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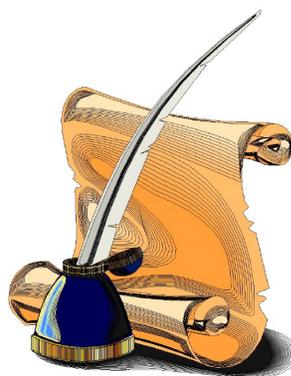
The Western Reserve Chapter of Delta Upsilon Fraternity publishes the Fifth Star biannually for alumni from Case Western Reserve University. Donations to help cover the cost of the 5th Star are always welcome! We can be reached by mail at Delta Upsilon Western Reserve Chapter, 11917 Carlton Rd, Cleveland, OH 44106. You may also contact the President of our chapter, Ryan Laubenthal, at President@cwruodelta.org or (440)-382-9720; or you can contact the VP of Alumni and Public Relations, Brian Widman, at VPPublicrelations@cwruodelta.org or (419)-262-3975

President's Pen

Brothers of Delta Upsilon, Already this academic year looks to be a promising one. Aside from a few setbacks from the currently understaffed CWRU Greeklife offices business is running smoothly and this year's fall rush has been quite successful. I am proud to inform you that 9 associate members will bring our total number of actives above the goal of 30 by the end of this semester. I strongly encourage that you read Gavin McGuire's Chapter Recruitment Continues Strong for more specific information on the subject of associate members.

One of my greatest goals for our chapter this semester is to help our brothers to be more involved in the Greek and non-Greek communities here at CWRU. This goal is most certainly on the track toward being fulfilled. Intramural sports participation is higher than past years and many of the semester's mixers and philanthropy events have been planned or already executed. In my years here at CWRU Delta Upsilon has by

no means been unaccounted for within the college community, but I still have the desire to boost our involvement to the point where we, as an organization, become as unforgettable to the community as we are to our members. The way I see it, we as a fraternity have no right to be selfish and keep the fine stock we select for our brotherhood away from a community that will most certainly benefit from them.



As always, our doors are as open as ever when concerning alumni. I encourage each and every one of you to stop by and see us if you can. We don't benefit simply from monetary donations, although we

do greatly appreciate them, we benefit most from your presence. Jim Henning, recipient of the 2010-2011 alumnus of the year award, is always involved whether it be help with an event or just hanging around the house on a Friday night and I speak for all actives when I say we would love to see more of you alumni around.

As I close I would like to inform you that CWRU Greeklife is strongly considering implementing a deferred pledging program that would prohibit all fraternities from bidding first-semester freshmen. The decision to implement the policy is currently being discussed at IFC biweekly meetings and I am aware that many of you may have an opinion on the matter so I strongly encourage you to email me at ryan.laubenthal@case.edu if you would like more information or wish to express opinions on the subject.

Fraternally Yours,
Ryan Laubenthal
President

Events of Interest

Initiation is November 11th

Founder's Day is November 12th

Retreat is November 19th

Chapter is held every Sunday at 6PM at the DU Chapter House

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Roll Book Dilemma

At Founder's Day last year, I had the unfortunate task of announcing the loss of our Roll Book. At that time, Bart Ziganti gave me photocopies he made of the old Roll Book in 2000. I undertook the task of finding a bindery to incorporate the photocopies

into a new Roll Book. I am pleased to announce that I have found such a place. The revived Roll Book, including signatures from before 1921 to 2000 should be ready in time for Founder's Day 2011. Now we begin the process of recreating the last 10 years of signatures.

Please spread the word: If you joined in the years 2000-2010, come sign the roll book!

Fraternally Yours,
Kevin Friis
Alumni President

Increasing Campus Involvement

Fall semester has started off with a great set of new members that are both motivated and enthusiastic about getting involved in the fraternity. For this semester I plan to have events involving the community and the university that will hopefully get us more recognition. I have been coordinating with one of the staff at the Center for Women in Mather to help out with events that they are conducting. I am planning a cultural event at the Mongolian Grill in Coventry where members will get to enjoy great Mongolian food and be educated about their culture. A lot of brothers have recently taken to weightlifting and fitness; for that reason I'm planning an event for the fraternity in which a coach or professional trainer comes in and gives a talk on

weightlifting and general health. Later this fall we will also be having our retreat in which the brothers will be able to discuss their thoughts on the fraternity and learn more about their brothers. The main goal of this retreat is to bring the fraternity together as a whole. We recently held our fourth annual Rave in which we were able to raise a substantial amount of money for the Boys and Girls Club of America. We had a great turnout and the venue looked great. For raffle prizes we gave away a sound system, a lava lamp (courtesy of Ryan Laubenthal), and an Amazon gift card. Ironically, all of the prizes were won by members of the Omega Tau Zeta sorority who helped out a lot with the set up.

We have a newly elected IM chair, Ian McCurdy, who has been doing a fantastic job keeping the chapter aware of the numerous intramural events. We are working to assemble a team for IM soccer and Ultimate Frisbee. We have also a newly elected Associate Member Educator, Kevin Corr. After chapter Kevin has been working with our associate members educating them on the values, principles, and history of Delta Upsilon to ensure that they are able to uphold the standards and pass on the rituals of the fraternity.

Fraternally Yours,
Lahiru Ranasinghe
Vice President of Member Education



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Study Hours Enforced

While the overall academic performance of the Delta Upsilon Western Reserve Chapter has improved over the past several semesters, this fall marks an integral time in reaffirming our scholastic dedication. While an impressive ¼ of the chapter achieved 4.0s this past spring, the overall chapter GPA decreased from a formidable 3.197 to just above 3.0. In the coming semester, we hope to assist those brothers that are struggling to improve their grades while encouraging those who have been performing well. Once again, our overall GPA goal is all-men's average.

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Fraternally Yours,
Colin Morlock
Vice President of Scholarship

Increased Service Hours

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center at Elks Lodge. In the near future, we will be participating in a pumpkin festival for kids in Chagrin Falls, as well as the KAT walk, which benefits abused and neglected children through CASA. As you can see, we are well on our way to doubling our service hours from last semester for the 1,000,000 minutes campaign. This will still be a formidable task, as we set a high bar last year with both community service and philanthropy; over 200 hours with over \$1100 raised.

Fraternally Yours,
Peter Dixon
Vice President of Service



Educating, Safely!

Delta Upsilon has remained strong in the front of justice for yet another semester. I can enthusiastically report that the Western Reserve chapter has continued its clean record of Zero Claims or Incidents. We continue to educate our newest members and pledges on how to approach crisis situations via the GreekLife.Edu web-based program. Unfortunately, we were recently charged with an invoice from IHQ for four members failing to complete this program on time. However, the four brothers in question had actually successfully completed the first portion of the program prior to these charges. We have addressed this and will ensure that no such issues will occur in the future due to lack of communication during winter and summer break.

Besides GreekLife.Edu, we have continued utilizing our campus's SMARRT ("Students Meeting about Risk and Responsibility Training)

program to educate our members. Additionally, in the previous spring semester we invited Sergeant Jeffrey Daberko of campus security to lead a discussion on safety precautions and campus emergency resources.

The chapter would also like to extend its sincerest gratitude to last semester's house manager and this year's resident "super-senior," Joseph Bashover. As a reminder for those not familiar with recent housing events, our chapter had been moved by campus housing into a building of smaller occupancy between the spring and fall semesters of 2010. Joe made an earnest effort to maintain our new home in an organized and presentable form throughout each day. Moreover, Joe was able to make numerous improvements by purchasing new furniture, blankets, and chapter equipment. Of course, none of this would have been possible were it not for an incredibly gener-

ous donation of over \$1000 from our alumni group. We wish to thank each and every one of you who selflessly aided in this charity. The brothers are excited for a happy, new year in our now-familiar home, and we welcome Michael Harrison to the house manager position.

Finally, Joshua Snyder, the chapter's "Data Wrangler," has recently finished some member-profile updates on the chapter's website. Josh will continue to provide further updates at www.cwrudeltau.org as we continue throughout the year and bolster our numbers with a new class of honorable men.

Fraternally Yours,
Daniel Chopyk
Vice President of Loss Prevention

Chapter Recruitment Continues Strong

This semester continued the streak of large recruitment draws for the Western Reserve Chapter of Delta Upsilon, with nine of twelve bids returned for the fall. Should our recruitment numbers remain as high as they have for the past few semesters the chapter is poised to see a significant increase in size in the future. Already with our new recruits present, seating at weekly chapter meetings is becoming limited: an inconvenience that we are certainly glad to experience. We gladly welcome Morgan Trent, Ken Akiki, Clay Kacica, Joe Kozak, Jason Ginn, Ryan Hilty, Ethan Rice, Vincent Paparella and Jackie Liu as our newest pledges. We look forward to getting to know them better over the coming weeks as they work their way towards becoming fully initiated members of Delta Upsilon.

We were glad to see that this group of new recruits welcomed a majority of returning

Case students. The four second-year and two third-year students that we inducted have proven to have an interest in joining DU specifically as well as firm interest in becoming active influences in determining the future of the chapter. Already accustomed to life at Case, these recruits have hit the ground running. Our first-year recruits as well have had a large influence on the face of the chapter, displaying an eagerness to learn from the brothers not only the workings of Delta Upsilon, but also of life at Case Western in general.

From our successes during this recruitment period we have learned a lot about which events and strategies are successful and which need improvement. With the dynamic nature of the chapter and our members' strengths, we have found that some events that were previously successful no longer work as well. We will use this knowledge in planning for future semesters' re-

ruitment. With the replacement of some of our less successful events with events more similar to the stronger ones, we may see even stronger recruitment numbers in the coming semesters.

We would like to thank all of the Alumni and others that helped us with this semester's recruitment, whether it be by showing up to the Boneyard or other events, monetary donations, or helping to secure our rush t-shirts. We could not have had as much success without your help, and as always appreciate the aid that helps rush to run smoothly year after year.

Fraternally Yours,
Gavin McGuire
Vice President of Recruitment

Message from the Editor

This semester has already been very active. With the increasing number of members we are really thriving as a chapter. We are able to operate more fully and exceed just the minimum requirements. Our social chair, Devin Miles, has already planned three mixers with sororities; one of which has already happened and was a great success with Alpha Chi Omega. We have also had many service opportunities and the rave was executed flawlessly just a week after rush finished! The best part is that the rest of the semester is only looking better.

We are really trying to plan everything earlier rather than later this semester and thus far

it is proving very successful. We already have the Faculty Luncheon in progress and decided it would be a good idea to co-host it with a sorority. We are collaborating with the sisters of Sigma Psi and the confirmed RSVP's has already exceeded last semesters amount by 10 professors. We will of course also try to maintain the Alumni Mentoring program provided there is an adequate amount of interest among the alum. For those unfamiliar, it allows newly initiated members the ability to have a more personal relationship with an Alum who has similar interests.

I encourage everyone to look to the front page and save the dates of Initiation and

Founder's Day. We have conveniently kept them on the same weekend for the out-of-town folks. All of the brothers would love to see everyone come out.

If anyone would prefer to have the 5th Star emailed to them in addition to or in place of mailing, please let me know! It would not be a problem at all. I will gladly take all and any requests regarding the 5th Star at bjw60@case.edu. Thank you for reading!

Fraternally Yours,
Brian Widman
Vice President of External Relations