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Alpha Eta Chapter of Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity at Ohio Northern University • Fall 2011

Homecoming Success and a Chapter Update

Homecoming 2011 was exciting and full of brotherhood spirit. It really hit home on multiple levels why we are all brothers of Delta Sigma Phi and what that really means at various points in our lives. The active brothers made alumni proud and many wives, girlfriends, children and pledges were able to witness what Delta Sigs are all about.

The *Loren C. Schoenberger Alumnus of the Year Award* was presented to **Thomas Hagan '61**, who was kind enough to make the trip to Ada to receive his award in person despite the cold and rainy weather. A nice introduction was given by **John Cotner '64**, one of the brothers that nominated Hagan for the award. The *James K. Dunn Scholarship* was awarded to **Kevin Carper '09**, Chapter Treasurer and Homecoming Chairman. Both Hagan and Carper were highly deserving of these honors. Hagan's acceptance speech focused on how he still cherishes the bonds he



Kevin Carper '09 receives the James K. Dunn Scholarship.

forged during his time at ONU, both within Delta Sigma Phi and externally. According to Hagan, "Those bonds, particularly the ones made with Delta Sigma Phi brothers, remain just as strong today as they were when I attended ONU."

Three new ACB members were nominated and elected. The ACB welcomes **Mike Donnelly '06**, **Garrett Gottlieb '07** and **Nick Workman '06!**

These new additions will bring "new blood" to the board and keep the ACB motivated for years to come.

On a sadder but heartwarming note, a bond eternal ceremony was performed for Brother **Chris "Ernie" Miller '76**, who passed away in 2011. The event took place on the front deck of the chapter house, with all brothers in attendance at Homecoming observing. It was a somber moment but brought to light that we are all brothers forever, not just while in college and not just while on this earth.

Financially, the ACB and chapter continue to improve. The focus over the next year is to use the donated funds for house improvements. While the housing issues with ONU are not 100% resolved yet, they are nearing the end with very little impact to the chapter.

The 2011 Annual Campaign has been a success and thanks to everyone who contributed. A donor list and campaign statistics are available on the alumni website, www.delta-sig.org. Please keep Alpha Eta in mind when the 2012 Annual Campaign kicks-off next August.

For a complete list of ACB members, updates from ACB meetings and other



Thomas Hagan '61

alumni and chapter events throughout the year, please visit the alumni website at www.delta-sig.org.

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**Save the Date:
Homecoming —
Saturday,
October 6, 2012!**

It's never too early to plan ahead. Save the date and join your Delta Sigma Phi brothers at the chapter house for ONU's Homecoming 2012!

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Alpha Eta Awarded Top Prize; Wins Pyramid of Excellence Award

Alpha Eta was presented the **Pyramid of Excellence Award** at the 57th & Biennial National Convention held in Orlando, Florida on July 28-31. Alpha Eta was one of only six chapters to receive the award.

The Pyramid of Excellence Award is presented annually to undergraduate chapters who have demonstrated excellence in all areas of fraternity operations in a given academic year, and through their collective contributions to the Fraternity and their host campuses exemplify the true spirit of our founders by personifying the Fraternity’s mission of building better men. Chapters are evaluated on academic and personal success, membership growth retention,

advisory support and management, responsibility and accountability, campus and community involvement, financial and administrative management and adherence to the official Ritual of Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity.

In addition, **Michael Spiller ‘07** and **Kevin Carper ‘09** received the **Order of the Sphinx Award** at the National Convention. The Order of the Sphinx is awarded biennially to undergraduate members who make outstanding contributions to their campuses, chapters and the national Fraternity. Members are nominated by their chapter or by a national officer in applauding their devotion and diligence to Delta Sigma Phi.

Delta Sigma Phi Welcomes 8 New Pledges



Alpha Eta’s new pledges.

As any fraternity knows, recruitment is the lifeblood of a chapter. The ability to bring in new members who are dedicated to academics, community and fraternity shows the strength of the chapter. Alumni and actives should be proud of a great recruitment this fall by the chapter’s leadership. After a busy rush week, Alpha Eta welcomed 8 new pledges.

Jason Cafarelli <i>Twinsburg, OH</i>	JJ Kim <i>Suwon, South Korea</i>	Tommy Smolarz <i>Colon, MI</i>	Kilian Tyson-Mayer <i>Detroit, MI</i>
Joey Ferraro <i>Middletown, OH</i>	Alex McMullen <i>Plain City, OH</i>	Jake Thellman <i>Beaver Falls, PA</i>	Drew Warren <i>Chagrin Falls, OH</i>

Upcoming ACB Meetings

(1:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted)
January 21, 2012 • April 28, 2012

Looking for Lost Brothers

Please visit the alumni website at www.delta-sig.org and review the list of ‘Lost Brothers.’ If that lost brother is you, or if you have information for a brother on the lost list, please submit updated information online. If you would like to contact someone directly, please send your information to **Matt Zeedyk ‘97** at zeedyk316@hotmail.com or call (330) 340-2778.



Alpha Eta Chapter and Alumni, Homecoming 2011

Donations Continue for the 2011 Annual Campaign

Thanks to the 43 donors who have already pledged their support, the Alpha Eta Chapter has raised \$7,255 for the 2011 Annual Campaign. Donations to the campaign provide funds to support the alumni communications program and finance minor house improvements, such as replacing the curtains throughout the house, painting the deck and hanging new bathroom doors.

Alumni who have not yet supported the 2011 Annual Campaign are encouraged to do so today. To donate, please visit www.delta-sig.org and click 'Support this Campaign.'

Donor List

\$7,255 pledged as of October 21, 2011

Pyramid Society

\$1,000 - \$5,000

Kenneth Geo Oberly '46
Loren C. Schoenberger '39

Sphinx Society

\$500 - \$999

Mark G. Carey '92
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\$250 - \$499

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Thomas Hall Galloway '69
Philip Brent Johnson '85

Lute Society

\$100 - \$249

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David Graham Martin '77

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Carnation Society

\$50 - \$99

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Websites and Newsgroups

Chapter Alumni Website: www.delta-sig.org

Do you have news you'd like to share with your brothers? Post interesting information about yourself online at www.delta-sig.org. Did you recently get married? Have a baby? Change jobs? Retire? Let us know. Post your news today.

Chapter Undergraduate Website: webstu.onu.edu/dsp

National Website: www.deltasig.org



Alumni gather in 2009 at Thomas Hagan's home in Covington, OH. Still some cool dudes!

Alumnus of the Year: Thomas Hagan '61

Written in his own words

Brothers,

THE BOND IS ETERNAL! I was just presented with the Delta Sigma Phi - Alpha Eta Chapter Alumnus of the Year Award for 2011 and I am honored to receive it.

I haven't been a very good alumnus to the chapter, only been back less than 10 times in the past 45 years, but I have had DSP in my heart since pledging in October 1960 with 12 of the best men I have ever had the privilege to know. We were just boys then, but we were the coolest rats that ever crossed the threshold at 534 S. Main St, Ada.

After graduating, we went our separate ways except for the weddings. Some of us kept in touch, but not so much. We all had jobs to do, families to raise, communities to serve. Once in a while, we would run into one or two brothers, but never a group. Whenever we contacted each other, we promised we

would get together someday.

One holiday weekend in December 2008, Brother **Gale Hauser '63** and wife, Judy, were close by in Dayton and came to visit me for the weekend. We had a great time and I said to Hauser, "Wouldn't it be great if we could all be together again just for a day....Wouldn't it be great." I don't know how many times I repeated that phrase over 40 years.

Hauser answered me and said, "Sure, but how about for a long weekend?" We then embarked on the task. We called the guys we knew and found some more through the University alumni office and it snowballed to become one of the greatest weekends in my life. We rounded up 27 guys (Delts and Delt buddies) and they all came to my house in Covington, OH. Some rolled in Thursday and the last guy left Monday. They came from California, Alabama,

Florida, Ohio, Colorado, Texas, Michigan, Arkansas, etc. We had the time of our lives! And even though we had brothers worth millions and brothers living paycheck to paycheck - it didn't matter. We were all 22 year old boys again. Nobody bragged, nobody tried to out-do anybody else, it was absolute magic.

Since that weekend, we are all in touch again, doing visits and dinners and emails and phone calls. The magic continues and I expect it will until the day I pass on. In fact, we are having another weekend in Florida this coming January.

I hope this provides some incentive for the younger DSP brothers to keep in touch. The bond is indeed eternal.

YITBOS,
Tom Hagan '61

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