

Newsletter

August / September 2014

Upcoming Events

October 10-12, 2014: Homecoming November 15, 2014: Thanksgiving

Brother Spotlight

Greetings from Terre Haute. I haven't said that in a long time, but it was apropos during the "Bullets and Bats" weekend the Sig Tau Alumni Association put on. We had a great time shooting down clay pigeons in the morning and the active's hopes and dreams of victory in the softball game that night (alumni extended their record to 4-0 to remain undefeated by the way).

I love these events, it's a great time and probably as close as we 40 somethings will get to reliving our college days, if only for a little while. It's also a chance to get back and meet some of the actives and see alumni I hadn't seen in a while - that in and of itself is worth the time and effort to drive back to the 'Haute. I do wish that more alumni would stop in, especially the founders alphas and betas to see that after 25 years or so the chapter is still here and setting trends as we did "back inna Terre Haute".

Over the years a lot of the stories and legends of the early years have been forgotten, as tends to happen over time. The road trips to wherever the dart landed on Labor Day and the subsequent overnight stay in a drainage ditch in Canada, the carnage of our first attempt at trike, all of us driving over and raiding my mom's fridge in Illinois because we were starving, showing up at IFC and acting like we owned the place and daring them to kick us out, putting our college housing on the line to pressure the university to put us in the fraternity

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housing dorm. That history needs to be shared with these guys to give them a sense of where they came from.

Additionally, remember when we thought we knew exactly how the world worked just to find out we were sorely mistaken once we got out there? Yeah, these guys are in the exact same boat. Just having an alumni take a little time to pass down some of the wisdom he's gained from being "out in the world" for several years to an active is greatly appreciated as I found out this weekend and it felt good to influence a young man in college in a positive way.

The bottom line is this: the actives can relate to us, we were in their exact same shoes at one time and it is our job to support the guys that are carrying on our legacy. That, to me, is a big part of being an alumni. In order to do that effectively, we need more guys to get involved with the alumni

association. The cost is \$50 for a year, and in exchange for that pledge, we hold several events throughout the year, sponsor an area to come celebrate homecoming in and most importantly help to ensure that the Sigma Tau Gamma we started and worked so hard to make something special continues to thrive on campus and be a leader in the areas we thought were important, diversity, loyalty and above all friendship.

Please join me and help represent the foundations of what became Sigma Tau Gamma – Delta Tau at Indiana State University join the alumni association

Sincerely,

Andy Clark

Brother Spotlight is an article submitted by a brother wanting to highlight another brother for something great that they have done or are doing.

Bats and Bullets

The Bats and Bullets event took place on August 16th, 2014. It was another successful turnout and great game. The day started off with the "Bullets" portion of the day. It was a rather soggy morning which lead to a little bit of extra humidity at the Gun Range. All the guys that went out there reported that they had a great day. Afterwards, Brother Ben Hanson invited the guys over to his house for a cookout.

The "Bats" portion of the day took place in the evening under the lights. Prior to the game, we grilled hot dogs and brats. The alumni were a little short on players this year and were down 2 people. Brother Garners dad stepped in to play for the alumni, but that still left us 1 man short. The actives were eager to attempt to defeat the alumni. The game was a close one throughout most of the innings. In the last inning, the rain started to pick up and we had to hurry to get the game completed. In the end, the alumni were victorious again making it 4 years in a row.

Final score: Alumni 19 Actives 7

Congratulations go out to all the Alumni who made it out and to all the Actives who participated as well. The day was another wondeful day of brotherhood.



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Recruitment

A ugust started off a new fall semester at ISU. The actives have been busy recruiting. I have been informed that they currently have 12 associates. It sounds like they are off to a good start.

Alumni Birthdays

August:

- 12 Lamar Peterson
- 15 Curt Binder
- 21 Zac Garner

September:

- 1 Ben Hanson
- 7 Mike Van Camp
- 16 Trae White
- 23 Bill Hardebeck
- 24 Paul Butterfield

Happy Birthday Brothers!

** If you have a birthday in one of these months but are not listed, and would like to be, please contact me.

Homecoming

Homecoming is almost upon us. For those of you who don't know, it is October 10th through 12th. This weekend is always full of brotherhood. If we can go by history, we should be in for another great weekend.

Here's what we do know. We have at least 1 tent at tent city. With us having 12 associates this year, there will be 5 cars for DDs. If you plan on doing the walk, make sure you meet up at Tent City so you can utilize the DDs for a safe ride. If you are one that does not make it to Tent City, get in touch with the Actives or Rhett so they can make certain you get a DD to drive you back.

Just a reminder, we do not condone hazing of the associates. You are welcome to question them about Fraternity related stuff, etc....but absolutely NO HAZING.

Be safe this weekend brothers!

Heritage Fund

This is just a reminder that the Heritage Fund exists for our chapter. We are encouraging people to continue to donate to it. The more we get donated, the more we can help out the actives.

In case you forgot, this fund is to be used specifically by our chapter and is to be used for improvement / betterment of the chapter. It can be used for education items, a study room, etc...whatever we decide as an Alumni Association.

We have some exciting new ideas on how to use this money. You don't want to miss out. Be on the lookout for our announcement in the future.



Thanksgiving

Active and Alumni Thanksgiving Dinner hosted by the White Rose and the Alumni Association. Here is a personal note from Brother Zac Garner...

"It would mean a lot to me personally if every brother able could double check their schedule and see if this is something they could make. I think the family dinners are the best way of getting us back to a common ground with everyone." The rest of the Alumni Board of Directors agrees with Brother Garner. We respectfully request that everyone attempt to make it. We feel that this is a great tradition to start.

This event is for Active Brothers and Current Association Members. So please pay your dues and join us.

We do ask that you RSVP to Brother Garner by November 10th, 2014

Vice President's Corner

This newsletter is rather short. There has only been a couple events that have transpired. The primary reason for this newsletter was to get the word out about our 1st Annual Thanksgiving Dinner. We are wanting to start up a new tradition where we brothers, both active and alumni, get together for a "family" Thanksgiving.

I personally feel that this is a great idea. It will help bring all of us together more, especially around the holidays. My family has always gotten together for Thanksgiving. It is something that I always look forward to. I understand that not everyone has that same opportunity. Part of being in a Fraternity, is having a sense of Brotherhood. We are all family. There are many generations that join together. Having a Family Thanksgiving is just one more way to bring us together more. Hopefully with us doing this, it can give those brothers who have never had the opportunity to experience a Family Thanksgiving, a real sense of the holiday. So every alumni who is part of the association, I ask you to join myself and the other Board of Directors for the 1st Annual Sig Tau Thanksgiving.

If you would like to see something included, no matter how big or small it is, please contact me and let me know. I want this newsletter to be about US, about the Delta Tau Alumni. So if a bunch of guys get together to go boating, send me some photos or tag me in Facebook or tag Delta Tau Alumni Association in Facebook and I'll try to get the photos posted in the next newsletter. My email address is: curt.binder@gmail.com

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