



The DU Wolverine



Delta Upsilon "Building Better Men Since 1834"

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Greetings from Delta Upsilon University of Michigan Chapter

These past few years have been full of new challenges that the brotherhood has been able to mold into great learning opportunities. With the completion of our old 1331 Hill St. chapter house just over the horizon, the brotherhood has become more united than ever before. An influx of new brotherhood ideas mixed with selfless sacrifice for the betterment of our fraternity has really started to fuel the fire which is powering the Michigan Chapter of Delta Upsilon to reach for bigger and better achievements. Following this past winter's extremely successful pledge class, the brotherhood is already turning its attention towards

next fall and a huge recruitment agenda. Although we are forced to say farewell to our incredible senior class, we take heart knowing the knowledge passed down to us by our seniors will be utilized to its fullest in order to carry on our tradition of building better men.



Cody Stevens President of Delta Upsilon

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"Dikaia Upotheke"

Justice our Foundation

Hanging out at 1012 Hill

(left to right: Amar Shah, David Sinopoli, Ian McCreery, Val Lowitz)



Loss Prevention Report

My name is Sean FitzGerald and I hold the position of Vice-President of Loss Prevention in the fraternity. I am from New Hudson, MI and I'm planning on double majoring in Philosophy and Drama through the Residential College. I am in charge of ensuring that all brothers are aware of the legal and safety issues facing them as well as bringing speakers to speak to us about various issues. Some of the things I have accomplished this semester have been bringing in speakers from SAPAC to talk to us about Sexual Assault prevention

and I've been helping to ensure that the environment we all live in remains safe. Some things I hope to accomplish later on is additional speakers and hopefully getting more information on pertinent safety issues out to each and every brother. Delta Upsilon has become an integral part in my life and becoming a part of the executive board has helped me play a larger role in it. I'm immensely grateful that I've found a community of brothers brought together from very different areas but united in a

common purpose; dikaiā upotheke. Justice, Our Foundation.

- Sean FitzGerald, Class '12



SAPAC presentation at chapter meeting



Membership Education Report

"I mean to make myself a man, and if I succeed in that, I shall succeed in everything else." ~ James A. Garfield Delta Upsilon '56

I, Christopher Theisen, Vice President of Member Education here at our chapter of Delta Upsilon, strongly believe in this quote and believe that the fraternity we have joined helps us strive to become better men and succeed in everything we do. I am currently a sophomore at the University of Michigan, and am planning on majoring in international economics with a minor in Spanish. I was born in Holland, Michigan, but spent my high school years overseas in Singapore, which allowed me to travel and get a sense of many cultures and different groups of people that

occupy Asia. As the Vice President of Member Education, my duty is to better assimilate our new members, creating opportunities for better brotherhood bonding, teaching the history of our fraternity, and building better friendship and teamwork between the new members. In the near future, it will be these new members who will work together to continue building on to the fraternity the rest of us have helped form. Our new member meetings are held weekly and strive to connect the activities we participate in to our fraternity's four founding principles: The Promotion of Friendship, the Development of Character, the Diffusion of Liberal Culture, and the Advancement of Justice. Our fraternity believes that in becoming better men,

we must strive to carry out these principles in everything we do. By the end of the eight week member education period, our new members will be ready to be initiated as brothers, and help continue the fraternity's growth. Delta Upsilon has taught me not only the importance of friendship, but through participation in our executive board, the importance of teamwork and completing what you say you will accomplish. With the ten executive positions in our fraternity, it is important that we all work together, and accomplish what we commit to doing in order for everything to run smoothly.

VP Membership Education,
Chris Theisen, Class '12

Social Affairs Report

Hi, my name is Greg Seraydarian and I'm a sophomore BBA in the Ross School of Business. While not studying or working as Delta Upsilon's Vice President of Social Affairs I am also involved with the Michigan Varsity Cheer Squad, and work in the merchandizing department for the Toledo Mud Hens. As the Vice President of Social Affairs, my job is to make sure that DU's social interactions on the University of Michigan campus are both engaging and safe. I plan things such as parties, mixers with sororities and fraternal events. For those of you that

are not aware of what a mixer is, mixers are where the gentlemen of Delta Upsilon invite the lovely ladies of a sorority into our home, in hopes of promoting a better inner-Greek community relationship. The most important event that I have been able to organize for the Winter 2010 Semester was the Super Bowl Party held at DU. We invited girls from multiple sororities over to the house to enjoy with us the ritual that is Super Bowl Sunday, and we also even had a few recent Michigan DU alumni make an appearance to relive old times

with their undergraduate brothers. As for the rest of the semester, and the rest of my term, my main goal is to us the social functions to get the name of Delta Upsilon out onto the Michigan campus more, so that we can generate more excitement amongst the freshman classes, and thus get more pledges. Lastly, I hope to see you all at the Parent's Tailgate in the fall!

- Greg Seraydarian, Class '12



Recruitment Report

Hello! My name is Ian McCreery, the Vice President of the Michigan Chapter of Delta Upsilon. I am originally from San Francisco, California and am focusing on Civil Engineering for my major. The Vice President of Recruitment is responsible for expanding the brotherhood and bringing in new brothers to continue the Chapter's excellence on the University of Michigan Campus. This includes, but is not limited to, organizing the

rush events each semester, bringing new prospects by the house, organizing the bid list and submitting it to the Interfraternity Council (IFC) and facilitating the entire rush process. Many thanks go to the entire house and especially to the recruitment subcommittee, as recruitment is never a task that can be handled entirely by one member. This past winter recruitment semester of 7 new members proved to be

the most successful winter recruitment class since DU's decolonizing class in 2001. However, rush is a year round process as the brotherhood is constantly looking for potential new members that will add to the success of this chapter. We look forward to fall as a new class of members joins the DU fraternity.

- Ian McCreery, '12



Philanthropy Report

My name is Mischa Veenhuysen and I'm the current VP of Philanthropy for Delta Upsilon. I am a Program in the Environment major and hope to get a minor in Scandinavian Studies. As Philanthropy Chair, I'm in charge of coordinating volunteer events for the brothers of DU as well as organizing our major charity efforts on campus.

Our partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Southeastern Michigan has been fruitful and helped to strengthen DU's relationship

with the community. Last Saturday we sent a group to play basketball, complete arts and crafts projects and even make slime with them. By volunteering, the Club will have a better appreciation for the gifts, and the brothers will have a better sense of satisfaction by directly interacting with the kids to see the positive impact that we have on them. Our goals will be to serve as positive adult role models, share the importance of higher education, promote the values of Delta Upsilon

through the club, and to provide a meaningful service to the local VP Philanthropy. Our annual dodgeball tournament was also a huge success and we hope to continue this tradition for the years to come!

-Mischa Veenhuysen, '11



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF AMERICA



3-on-3 Basketball Tournament fundraiser

Secretary Report

Hello, my name is Emmet Pruss and I am a sophomore here at the University of Michigan, as well as the secretary of Delta Upsilon fraternity. I have declared English as my major, and this is but an element of my pre-law focus as an undergraduate. As a fall 2009 pledge, I am the youngest member of the executive board at Delta Upsilon by classification of both age and time spent in the fraternity. As such, I consider it both an honor and a privilege to hold the position that I do, and I aim to uphold my obligations as secretary to the highest standards. These duties include: recording minutes at Chapter and Executive Board meetings, taking attendance at mandatory events, spearheading the efforts to

complete the Chapter Excellence Program, miscellaneous tasks, and to assist the President and Vice Presidents wherever it may be possible and necessary. So far this semester, I have begun organizing efforts for the winter portion of the Chapter Excellence Program, kept minutes and attendance, and, in collaboration with the President and Vice President of Finance, ordered brotherhood mugs for the fraternity. In the short few months that have elapsed since my initiation, I have noticed in my personal life and character rich growth that can be directly contributed to my involvement with Delta Upsilon. The technical requirements of my position have

resulted in me achieving new systems of dictation that have helped me to improve the quality of my scholastic endeavors; the time requirements of my position have helped me to balance school, fraternity, and my personal life more efficiently; the social network of the fraternities interworking has provided me with new opportunities and new friendships. For all that Delta Upsilon has given me, I hope to only return my best efforts, and I thank all of those alumni and friends of fraternity who have made its many benefits available to me with their immense generosity and kinsmanship.

- Emmet Pruss, '12



Finance Report



My name is Drew Gaggin, I'm a Junior with a Political Science concentration and minors in History and Philosophy and I am your VP of Finance. Despite current economic trends, the Michigan Chapter of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity forges on and continues to grow financially. This year the chapter has been able to monitor and cut pointless spending, thus leading us into the future with positive savings. The brotherhood has been a great help in cutting spending by buying supplies in bulk, donating supplies and money, and reusing objects that were once thought of as dispos-

ables. For the first time since the chapter's reestablishment, late fees and fines have been issued in order to increase brotherhood involvement and decrease late payments. The finance charges have stimulated our budget and given the chapter sufficient funds early enough in the semester that late fees have become obsolete. Our relationship with the Delta Upsilon International Head Quarters is strong now due to the fact they have been receiving payments on time and all our debt has been paid off. With adequate savings our chapter will continue to grow and the fall

semester will be another successful time in the great history of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity at the University of Michigan.

VP Finance,

Drew Gaggin, '12

Scholarship Report



My name is John Futchko, I'm from Melbourne, Florida, and I'm a junior majoring in neuroscience planning on attending medical school after graduating in the spring of 2011. I'm the current VP of Scholarship for the Michigan chapter of Delta Upsilon, which means that I oversee the application and interview process of the yearly merit-based scholarship awards our fraternity offers to incoming freshman, as well as dealing with in-house issues of

academic conduct and performance of brothers throughout the semester. One of my goals for this year is to raise our brotherhood GPA by increasing study hours, raising academic standards, providing help and tutoring (by older brothers with established fields of study) for younger brothers and/or those in need, and implementing a reward system for those who show improvement as a means of motivation.

This coming year holds great potential for our fraternity as we return to our newly renovated house in the fall. It is my hope that the goals we on the executive board have put forth for our time in office will prove successful over the coming year and work to only further improve our excellence and standards as we continue in the new decade.

- VP Scholarship,

John Futchko, '11

Public Relations Report



My name is David Sinopoli, I am a sophomore from Canton, Ohio majoring in Brain, Behavior and Cognitive Science, and I have the distinct privilege of being this chapter's VP of Public Relations.

The new executive board has done an excellent job in reinforcing the traditions and excellence of Delta Upsilon. In terms of public relations, we have had success in networking within the Greek community, and have increasing interest from potential new members on campus. I have helped organized serenades

for different sororities as well as present each house with a Valentine's Day card. This newsletter, initiation invitations and parent/alumni events are all helped planned by me as well. I am pleased to announce we will be hosting the ladies of Alpha Gamma Delta every home game as our tailgate partners.

We are also in the process of revamping michigandu.org with an easy to use interface, allowing for better distribution of information to parents and alumni, as well as an interactive organizational tool for the ac-

tive brotherhood.

In the fall, we will be hosting our annual parent/alumni tailgate along with other social events open to the Michigan community. Parents, if you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to e-mail me at

drsinop@umich.edu.

We are looking forward to the exciting, new opportunities that await us in the coming year!

VP Public Relations,
David Sinopoli, '12

Meet the New DU's

Fall Rush '09

Alex Ayres
Class of 2013
Eau Claire, WI

Emmet Pruss
Class of 2012
Grand Rapids, MI

Kevin Lass
Class of 2013
Madison Heights, MI

Thomas Yeh
Class of 2013
Troy, MI

Tyler Petzak
Class of 2013
Holland, MI

Stephen Zelda
Class of 2013
Troy, MI

Winter Rush '10

Billy Hass
Class of 2013
Menominee, MI

Jake Sklar
Class of 2012
Shreveport, Louisiana

Zack Kessler
Class of 2013
Bolton, CT

Chad Verastek
Class of 2013
Portage, MI

An Nguyen
Class of 2013
Portage, MI

Yilu "Bruce" Wang
Class of 2011
Shanghai, China



Several DU's at a formal

(left to right—Evan Begun, David Sinopoli,
Scott Knaffla)



Congratulations to team
Rolling Stones in Greek
Week 2010 (Delta Delta
Delta, Triangle Fraternity
and Delta Upsilon)

Overall: 4th

Sing: 2nd

Variety 1st

Check out the videos on
YouTube!

Winter Pledge Class 2010 at Pledge Class Initiation Ceremony at Michigan Union

Left to right—Bruce Wang, Jake Sklar, Zack Kessler, An Nguyen, Chad Verastek, Billy Hass

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Message from the Delta Upsilon Alumni Board

"They say it's at its darkest just before the dawn"

I thought the above quote would be appropriate relating to the fire which ravaged our fraternity house in May 2008, and the excellent progress made so far in renovating the house. Our last newsletter described the extent of the damage and the living arrangements made for the undergraduate chapter. Now, nearly two years from the date of the fire, there's finally a light at the end of the tunnel.

The interior of the house has been rebuilt on all 3 floors, and the roof is on. Because it is totally enclosed, weather will not be a factor as additional interior work of wiring, plumbing, sprinkling system, etc. progresses. Our goal is to be completed by this August so the undergrads can be in the Chapter House by the beginning of the fall term. If we can't meet the timeline, arrangements have been made for month to month rental of apartments on campus.

There's been no doubt of the severe challenges our Board and undergraduates had to get through since the fire. Our nine-member committee has worked diligently with the insurance adjustors to obtain full compensation for a house insured at full replacement value based on current prices. During the first year, we had three houses on Walnut Street (near South University and Washtenaw) and this year we rented a twenty-person house at 1012 Hill Street. We still managed to maintain the membership to around 35-40, showing how committed and dedicated our undergraduate brothers are to Delta Upsilon.

Externally the house will look the same, something important to the Ann Arbor Historical Commission and alumni. The exterior appearance of the house which will look the same as it did in 1903 when it was designed and constructed by Albert Kahn as the first structure built to serve as a fraternity house. With input from the Alumni Board and undergraduates who had lived at 1331 Hill, our architect Jeff Scott has made some modifications for the interior. Where the Wash Room was (by the dining room) will be a handicapped accessible restroom. Part of the former washroom will become a wider stairwell down to the basement replacing the narrow, winding stairwell. To meet Ann Arbor City Code, the house will now have a sprinkler system. Two rooms that were originally singles on the 3rd floor will be transferred into one larger double. The Basement will include a much larger laundry room.

If all goes well, we invite alumni and family to tailgate before the football game at 1331 Hill on September 25th and be able to walk through our brand new house.

John Markiewicz, '65 Michigan
President of the Delta Upsilon Alumni Board

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