



The Delts at Duke



Summer/Fall 2005 Newsletter

Delts Focus on the Future

Main objectives for the year ahead include gaining on-campus housing and continued community interaction

By Trip Wagoner

After an immensely successful year for Duke's Delta Kappa Chapter of Delta Tau Delta — in which we have managed to earn our Charter, recruit and pledge the most new members of any fraternity on campus and greatly increase our interaction with the Duke and Durham communities – we hope to maintain and build on our successes during this upcoming year. Some of the primary focus areas for the fraternity will be in building on existing and creating new community interaction projects (especially with the Durham community), gaining an on-campus housing section and increasing the quality and quantity of brotherhood programming.

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Fraternity's Largest Single-Day Installation at Duke University

From www.delts.org

Delta Tau Delta celebrated its largest single-day initiation April 16 when the Delta Kappa Chapter was installed at Duke University. Eighty-two men were initiated to officially return the Fraternity to the Durham campus after almost an 11-year absence.



Delt Brothers during April's initiation banquet

Nearly 300 family, friends, alumni and school administrators attended a banquet Friday which was highlighted by a keynote address from Brother Rick Wagoner. Wagoner, the CEO of General Motors was also one of two fathers who had sons among the new initiates.

The brothers of Delta Kappa Chapter will have a chance to perform the initiation rite soon. Eight men who were part of the colonization effort were taking the MCAT exam and were unable to attend the initiation ceremony. Once they are officially brought into the Fraternity, the chapter will be at 90 men, only one of which graduated this June.

Upcoming Events:

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- 9/30-10/2** **Homecoming Weekend:** Please notify Trip Wagoner (grw4@duke.edu) if interested in attending the alumni reunion scheduled for Saturday after the Duke vs. Navy game.
- 10/21-10/23** **Parents and Family Weekend:** Please attend the afternoon barbecue which will be held for brothers, parents and family.

IMPORTANT:

The events and times for the Homecoming and Parents Weekend events will be finalized via e-mail communication. For this reason, it is imperative that we have your email address (or phone number). If you have not done so, please send your e-mail address, as well as those of any others to **Trip Wagoner** at grw4@duke.edu

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These goals depend on the leadership of the fraternity working cohesively and tirelessly to achieve them.

Reed Shaffner and the executive leadership will concentrate their efforts on lobbying for a housing section and helping to improve Duke's Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC), as well as enhancing the Fraternity's profile by organizing Duke and Durham community-based events. This will be achieved through collaboration with **Philip Jones**, the Senior Associate Dean of the Pratt School of Engineering and our Chapter advisor. One such event is the Delt-sponsored and organized "Science Café", in which we invite renowned professors of engineering and natural sciences to speak to students about their work and research to facilitate interaction between students and faculty. The last professor to participate in this event was Professor of Biomedical Engineering **Barry Myers**, who discussed engineering careers as well as his role in conducting an independent investigation into the tragic 2001 Dale Earnhardt crash.

Newly-elected Community Service Chair **Felix Li** will be working on refining the organization and scope of the impressive community service program that Amit Mehta devoted himself to improving during the course of the 2004-2005 school year. **Jordan Koss**, the new Brotherhood Chair, will draw on the knowledge gained from his experiences in fraternity leadership positions to help better foster brotherly bonding experiences and a cohesive atmosphere among a significantly larger brotherhood.

Experienced Seniors **Christian Agudelo** and **Alex Clavero** will be, along with their co-chairs, taking the reins of what have been stellar social and rush programs for the past two years. They are focusing on exceeding the extremely lofty standards (they themselves and others) have helped set previously.

All in all, the brothers of Delta Kappa have their work cut out for them. Everyone has talents and experience that can be utilized to better the fraternity in a multitude of different ways. Our task is to figure out how to create the right opportunities for brothers, whether in leadership positions or not, to be involved in the operations of the fraternity. This is our mission in the coming months and years, and we appreciate your attentiveness to and help in achieving these goals.

A Message From Delta Kappa President Reed Shaffner

Dear Brothers,

The end of last year brought about a multitude of great happenings beyond our re-chartering. We are now the largest fraternity on Duke's campus. Our organization is the most "rushed" and we are without question, the most diverse fraternal body.

We hope that the year ahead can be even more rewarding. It is our goal to begin generating funds for causes like the Gault Scholarship and needy member assistance. Our community service branch is more focused than ever. In addition to our continued relationship with Maureen Joy Charter School we have decided to focus our service endeavors towards one major cause with HIV/AIDS.



Reed Shaffner speaking at April's banquet

In order to increase the academic strength of our organization we have just completed databases replete with class information, past exams, notes, and other resources available to all members.

This month saw the launch of our new website, www.duke.edu/web/dtd. In the coming weeks the webpage will contain message boards, media sections, and other areas only available to past and current members.

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DELTA KAPPA FACTS:

- Chapter Re-chartered on 4/16/2005
 - Membership:
 - 30 Sophomores (Largest Pledge Class 2005)
 - 23 Juniors (Largest Pledge Class 2004)
 - 36 Seniors
- 89 Brothers, 1 2005 Graduate
- Delta Kappa Alumni: **1,290 Brothers**

2005-2006 Officers:

- Δ **President** : Reed Shaffner, Sr.
- Δ **External VP** : David Snider Jr.
Trip Wagoner Sr.
- Δ **Internal VP** : Yonas Tewodros, So.
- Δ **Treasurer** : Patrick Lawler, So.
- Δ **Sergeant at Arms** : Brent Powers, Sr.
- Δ **Secretary** : Aaron Levine, Sr.
- Δ **Risk Management Director** : Nate Minott, So.
- Δ **Social Chairs** : Christian Agudelo, Sr.
Zach Maurides, Jr.
- Δ **Rush Chairs** : Alex Malavenda, Jr.
Sam Chapin, So.
Alexander Clavero, Sr.
- Δ **Pledge Educators** : Chuck Ianuzzi, Jr.
Payton Starks, So.
- Δ **Brotherhood Chair** : Jordan Koss, Sr.
- Δ **Community Service Chair** : Felix Li, Jr.
- Δ **Academic Chair** : John Tough, Jr.
- Δ **Honor Board Chair** : Amit Mehta, Jr.



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The completion of our charter requirements has also given us significantly more time towards brotherhood events and the strengthening of our relations. We hope that more alumni can make tailgates and scheduled events this year to assist us in this way. And finally, it is sufficient to say that our social calendar for the year ahead is second to none.

I know I speak for every current member when I say that it is an honor to have finally regained the momentum of what was once a spectacular organization. I look forward to seeing many of you in the coming year.

Reed Shaffner
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VISIT OUR WEBSITE!!!

Brother **Dargaye Churnet** has invested a significant amount of time and effort in creating an extensive website for the Fraternity. We invite you to take a look at it and leave any feedback you might have. This website will soon become a valuable resource for Delta Kappa alumni, better enabling you to contact us as well as one another. The web address is:

<http://www.duke.edu/web/dtd/>

It has lots of information about the Chapter and our Brothers. Enjoy, and we all hope to see you soon!