

Newsletter

Winter 2016



Upcoming Events

April 9th, 2016 - Annual Meeting
July 23rd, 2016 - Family Day

Set Recruitment on Phirer!!!

The Alumni Association of the Delta Tau Chapter is excited to announce, along with the Active chapter and the Headquarters, we have paired up with Phired Up Productions to assist in recruitment efforts at Indiana State University in 2016!

Who is Phired Up?

They are considered to be the leading experts in fraternity and sorority recruitment. They assist in educating, training, coaching and changing the stale old way of thinking about recruitment; to a new cutting edge high return program/style. They make this possible by hands on education and continued support throughout the semester and year. They retain more high quality members through a values-centered, research-based, relationship-focused approach. They make multiple on-site visits, coaching sessions, and on-site hands on training. Here is a passage from their website:

"Our Reason for Being is simple. We exist to help fraternities and sororities find more people AND to help more people find fraternities and sororities."

We encourage you to visit them at:
<http://phiredup.com/>

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Well, here is your chance to make a difference!!!

As you can guess this is not something that comes free of charge. It is only with the support of our Sigma Tau Gamma Headquarters that we are able to launch this program. The total investment for the 2016 YEAR is \$10,900. Our alumni association has been asked to cover \$2,500 of that cost.

As members of the board, we hear all the time "What is a way I can help out", or "I want to donate but want to make sure it is going to something, worthwhile". This is worthwhile and your chance to make a difference!!

As alumni we all need to come to realize, what has worked in the past may not work now. Students that are 18-22 may not relate well to a 35+ year old man trying to recruit them on campus. And most of all, making a commitment to continue the yearlong support needed is not an option for most of us.

We are asking for all alumni to help support the Active Chapter in this great recruitment endeavor. You will be able to make donations on the www.sigmataugamma-deltatau.org website or you can mail a check, made out to the Alumni Association of the Delta Tau chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma. You can mail that to, 368 Midway Dr., Valparaiso IN. 46385 c/o Zac Garner.

We need to reach our GOAL of \$2,500 by the Spring Meeting in April.

Join us in supporting the GREAT, Delta Tau Chapter at Indiana State!!!

A capital campaign to support recruitment at the Delta Tau Chapter

A Word from Lew

This past October I accepted the head wrestling coaching position at my Alma Mater, Alexandria – Monroe high school. Thus far I have improved the teams record from 0-23 to 2-19 so far. We are at the rebuilding and recruiting stage at the moment, much like our active chapter. (now I know how bears fans feel) Wrestling is a sport I didn't get to pursue in college but something I have always been passionate about. I was recruited to wrestle at Tri-State University in Angola but chose to pursue my academic career at Indiana State.

Other than just coaching, I have raised over \$1000 dollars for the team by hosting an alumni match fundraiser. I will always give some credit to Initiation week royal rumbles with my pledge class, and brothers for my wrestling toughness.

On a side note, I see Marty McKnight at school every day as he has become a permanent teacher at our high school. He reminds me that if I can survive being president of the delta tau chapter, then being a high school wrestling coach shouldn't be a problem.

Lew DiRuzza

Annual Meeting

The Annual Alumni Meeting will be held Saturday, April 9th at the Embassy Suites NORTH. Yes you read that correct the NORTH location. We have not been to this hotel in 10 years since 2006. This will be different from years past as this is just the Alumni Meeting. The meeting will take place at 12:00 PM on April the 9th. The Alumni Association is sponsoring food during the meeting for our paid membership in attendance. We have organized a room block for the weekend as well. However if you would just like to drive in for the meeting and head home after you are more than welcome. After the meeting anyone who would like to stick around we will have an evening gathering. Information about the evening gathering is still being planned but more information to come in the weeks ahead. The hotel information is:

3912 Vincennes Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46268
(317) 872-7700

Room Rate: \$119 + taxes and fees a night for Friday the 8th and Saturday the 9th.

If you decide to stay at the hotel the block is only available until March 18th. With the news of the meeting at this time I am officially opening nominations for the new Board of Directors as well as agenda items or proposals to be submitted. You must be a paid Alumni Association in good standing to make a nomination or proposal and the person you are nominating must also be a paid association member in good standing.

To submit a nomination or proposal please do so by email to myself or another Board member. All email submittals must be in no later than April 1st at 1:00 PM EST.

Lastly, I ask that if you intend on joining us that you RSVP by Monday April 4th to mike@vansindustrial.com.

Fraternally,
Brother Van Camp
President

Jason Veenstra

Do you men remember why you rushed the fraternity, then joined the fraternity? I certainly do... I rushed Delta Tau for rockin' parties and chasing chicks. Such are the priorities of an indestructible, irresponsible, stag of a young man. I'm just being honest. 22 years later my partying days are just about over, and the only chicks I chase are a couple of Rhode Island reds that give me two eggs a day if I'm lucky. I joined Delta Tau because of the Six Principals, The Chain of Honor, and the Sigma Tau Gamma Creed. I'd like to recommend everyone look them up today. The memories stirred are quite refreshing.

One of the best memories I have is how guys I initially did not like became my friends because of the fraternity. This one fellow I thought to be a spoiled rich kid. Then one year my sister and I were stumbling around the stadium after Walk-Of-Death/Homecoming. This guy hooked us up with a ride home in his sweet yellow mustang convertible. It was cramped with 17 other people but we made it. I decided that day that he was pretty cool, and we've been friends ever since. Another guy I heard was just a loud-talking, own the room, show-off. Then I watched him become a great leader and representative for Delta Tau from the local to national level. Our mutual respect and dedication to the fraternity enabled our friendship, (and I am in awe of his fireworks!) I really did not like this one dude. He was short and stout, anti-drug (BOOOO!), and did this weird tuck with his junk. Many dead pigeons and naughty bars later he was best man at my wedding and is currently my most trusted advisor.

Why do I share these stories with you guys other than to bring back your own memories of friendships forged through Delta Tau? Last fall there was a horrific accident involving power lines, a lot of electricity and, well, my body. Some knowledgeable people said I was going to die, or at best, be severely crippled. It was devastating to me and my family. In less than 3 days the men mentioned above put together a fundraiser allowing many, many of you to donate money and prayers.

Thank you all so much for coming to my rescue. My wife and I will always be in your debt. Luckily, those knowledgeable people did not know the strength of will possessed by THIS Sig Tau as I am recovering and healing faster than anyone thought possible.

When I came home from the hospital and saw the love my fraternity brothers had shown me I was surely humbled. I realized how integral my Delta Tau relationships were to my life, and I cherish them. Now that I am getting older, I want other college men to be able to have similar experiences at Indiana State. There must be some more indestructible, irresponsible, works-in-progress at our college just waiting to have the Delta Tau experience.

That's I why I'm going to donate to the Phired-Up capital campaign. I was deeply saddened at the last alumni event when I heard about all the trouble with the active chapter. We all probably remember some shenanigans that occurred when we were active. We were lucky to have quality dudes in our chapter who managed to shepherd us through, albeit with a little "help" from Al Perone, THE Bill Bernier, and Mr. Hardebeck. The one gripe we all had was that we wished we had an alumni association to pick up the slack. Today, our Alumni Association is stronger than ever. The Delta Tau active chapter needs us. The last 5 months has shown me what you guys are capable of. Let's help some future Sig Tau's experience the same great times, the same brotherhood, the same awesomeness we've had since that first rush event we attended, whether we remember it or not...(wink!)

Thank You Brothers,
-Veenstra (Beaker '93)

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SIG TAU FAMILY DAY



SATURDAY

JULY 23, 2016

11AM-2PM

WEST PARK, 2700 W 116TH ST, CARMEL, IN 46032

PLEASE BRING THE WHOLE CREW AND JOIN THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FOR THEIR ANNUAL FAMILY DAY!

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WILL BE PROVIDING FOOD AND BEVERAGES.

SIDE DISHES AND DESSERTS ARE WELCOME.

West Park Activities

Splash Park (bring swimsuits & towels!)

Prairie Garden

Playgrounds

Walking Trails

Wetland Boardwalk

Wide open space for activities!



Please contact Travis Drake with any questions

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Alumni Birthdays

October

Michael Wurster - 1
Chad Smith - 14
Mike Walker - 31

November

Diyo Muyumba - 1
Curtis DeBaun IV - 6
Miguel Drew - 8
Brad Carron - 26
Jeremy Pierczynski - 30

December

Brian Bauer - 4
Dave Schroeder - 8
Eric Foster - 23
Dustin McGillem - 25
Jason Dugger - 25
Brandon David - 31

January

Jeff Krozier - 3
Steve Stuck - 10
Bryan Russell - 10

February

Travis Day - 1
Todd Newmark - 4
Mike Richmond - 15
Ben Miller - 17
Aaron Walker - 17
Rhett Huffaker - 25

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.



Vice President's Corner

We had a couple stories this newsletter from some of the alumni. That was great to get some input from people.

Currently, the Delta Tau chapter has a long road ahead of them. The recruitment company, Phired Up, has been retained to help with recruitment and rebuilding of our chapter. We need to take full advantage of them. The best thing we, as alumni, can do is to donate to the capital campaign fund. These donations will go directly towards covering the cost of Phired Up. Brother Veenstra said it perfectly in his contribution, "The Delta Tau active chapter needs us...Let's help some future Sig Tau's experience the same great times, the same brotherhood, the same awesomeness we've had...".

We all need to support this and do our best to keep the Delta Tau chapter alive at Indiana State University. If we do not, there will be no chapter left at ISU. I, along with many others, do not want that to happen. So, let's do what we do best...help a fellow

Sig Tau out when he needs it most.

I'm always looking for new material to be included in the newsletters, so please send me articles, paragraphs, or a few quick lines about your job, a Sig Tau memory, whatever and I will include it in the next newsletter. I want this newsletter to be about US, about the Delta Tau Alumni. Send me a message on Facebook or send me an email. My email address is: curt.binder@gmail.com

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