



THE SCIMITAR

Delta Chi Fraternity at Kansas State University
SUMMER 2015



Left: Undergraduate brothers say farewell to the seniors at the senior send-off. Right: Undergraduate brothers formed a building crew to tackle projects such as new storage shelves in the basement.

THE HOUSE CORPORATION STRIVES TO ENHANCE THE UNDERGRADUATE EXPERIENCE

The House Corporation has been involved with the current chapter prior to the chartering of the new group. Our discussions with chapter members resulted in a direction for housing outside of the 23 members who live together in an apartment complex on Vattier. That direction was to purchase a small property to house a few members and all of our memorabilia. That was accomplished with the purchase of 1904 Grandview in November 2013.

We put down \$100,000 and financed the remaining \$150,000 through a mortgage with Commerce Bank. The property is cash flowing with four members living in, along with an assessment for the other chapter members. This leaves us with about \$240,000 in cash reserves from the sale of the Sunset property for future housing opportunities. The House Corporation is in the process of setting up a conservative investment account, with about \$100,000 of these reserves and about \$30,000 from the chapter, with our educational foundation president, **Carlton Getz '00**, at Winter Harbor Advisors.

The undergraduates have taken on a number of small repair and cosmetic improvement projects to make the house usable for the chapter. The House Corporation is planning some larger projects to the property that include tree trimming and removal, landscaping, and a second-floor bathroom renovation. We remember how much having a community living environment with a central location to hang composites and display awards meant to us as undergraduates. We will continue to work with the chapter to assist them in their housing needs.

As always, we welcome you to come back to campus and visit the chapter house. Please let chapter president, **Davis Millard '17**, know if you'll be stopping by and we will arrange a quick tour. This is your chapter house too!

Fraternally,
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In addition to building storage shelves in the basement, the undergraduate building crew installed a flag pole in the front yard.



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Thank You, Generous Brothers, for Supporting Delta Chi's Annual Campaign

During the spring 2015 campaign, 12 alumni and friends showed their enthusiastic support for the chapter by contributing \$1,885. The accomplishments and success enjoyed by the Kansas State Chapter are directly attributed to the ongoing and loyal support from the chapter's alumni relations efforts. Your gifts help the men of the

Kansas State Chapter not only today but well into the future! If an error has been made in recording the amount of your gift, we sincerely apologize. If corrections to your giving records are needed, please send them to hholcomb@penningtonco.com. Thank you, again, for your loyal support.

Leges Society
(\$1,000 and up)

- Michael K. Dichiser '95
- Jeffrey S. Tamasi '96
- Aaron A. Otto '98
- S. Matthew Killingsworth '02

Scimitar Society
(\$500 to \$999)

- Thomas D. Haney Jr. '70
- Dan C. Yunk '71

Martlet Society
(\$250 to \$499)

- Mark D. Alley '95

Red and Buff Society
(\$100 to \$249)

- Phillip D. McManus '63
- Brandon M. Konda '99

Brotherhood Society
(Up to \$99)

- C L. McFadden '65
- Nicholas A. Flentie '05
- Dustin I. Sharp '07

Contributors to the spring 2015 appeal are listed by their lifetime giving totals.

Success Driven by Passion

Major General Donald Jacka '72 Shares His Path to Achieving His Goals

As a result of his military upbringing, **Major General Donald Jacka '72** set his sights on being an officer in the Army. He joined the ROTC at Kansas State, which provided him with a route to become an officer. As a junior, he joined Delta Chi and built a strong bond of friendship and values through his brotherhood. Don earned his bachelor's and master's degree in political science from K-State and graduated as a second lieutenant. Upon the completion of his master's program, however, the Vietnam War was drawing to a close, and Don was unable to attain a full-time career in the military.

Despite the obstacles, Don followed his goal of being an officer and took on both a military and a civilian career. Don's career spanned from work with the Kansas Legislative Research Department to his role as the Secretary of Agriculture for Kansas. While he attained great success as a civilian, Don's military career grew as he earned several promotions in the U.S. Army Reserve. "The two vocations very successfully complemented each other. The leadership skills gained through my command experiences in the Army Reserve were transferable to my civilian career," Don said.

After a military career move to Des Moines, Don was selected as brigadier general, becoming the commander of a corps level logistics unit that was activated and deployed to Iraq in 2003 for 15 months. When Don returned with his unit, he was promoted to major general and employed as deputy director for Global Sustainment in the Logistics Directorate, J-4, of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the Pentagon. After 37 years of uniformed service, Don retired from the military. He continues his civilian career as a board member and the CEO of the Kansas Homestead Rehabilitation Corporation.

A great deal of Don's success can be attributed to his values and work ethic. He explains that the challenges he faced were only opportunities

to excel. Through his years at Delta Chi, Don strengthened his values of courage, honesty, and loyalty. "These traits were learned as one learns to treat one's brothers. Sometimes we needed to help each other through tough life lessons—this was always the standard employed with the Kansas State Chapter."



Among the wonderful memories of purple passion punch/spolioli, intramural sports, a three-decker bed, and Kimball the dog, Don's membership to Delta Chi taught him the importance of accepting those who were different from himself. Delta Chi greatly assisted Don in not only his development as a student, but also in his development as a man. He encourages younger brothers to follow their passions, despite the obstacles. "Follow your heart and do whatever it is that makes you happy. I followed my heart and did what many of my peers discounted greatly—my military career. Remember, you must be true to yourself. What society may frown on today, they may celebrate tomorrow." As an alumnus, Don hopes that his experiences, and the experiences of other alumni, can be passed on to the men of Delta Chi today.

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Don is married to his college sweetheart, Jan, "the prettiest girl in Alpha Xi Delta." They have two daughters, both of whom are Kansas State graduates. In his free time, Don likes to hunt, fish, mentor young people, and provide volunteer leadership to civic and military organizations. E-mail: mgjacka@khrc.kscoxmail.com



Brothers Make Tremendous Strides as a Chapter in 2014-2015

As the "A" President of the Kansas State Chapter, it gives me great pleasure to share with you all the ways in which our chapter has taken steps forward during the 2014-2015 school year. We were fortunate to send six undergraduate brothers to the 59th Delta Chi International Convention. We returned to Manhattan with new perspectives and a strong sense of pride. Our chapter advisor, **Aaron Otto '98**, was reelected as the international treasurer and our chapter was the recipient of an Award of Excellence, an honor only given to eight chapters internationally.

MEMBERSHIP

We gave a great deal of time and attention to recruitment this year. We experienced significant growth through the addition of our fall and spring associate member classes. We stand at 76 members strong, but still have hopes for another successful recruitment period this fall, as we had nine members graduate this spring.

ACADEMICS

We are proud to earn our third consecutive top 10 GPA ranking among the 25 fraternities at KSU. With the help of faculty advisor, Russ Murdock, and scholarship chairman, **Cameron Jurgens '18**, several new academic initiatives have been implemented, including study hours for



Brothers welcome their mothers for the annual Mom's Day Auction.



The Iota member class organizes a successful philanthropy event, Dunk a Delta Chi.



The Delta Chi brotherhood grows on the spring retreat.

associate members and increased requirements for members on academic probation.

PHILANTHROPY

With the success of four philanthropy events, we raised nearly \$2,500 to go to The V Foundation for Cancer Research. Our Delt Cocoa event, March Madness Challenge, Fish Fry, and Dunk a Delta Chi all raised funds for the V Foundation. The year was filled with enjoyable and successful events that allowed us to give back to the community and make a difference.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

It seems as though the Kansas State Chapter had a social commitment almost every weekend this past semester. We proudly hosted our moms for our annual Mom's Day Auction, with over \$4,000 raised and all proceeds supporting scholarships and chapter activities. We also participated in Greek Week, chapter retreats, brotherhood events, and events with other Greek organizations. We proudly ended the semester by hosting the Regional Leadership Conference. We welcomed over 200 Delta Chis from the Midwest to Manhattan and strengthened our leadership skills as a community.

In the coming months, we hope to continue growing and developing men into great Delta Chis. Thank you all for your continued support as we make tremendous strides as a chapter. If you are ever in the Manhattan area, feel free to stop by the house and say hello. You are always welcome!

Fraternally,
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Please save the date this fall to help celebrate 5 years back on campus and 53 years at KSU. More information will be shared on the website and social media.



Welcome, New Brothers

Ben Skaggs '17
Shawnee, Kan.

Charles Mayfiend '18
Kansas City, Kan.

Kalen Grant '18
Derby, Kan.

Charlie Lipford '18
Leawood, Kan.

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Recruitment Continues

Alumni, if you have any referrals please contact **Zach Case '18** at zach.case.r@gmail.com or **Taylor Shanklin '16** at taylor46@ksu.edu.



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ALUMNI UPDATE

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Donald E. Mach '62 entered Chapter Eternal on November 17, 2014. He resided in Corning, Iowa, and was a loyal alumnus.

ALUMNI NEWS

Kristopher C. Mueller '13 started working for Sculpture Hospitality in Manhattan. Since his fiancée, Hailey, started vet school, they will remain in Manhattan for four to five more years. Kris is eagerly anticipating their wedding in June. E-mail: krismueller08@gmail.com



The Kansas State Chapter took the K-State Care Pledge supporting bystander intervention.

Attention: This newsletter is intended for alumni and parents. If your son is attending Kansas State University, he will receive a copy at the chapter house. If he has graduated, please send us his permanent address to update our records. Thank you.



Rhett Jones, Rudy Date, Andrew Woolley, Mike Petry, Carl Bowden, Alex Ondracek, Michael Kennedy, Zach Stroth, and Wes Cano.