of Trustees (ABT) is being re-established this semester with DXAA member, **Lonnie Williams '96**, leading the effort as President. Our goal of donating annually to the Future Housing Fund will be met with an estimated gift of \$1,000 planned.

With the foundation laid by the 65 charter members for 2006, we must now look to the future. Our Annual Business Meeting will be held at Homecoming and permanent officers will be elected to 2-year terms. Announced candidates for the elected positions are current Interim VP, **Phillip Dobson '00**, for President and **Ben Bachman '04** for Secretary/Treasurer. All 2006 DXAA members are eligible to vote at the Homecoming meeting which

you can also attend via conference call.

The next few years are very critical for our fraternity, and the DXAA will provide the leaders and leadership to guide us. The ABT must become a viable entity to ensure that the chapter remains stable for the long term. Future housing is again being discussed with the purchase of the on-campus facility owned by Alpha Gamma Delta still a possible option. With that said, I strongly urge you to become a 2007 member of the DXAA and volunteer for a leadership role with the MSU Delta Chi Building Corporation (DXBC) or ABT. Both groups will be utilizing conference calls paid for by the DXAA, so trips to campus are not required to participate.

The current DXAA organization evolved from the desire of former DXBC President, **David LeBlanc '92**, to have more alumni support through personal involvement and monetary donations. I raised my hand to lead the effort to form this new support group and I have thoroughly enjoyed it because committed alumni support is vital to the future success of our beloved chapter. Therefore, I now ask you to do your part and join the MSU Delta Chi Alumni Association for 2007. In fact, if you join at or before Homecoming, you get a 20% discount off the \$50 dues! Let's get 100 members in 2007!



*The Delta BarBQ Brothers who finished in the Top 10 at the Super Bulldog Weekend BarBQ Contest:  
Mark Gonzales '94  
Robert Hubbard '88  
Phillip Dobson '00  
Chris Smith '96  
Travis Swenson '94*





## THOUGHTS FROM THE E

**"One year can certainly make a difference."**  
 --Brother Allen Simpson '87, former "A",  
 from the spring 1986 Kimball's Corner

This is my first submission into the newsletter, and given this fact, I decided to look to the past for inspiration. Thumbing through the old newsletters, I found the one containing Brother Simpson's article on how much the Fraternity had changed since re-chartering. As I read about the state of our Chapter in the mid-80's, I could not help but be reminded of our current state.

I was initiated this past fall at a time when our future was uncertain. By all means, we had hit hard times. Now, just one year later, our Chapter's future is looking much brighter. One of the most evident improvements is in the rekindling of a strong alumni relations program.

This fall the Alumni Relation program got off to a great start when Brother Phillip "Dobber" Dobson '00, Interim VP of the Delta Chi Alumni Association (DXAA), suggested that the Chapter and DXAA hold a joint tailgate party in the Junction each football game. In addition to assisting with uniting the Chapter and alumni, it has served as a great opportunity for informal rush as well as a recruitment tool for the DXAA.

After a summer of construction on campus, MSU has provided an exceptional venue for tailgating. Like a phoenix rising from the ashes, MSU tore up the road less affectionately known as "Malfunction Junction" and created a new "front lawn" to accommodate the hundreds of tents and thousands of tailgaters. With Brothers Brian Harris '06 and Andrew Pennel '09 in charge of the cooking, Delta Chi is taking full advantage of this new tailgating venue. Just look for the DXAA banner on our tents set up on the east side of the road that runs between Davis Wade Stadium and Dorman Hall.

Please make plans to stop by the tailgate, especially the West Virginia game for which big plans are being made. The Homecoming Open House will be another opportunity for you to stop by and renew old friendships.

Please feel free to call/email me if you have any questions, requests, or need help finding our tent. My cell phone number is (662)-617-2842 and my email address is Lunatidx@gmail.com. Also, please send any updated contact info to msudxalumni@yahoo.com.

I look forward to seeing you soon at the Junction or at the Delta Chi House.

ITB,  
 Jonathan Lunati "E", '09

## ALUMNI NEWS

- **J. Patrick Spainhour '72**, former Chairman & CEO of Ann Taylor Stores, was recently named Chairman & CEO of ServiceMaster, a Fortune 500 company.
- **Joseph J. "Dallas" Breen '01** married Lacey M. Williams on September 2, 2006 in Gatlinburg, TN.
- **Peter Hairston '93** and Laurie have two children: John age 5 and Ali age 20 months. Peter is a practicing Physician Assistant for Pinnacle of Orthopedics. He just finished his term as President for the Georgia Association of Physician Assistants.
- Born to **Trent Pinero '97** and wife Melissa, a son, Trent Wesley Pinero II, on February 22, 2006.
- Born to **Herb Levy '94** and wife Marjorie, a son, Vincent Russell Levy, on July 1, 2006.
- **Jose Rosado '91**, previously an associate with Deutsche Bank, is now a Vice President with The Royal Bank of Scotland's Leveraged Finance Group.
- **Phil Parrish '88** accepted an offer to be the National Account Manager for University Housing Management Systems with The CBORD Group, Inc.
- Born to **Mark Little '94** and wife Misty, a daughter, Lacey Elizabeth Little, on March 30, 2006.
- **Mark Simpson '03** married Kimberly Mitchell on July 8, 2006.
- Born to **Jason Storm '96** and wife, a daughter, Bethany Ann Storm, on July 18, 2006.



**ALUMNI NEWS (continued)**

- **Brian Boundy '00** has recently been commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army.
- Born to **Jason Holmes '99** and wife Laura, a daughter, Caitlyn Elizabeth Williams, on March 28, 2006.
- Born to **Patrick Westmoreland '00** and wife Shelley, a daughter, Hannah Ashley Westmoreland, on August 30, 2006.
- Born to **Jay Smith '01** and wife Shilo, a daughter, Addison Grace Smith, on September 2, 2006.

**MY MEMORIES OF DELTA CHI**

By **John M. Hairston '86**

When I first enrolled at MSU, my focus was on completing studies and getting on with my life. The idea of a fraternal association seemed a waste of money and time. I was responsible for funding my education; there was no check forthcoming to pay the monthly frat bill.

A couple of my closer friends asked me to come by the House one Friday afternoon. Delta Chi at MSU had just been re-colonized. It seemed a chance to be part of something special, a chance to actually leave a legacy behind for others to enjoy in the future. I agreed to become a pledge (I refuse to embrace the politically correct term of Associate Member!) of the Delta Chi MSU Colony.

Within a year, our Chartering Ball marked the permanent reestablishment of "the Delts" at MSU. My association with Delta Chi provided the opportunity to learn life lessons beyond just those that are taught in Engineering school. I learned to appreciate the complexity of dealing with diverse personalities and backgrounds. I learned that to reach a common goal, the arts of dealing with people meant more than technical or operating knowledge. I learned that force of personality is not as effective as patience, understanding, compromise, and listening when attempting to lead others. In short, I learned how to be a productive member of a team, regardless of the whether I was leading or supporting.

In a sentence, my years with as a Delta Chi at MSU helped me to develop skills in working with others to achieve a common goal. I fondly look back as those years, and frankly wish I could reverse the clock and do it all again. It would be good to spend time with Kimball once again.



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**JOIN US FOR HOMECOMING 2006**

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

**SATURDAY, October 7**

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| 9:30am - Noon  | Brunch and Open House                        |
| 10:00am        | DXAA Business Meeting at the Delta Chi House |
| Noon           | Tailgate Party at the Junction               |
| 1:30pm         | MSU vs Jacksonville State                    |
| Postgame       | Tailgate Party at the Junction               |
| 10:00pm - 'til | Band Party at the Delta Chi House            |

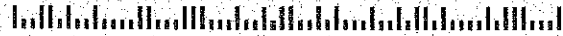
**SUNDAY, October 8**

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| Noon | Alumni vs Active Flag Football |
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**YES, count me in as a member of the MSU Delta Chi Alumni Association for 2007!**

- \$40 enclosed; early submittal by Homecoming, October 7
- \$45 enclosed; early submittal by November 15
- \$50 enclosed; full payment

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