



Spring 2009

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Upcoming Spring & Summer Events:

April 22th – DSP Detroit Area Alumni Association (DA3) Earth Day Mixer @ 5th Avenue in Novi, MI

*****April 25th***** – 3rd Annual ΔΣΦ ALPHA PI Alumni Golf Outing

June 7th – DA3 Softball/BBQ Social Event

July 22nd – DA3 Detroit Tiger’s Game

July 22nd – 26th - DSP National Convention (St. Louis, MO)



3rd Annual Alumni Golf Outing!!!
Saturday, April 25th, 2009

Delta Sigma Phi Alumni of the Alpha Pi Chapter are invited to join the Active Chapter for an afternoon on the links!
Formal e-mail invitations regarding details of the 3rd Annual Golf Outing will soon follow.



Delta Sigma Phi

2009 Alpha Pi Alumni Golf Outing
Saturday, April 25th, 2009

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Wheatfield Valley Golf Course

1600 Linn Road
Williamston, MI 48895
(517) 655-6999

Only \$40 includes:

- 18-Holes + Cart
- Steak Dinner Afterwards

PRIZES FOR:

- Alum that travels the farthest to attend
- Longest drive
- Oldest Alum (based on Pledge Class and age)
- Closest to the pin

The tournament will be based on two man teams playing a scramble. You must complete all 18 holes to be eligible for tournament awards.

1st Group Tee-Off Time: **1:00 PM**

RSVP NOW to **Cody Dawson**, ACB Director of Alumni Relations at **(248) 723-1891** or **(517) 214-3671** or cody.p.dawson@smithbarney.com



*****MUST READ***: 1218 E. Grand River Historical Status & East Village Project Update**

Over the last several years our Brotherhood has been actively monitoring the City of East Lansing's "East Village Project." The concept is a mixed-use property development focused primarily on the revitalization of Cedar Village to include: high-end condos, apartments, retail businesses, entertainment and public green space.

While the enhancement of our neighboring properties would undoubtedly benefit Delta Sigma Phi, the original blueprints for the development were drawn right over our 77-year-old property. Since planning began, the Alumni Corporation Board (ACB) has remained steadfast as we observe the project's growth and potential implications to the Fraternity.

Throughout the last twelve months, however, we have secured small but significant victories in our efforts to fortify the future of our Chapter House in the face of these actions. *Early in 2008, the City's blueprints were re-drawn to reflect a new project boundary guideline – now ending at Stoddard Avenue* (where the Chalet Apartments are located – next to, but **not including** our home). This modification reflects our firm & verbal declaration to the City that the Delta Sigma Phi Alpha Pi Chapter is absolute in our intention to never sell or relocate from our property at 1218 E. Grand River Avenue. Our firm commitment, along with similar assertions from the Kurdziel family – owners of the Prime Housing Group properties (our neighbors toward Hagadorn Road), have helped convince the City Planning Department of our intent to stay put.



Late in 2005, in an unrelated project initiated through the City's Historical Commission, a study group began evaluating East Lansing Fraternity and Sorority Historical Status qualifications for properties not currently under such designation. Over thirty Chapters were evaluated based on a variety of attributes including: the year the property was built, significance of architecture, location and structural integrity.

On Tuesday, February 3rd, 2009, after deliberate assessment and property-owner input, *East Lansing City Council approved the inclusion of six such Greek houses for recognition as East Lansing Historic Properties, including the Delta Sigma Phi property at 1218 E. Grand River Avenue.* The Alumni Corporation Board (ACB) understands the ramifications and challenges that such a designation may bring, but is proud that the City considered us for this honor. While not absolute, the historic designation will help protect our Chapter House from hostile redevelopment encroaches associated with the East Village and other projects going forward.

Of particular note during both endeavors - was our excellent communication with East Lansing officials in the Planning and Historical Preservation Departments. The Active Chapter has built and maintained strong relationships with City decision-makers. This was reflected in the positive feedback, attention and respect we received throughout the process.

As a proud Alumni of the Alpha Pi Chapter, have confidence that while we must still observe the happenings of the East Village Project, your Alumni Corporation Board is resolute in the vigorous defense and protection of our Fraternity now and for the years to come.



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Alpha Pi Chapter Update

The Brotherhood has embarked on another prolific spring semester as the Chapter is loaded with young and ambitious leadership ready to take Delta Sigma Phi to the next level. Please visit the Chapter's website at www.deltsigs.com to learn more about their fantastic accomplishments and happenings on the banks of the Red Cedar River.

Newly Elected 2009 Chapter Executives:



Nick Young (*North Muskegon, MI*) – **Chapter President**



John Shearer (*Marquette, MI*) – **Chapter Vice President**



Brian Stauffer (*Lincoln, Nebraska*) – **Chapter Treasurer**



Bobby Wertman (*Midland, MI*) – **Chapter Sergeant at Arms**



Dan Milus (*Canton, MI*) – **Chapter Secretary**



Martin Vogel (*Beal City, MI*) – **Alumni Relations Chairman**



Alexander Fike (*Royal Oak, MI*) – **IFC President**



Alesandro Padro (*Clarkston, MI*) – **IFC V.P. - Recruitment**



Active Chapter Brotherhood Spotlight

GETTING TO KNOW: Martin Vogel – Alumni Relations Chairman



Name: Martin William Vogel **Hometown: Beal City, MI**
College/Major: Accounting & Information Systems
Class: Senior Cumulative GPA: 3.75
Positions Held: Social Chairman, Technology Chairman, Pledge Education Staff

What Was Your Leadership Experience Before Alpha Pi? “In my junior and senior year of high school, I was elected team captain of the varsity wrestling team. I learned then that others follow by example and it takes dedication to achieve success.”

Why I Joined Alpha Pi: “Being the only member of a graduating class of 56 students to attend Michigan State University, I desired to join an organization where I could have a second home at college.

I realized that Delta Sigma Phi was focused on building better men and enhancing the college experience. Looking back on all of the things Delta Sigma Phi has helped me to achieve, I truly believe it has been one of the best decisions of my life.”

What I Love Most About Alpha Pi: “ As a senior, I feel that Delta Sigma Phi has provided a sense of brotherhood that will last the rest of my life. Every year the Alpha Phi chapter recruits more members that I am proud to call my Brothers.

I am very fortunate to have the luxury of knowing that no matter what happens in my life, my pledge class and the members of Delta Sigma Phi will there in support as my Brothers.”

Where I See Myself in 5 Years: “In five years I hope to apply the knowledge, ability and skills acquired through my membership in Delta Sigma Phi to help propel my business career. Although I would like to stay in the field of public accounting, I hope the field I will be working in will be challenging, fulfilling and something I enjoy.

Also, in five years I will strive to maintain the great relationships I have built with members of the Alpha Phi chapter during my schooling at Michigan State.”



(Martin Vogel speaking to Alpha Pi Alumni at Homecoming 2008)



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Nile Green-Grass Roots Campaign featuring:



Revolutionizing the Charity World via Technology and Service

Almost a decade ago, the Delta Sigma Phi Alpha Pi Chapter embarked on a very successful capital fundraising campaign to begin needed renovations to our outstanding (but old) Chapter House. Between 2003 and 2005, our Fraternity was able to significantly enhance the beauty of our first floor level, while completing a needed expansion of our basement floor space as well. In addition, we established the Alpha Pi 21st Century Scholarship Fund – an academic incentive program that has resulted in dramatic improvement to the Chapter’s GPA.

In 2009 our goal is to implement a long-term grass-roots capital campaign to help fund our continued Chapter modernization, as Delta Sigma Phi evolves into the premier living-learning institution at Michigan State.

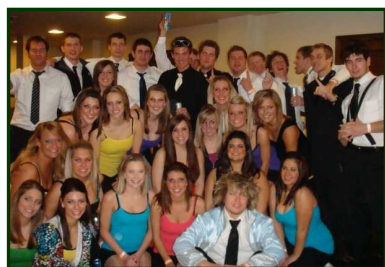
To assist us with the implementation of the campaign and annual follow-up of Alumni pledges - we have implored the services of *eTapestry.com*. eTapestry is a records/data/pledge management software system that will empower Alpha Pi Chapter Alumni with customizable tools and resources to choose what, when and how their financial support of Alpha Pi is distributed.

Our Alumni will have the capability to donate online (via credit card or ACH debit), select the frequency of Chapter pledges (annually, quarterly, monthly, etc), as well as specifically direct the desired use(s) of their contribution (i.e., 21st Century Scholarship Fund *or* Chapter House Modernization Fund).

We are excited to partner with eTapestry as we navigate the structural challenges of maintaining a 77-year-old Chapter House. Over the next several years we will make needed improvements to the electrical/ plumbing/ flooring/ windows/ roof/ and hot water system. As we bring Delta Sigma Phi into the next generation, it is evident that we must band together in the united efforts of both the Active and Alumni Brotherhood alike.

Delta Sigma Phi Flexes Michigan State Greek Week Muscle in 2009

It is not yet spring even, but Delta Sigma Phi has already proven to be a dominant force in the Greek Community in 2009. Teamed with the lovely ladies of Delta Gamma Sorority, the Brothers worked diligently during the last week in February as they took 3rd Place Overall in Greek Week.



In addition to their overall supremacy, the team finished 3rd in total money raised for charitable organizations. Money raised helped benefit the American Cancer Society, Make-a-Wish Foundation and Special Olympics along with several local charities in need.

Throughout the week Brothers competed in Battle of the Bands, a song and dance competition and Relay for Life, where they claimed 3rd in Field Events.

In the last five years alone, Greek Week has worked with the American Cancer Society & Relay for Life to raise more than \$1 million to benefit the organization.





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Feb. 7th Alpha Pi Alumni Basketball Event RE-CAP! (MSU vs. Indiana)

On Saturday, February 7th, 2009, Alpha Alumni, Active Brothers, and even East Lansing City Mayor Vic Loomis joined forces to support our Michigan State Spartans as they played Indiana University at the Breslin Center. After a close first half, the Spartans pulled away in dominant fashion as the game progressed, closing out 75-47 (undoubtedly because of all of our passionate cheering)!

Afterwards, Active Brothers and Alumni met up for drinks and food at the Dublin Square Irish Pub on Abbott road, where we shared stories and enjoyed one of East Lansing's finer establishments.



(Kalin Lucas brings the ball up the court)

(East Lansing Mayor Vic Loomis joins Alpha Pi Alumni & Actives for the game)



(Sparty rolls the Hoosiers at the Breslin Center)



(At Dublin Square)



(Alumni Tom Steel & wife Marge, Alumni Cody Dawson, Alumni Bob Martin & wife Audrey, East Lansing Mayor Vic Loomis)

National Convention 2009 (July 22nd – July 26th, St. Louis, MO)

The 2009 Convention, to be held July 22-26 at the **Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark**, is coming up, and we hope you'll join Active & Alumni Brothers from the Alpha Pi Chapter! Check out the official 2009 Convention site at www.deltasig.org/convention2009.

The biennial Convention is Delta Sigma Phi's largest gathering of undergraduates, Alumni, spouses, and friends of Delta Sigma Phi.

Every two years, members from around the country meet to:

- Conduct the business of the Fraternity including Grand Council elections and voting on proposed changes to the by-laws and constitution.
- Meet new Brothers, reconnect with old friends, have fun and celebrate our Brotherhood.
- Engage in discussions on Fraternity matters as well as professional development and life skills.
- Celebrate the accomplishments of our Members, Chapters, Alumni Corporations, and Alumni Associations.





A Message from Your Alumni Corporation Board (ACB)

Dear Brother,

The last 18 months have been difficult for many as we feel the influence of economic disorder, changing industrial environment and an apprehensive doubt that has gripped the world around us.

It is in these times of uncertainty, however, that we as the Brotherhood of Delta Sigma Phi are called upon to lead. Throughout this epoch, as with any, we firmly remain the stewards of our own destiny. 85 years of continued excellence is not an accident. It is a determined choice made by every Brother, everyday, to lead with confidence and integrity. The habit of choosing success over failure was planted inside each and every one of us during our time spent at Alpha Pi. This seed has grown the deepest of roots, a foundation and network that tie us together in the bonds of Brotherhood.

As the spring season approaches, we are reminded of the renewal and rebirth of all things. As the earth awakens from the cold winter season, may we be inspired to awaken within ourselves, the desire to live and lead through the values of Delta Sigma Phi. When others may run, we must rise up to renew our commitments, summoning our strength and talents to help others in need. We must let those we love, know that we care, and be a guiding light in the storm to our fellow Brothers, friends, family, and community.

As an ACB we are privileged to be called your friends. We know that fear will not break the pledged faith of our Brotherhood. We will persevere. We will recommit. We will grow and prosper out of this trial together, leading by our principles in such a way that the world may ever be convinced of the sincerity of our purpose.

Y.I.T.B.O.S.,

*The Alumni Corporation Board
Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity – Alpha Pi Chapter*

*There is a destiny that makes us Brothers, No one goes his way alone; All that we send into the lives of others,
Comes back into our own.*

~ Edwin Markham ~

For more information about the Alpha Pi Chapter & Alumni, visit the
Delta Sigma Phi – Alpha Pi Chapter Alumni Website at:

www.msudeltasig.com