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The Return of Psi Deuteron

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The February 2010 rechartering of the Psi Deuteron Charge at UCLA was the party of a lifetime. And like any big event, it was years in the making.

It started five years ago after the charge was closed, and the Psi Deut House Association began planning for its eventual return. We put in nearly \$100,000 in improvements to the house itself: House association secretary Phil Bazan got the city to put in a new sidewalk, and we replaced the entire heating system so the brothers wouldn't freeze in the brutal LA winters. Then, last summer, former house president Marty Katz contacted the House Association with a laundry list of improvements to the house that the colonists wanted but didn't know how to

ask for. To help with fall rush, they wanted to upgrade the appearance of the house—new landscaping to replace the dust farm in the front, new paint, furniture to replace some of the kindling in the rooms. At the same time, two Psi Deut alums, Tom Rivera and Miguel Hernandez, offered to help with remodeling and landscaping projects. I came down from Seattle to help with project management on the summer-long

effort, and my plan for a couple weeks stay eventually became 2 ½ months as we turned the Charge House into a garden spot with new front lawn and retaining wall, tropical landscaping, completely refinished floors, interior paint in TDX colors, a renovated Charge Room and a repaired roof. My best memory of that summer is all of the colonists working feverishly all of one afternoon and evening to put in



the sod for the lawn, finishing at 11 that night.

House association president Henry Leyva kicked the party planning into high gear in December 2009 when plans to have the rechartering banquet at a posh Santa Monica hotel fell through. We had scouted locations ranging from the Hard Rock Café on Sunset to the Getty Museum, but finally decided to

have it at the house. Henry got a catering company and a bartending service lined up, and we waited for the reservations to trickle in. We were afraid that we would only get thirty or forty brothers besides the 24 initiates, well below our break-even point, but a few days before the event on February 20, we had over 110 brothers attending and we had to cut off tickets. Now our problem became how to fit everyone in the house.

The weekend began with the Friday night initiation ceremony in the newly furnished charge room. The brothers of Xi Deut in Seattle had generously loaned their robes to me to take down to LA for the event. The most touching moment, to me, was when our first legacy in many years, senior Patrick Glenn, was initiated as his father looked on. After the ceremony, the weekend-long party began.

The rechartering banquet was a huge success. Brothers, CFO staff, Ed Foundation and Founder's Corp. officers came from across the country. Steve Brichant, a senior Delta pilot, came from Atlanta; Jeff Daly flew in from Snohomish, WA; Eric Davila traveled from Denver, O.C. Carter came from Orange County, and Rob Scholer made the trip all the way from Culver City.

I was proud to be a part of it. With the months of work put in by Director of Charge Expansion Eric Kelley, the colonists themselves, and years of effort by Henry Leyva, Jerry Gallardo and the entire Psi Deuteron House Association, we had the weekend of a lifetime.

Eric's Farewell

Director of Expansion Eric Kelley Reflects on his CFO years

By Eric S. Kelley

It was a great run. After nearly four years of serving Minerva, through monumental successes and ten times as many failures, I worked my last day as a Theta Delta Chi staff member on April 11th of this year. I can say that I am truly proud of everything that we have been able to accomplish during my tenure, and for the foreseeable future, these four amazing years will be a defining period in my life. The chance to meet so many great brothers of our organization and work together for the greater good of Theta Delta Chi was a true blessing.

While I am sad to leave, I am even more excited at the possibilities for our fraternity to flourish under our three incoming staff members, Brian Bednarek, Epsilon Triton '10, the new Director of Expansion, Bryan Arnold, Upsilon Deuteron '09, the new Director of Charge Development, and Mike Houlihan, Sigma Triton '09, the new Director of Charge Operations. We have made a number of leaps forward in the last four years and I am confident that these three have the poise, character and drive to welcome Theta Delta Chi into a new era of prosperity.

When being asked to write a farewell article, I realized how truly difficult it would be to do justice to everyone with whom I have crossed paths over the years and to recognize all of the brothers whose dedication to the Old Lady has been in such a wonderful place for future growth. While I cannot possibly mention everyone who has helped to make my time as Director of Expansion truly memorable, I wanted to share with you all some of my favorite memories from the last four years.

My very first assignment as a member of staff was to spend a couple of weeks with the men of Sigma

Deuteron in September of 2006. Their membership had shrunk to dangerously low levels and it seemed they had lost their direction. One of the most difficult parts of consulting is trying to build



friendships in a relatively short time. I believe that we were successful at saving Sigma Deuteron because although their numbers were few, the brothers were genuine and friendly and really embraced me as a member of their Charge for the three weeks that we spent during rush. The brothers that I met back then remain my friends to this day and I am extremely proud of that pledge class we recruited and the incredible resurgence that Sigma Deuteron has had. That success gave me the confidence that I would need to help other groups in need. I want to personally thank Lance Lochner, Alex Zaslavsky, Kevin Spears, Aaron Munson, Brian Larson, Craig Nolan, Fred Cichy, Michael Rud, Erik Davidson, Andy Leightner and Matt Garfield for making my first consulting experience so successful and for putting in the work to make Sigma Deuteron a major force in the fraternity again.

This photo was taken at the 2007 Convention in Charlottesville, VA as we made the formal presentation of the charter to Bros. Dave Bolatin and Michael Lichtman of the new Theta Triton Charge at Binghamton University. These brothers came out of the gate running and really set the tone for what would become a new era in Theta Delta Chi expansion. I still remember how serendipitously it all worked out. Paul Liggieri, founding President of the Theta Triton Charge had emailed a number of fraternities about possible expansion. I just so happened to be headed from Boston to Penn State to go back for the Sigma Triton winter formal and was first on the scene. I met with Bro Liggieri and fellow founders Jason Finkelstein, Brian Goldstein, Rob Clark, Jeremy Leiss, Matt Zimmer and Justin Zimmer. After that first meeting, I was downright excited at the prospects and Bro Liggieri told me that he planned on cancelling their other meetings. Theta Delta Chi was the one for them.

By the time I went back to visit them in February, they had grown to over forty members and were ready to take their campus by storm. I can still vividly remember the excitement of that second visit as I got



to know the men of Theta Triton better and saw the great potential for success. It was this visit that first made me hungry for expansion and after that point, I explored any and all leads to try and add new Charges. That spring, Bros. Zimmer and Zimmer referred to us Stephen Staffutti, a student at Marist College, who would become the founding President of the Tau Triton Charge. At the same time, a student at South Carolina named Philip Carter Harris contacted us upon the encouragement of one of his friends who was a brother at Mu Triton at UNC-Greensboro (I can't remember which of the Mu Triton brothers did this, but thank you to the whole Charge for giving us Rho Proteron).

Along with the scheduled recolonization of the Epsilon Triton Charge, we ended that first year of my employment with one new Charge and three new Colonies. We were well on our way towards adding nine new Charges in a five year period which will conclude with the anticipated charterings of the Xi Colony at Hobart College and the Upsilon Triton Colony at Indiana University during the 2010-2011 academic years.

I do want to give a special shout out to a few members of the Theta Triton Charge who were there since the beginning and really inspired me to work hard for Theta Delta Chi expansion as a result of their success. I remember sitting in the dorm room of David Bolatin, Mike Fatterusso, Angelo Barberio and Mike Makar with Anthony Mazzeo, and talking fraternity with them for hours. These future brothers were all freshmen at the time and have since graduated, leaving behind a great legacy. Interesting side note: I finished my Master's thesis in that same dorm room so I can trace a considerable amount of my personal achievements to that weekend, in that room. Thanks guys for your hospitality and dedication to the cause. I also want to thank Bros David Azaria, David Miller, and Jared George for their work and leadership in founding Theta Triton. That's where it all began and the success that these men had really was the inspiration that kicked everything off.

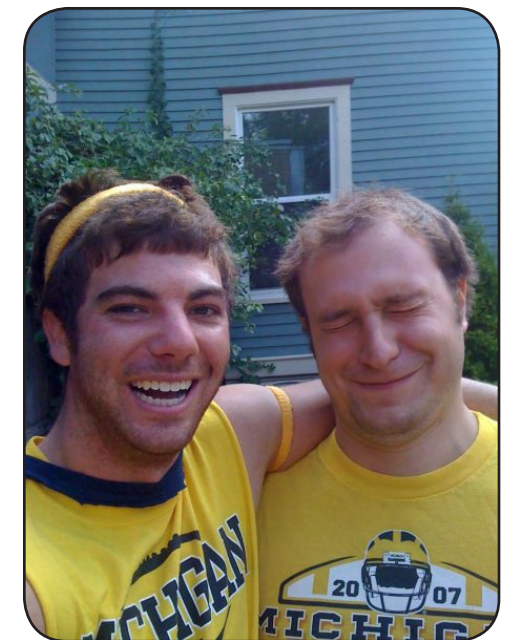
One of the most hectic periods during my employment was when we chartered three new Charges in eight days. This photo was taken after members of Iota Triton at UMass-Dartmouth, including Bro. George Henry Aulson IV, helped initiate the first 22 members of the Tau Triton Charge along with Bros Liggieri, Azaria and myself on April 19th, 2008. The following



day, we all traveled to Rutgers to initiate the first 39 members of what has become the largest Charge in Theta Delta Chi: Lambda Triton. The following weekend, I flew out to Arizona State with PGL Adam McCready to initiate 21 men into the Epsilon Triton Charge. It was a wild whirlwind that was truly memorable in every way. We added 82 new brothers to the rolls in a little more than a week and I can honestly say that some of my best friends in Theta Delta Chi were initiated during this period.

I included this photo of myself along with Gamma Deuteron founding President Michael Squatrito to show you all the lengths that I went to support our Charges and Colonies. To all of my Sigma Triton brethren, I am truly sorry and I hope you can forgive me for wearing a Michigan Wolverines shirt. I was spending a weekend with the recently chartered Gamma Deuteron Charge, whose football team was playing Notre Dame. If there's one team that I hate more there Michigan (there's actually two with Ohio State being the other), it is Notre Dame. So I donned the shirt, in a moment of combined weakness and camaraderie, and cheered the Wolverines on to victory in what was possibly the best football game I've ever attended.

I've always had an amazing time at Michigan with the Gamma Deuts and it is a testament to their character that I would be willing to wear this shirt. In addition, I feel truly sorry for those who will never have the chance to attend a U of M football game with Dave



Axelsson dressed as Buzz Lightyear or Ting Luo dressed as a giant banana. Both Theta Delts were campus icons during football games and certainly made Ann Arbor a great place to spend a Saturday in the fall if I couldn't spend it in Happy Valley. Another side note: I have never again worn this shirt.

I wanted to take a moment and brag about my own Charge: Sigma Triton. One of the things that I am most proud of in the last couple years is how involved we have been on the international level of the fraternity. While the movement to re-name our fraternity Sigma Triton Chi at the latest Convention failed, this is a photo of the seven Sigma Tritons in attendance. From left to right, Max Wendkos, Treasurer of the Grand Lodge, Sandeep Sandisegarane, Phil Parker, outgoing Director of Charge Development and Treasurer of the Founders' Corporation, Will Rossen, outgoing Director of Charge Operations, Jim Fath, notorious Sigma Triton alumnus and regular Convention go-er, Yours Truly, former Director of Expansion and former Secretary of the Grand Lodge and Brian Bertges, lead facilitator for the Preamble Institute, Educational Foundation Board member and former Graduate Secretary of the Grand Lodge.

My challenge to everyone else: Get involved! There are endless volunteer opportunities within Theta Delta Chi whether serving on one of our boards, a variety of committees or serving as an advisor to a local Charge. I am looking forward to growing old as an active volunteer in our fraternity and I cannot wait to see how far we've come by the bicentennial in 2047!



Other than for a chance to throw a picture of the infamous Phil Bazan into *The Shield*, I wanted to take a moment and speak about the closure and re-opening of



Psi Deuteron. One of my very first experiences with Theta Delta Chi was at the 157th Convention in Las Vegas. Much of the buzz was over the recent closure of Psi Deuteron and it was clear even to a young undergraduate such as myself that the emotions over the recent events at the historically powerful Charge were running high. While most of the events in regards to Psi Deut at the 157th were focused towards the future, such as the chartering of their Alumni Association and their sponsorship of a Virgin Islands party during the Convention week, I could tell even then that Theta Delta Chi would not be whole until their Charter was returned. At that time, the idea of working for the fraternity could not have been farther from my mind so I could not have imagined that this first introduction to Theta Delta Chi would serve as the basis around which much of my work for the fraternity would focus.

We began the re-colonization in the fall of 2008, and through many trials and tribulations and the help and support of endless alumni and the work of a very strong group of undergraduates, we finally granted the Charter in February of this year. I have so many memories from my friends at Psi Deuteron and from my times at 547 Gayley that I won't even attempt to mention them all. But for all you Psi Deuts, new and old, thank you so much for welcoming me into your fraternal family and for helping me complete my work as Director of Expansion by completing that great task that was posed to the fraternity back in 2004: to return

Psi Deuteron to the active rolls.

To close I wanted to post this picture of Bros Bertges, Horton and me from the Fourth Preamble Institute, as it may be the final photo of myself as a staff member. Our signature leadership conference has really grown in the last four years as nearly 150 men have attended and prospered through their experiences and connections with other Theta Delts. We're already seeing the results as the men who have attended have already stepped up and taken leadership roles within the larger fraternity, including four Grand Lodge members (Bros Lochner, Liggieri, Wendkos and Josh Sowell, Gamma Triton) and three CFO staff members (Bros Parker, Bednarek and Arnold). Many thanks to the alumni whose donations have allowed the Educational Foundation to sponsor this great program and to all of the facilitators who have donated their time to better the lives of our Charges and undergraduate men. This program is just one more reason that I am so proud of our recent accomplishments and so optimistic for our future. Our size has always been our strength and events such as these will only increase our solidarity.

It's hard to close a collection of incoherent ramblings such as these so I will do it simply and directly. Thank you to everyone for all of the memories. There are so many more stories that I still want to tell: Rho Triton and the yellow chair, any from my fifteen or so visits to Epsilon Triton at Arizona State, The 'Bro-fessor' Peter Welch and the Bro-cabulary...just to name a few...but instead I will leave those for future Conventions, midwinters, Chartering Banquets or any other time I have the chance to gather with Theta Delts. Thank you again for allowing me the opportunity to serve the Old Lady and I cannot wait to see you all again this summer at the 163rd Convention in DC!

In the bonds,

EK



Robert Frost

by Phillip Parker

One of the most revered brothers in Theta Delta Chi is American poet Robert Frost. With 4 Pulitzer prizes to his name, he may be the most accomplished Theta Delt ever, and certainly our most accomplished in the Arts. But what is the story behind Robert Frost's Theta Delt experience? Admittedly, there is not much to be known, since his time at Dartmouth lasted less than a semester.

After arriving at Dartmouth's campus in September 1892, he made fast friends with a fellow named Preston Shirley. At the time, it was typical for the upper classmen to play pranks and trick on the younger, more naïve freshmen. To combat this, Frost and Shirley turned Shirley's room into a fort, and would take turns on guard. Soon though the hazing ceased, and the two friends were invited to join a fraternity, Theta Delta Chi. Frost, a man of modest means, was unable to afford the

initiation fee at the time, so a wealthier brother paid it for him. If only this charitable brother knew what he had contributed to the Old Lady!

Those who have read Frost's poetry know his affec-

tion for nature. After his initiation, Frost would take long walks in the forest contemplating his purpose in life, and admiring the beauty of the New Hampshire countryside. His brethren, who were perplexed by his

long walks in the forest, sarcastically asked him what he did on these walks. Annoyed, Frost snapped back, "I gnaw bark".

Eventually, Frost grew tired of college life. He did not like the notion of "earning marks" and thought it was silly to grade one's desire to learn. He also yearned for his high school sweetheart Elinor White (whom he would later marry). Soon he would have the escape route he was looking for. His mother, a schoolteacher, wrote him of the trouble she was having controlling her class. Rob quickly seized it as an opportunity to leave Dartmouth, and went home to assume control of his mother's unruly class.

So ends the story of Frost's active life in TDX. We do know he must not have hated the fraternity, as we know of at least one time later in life when he visited Phi at Lafayette for a dinner in his honor. Many of his biographers also remember him speaking fondly of his time at Dartmouth, except with regard to the classes. In the end, while we do not know much about his actions within the fraternity, we do know he is a Theta Delt.

Poetry and Power

Frost at Inauguration of Kennedy

The Gift Outright

The land was ours before we were the land's.
She was our land more than a hundred years
Before we were her people.
She was ours in Massachusetts, in Virginia,
But we were England's, still Colonials,
Possessing what we still were unpossessed by,
Possessed by what we now no more possessed.
Something we were withholding made us weak
Until we found out that it was ourselves
We were withholding from our land of living,
And forthwith found salvation in surrender.
Such as we were we gave ourselves outright
(The deed of gift was many deeds of war)
To the land vaguely realizing westward,
But still unstoried, artless, unenhanced,
Such as she was, such as she will become.

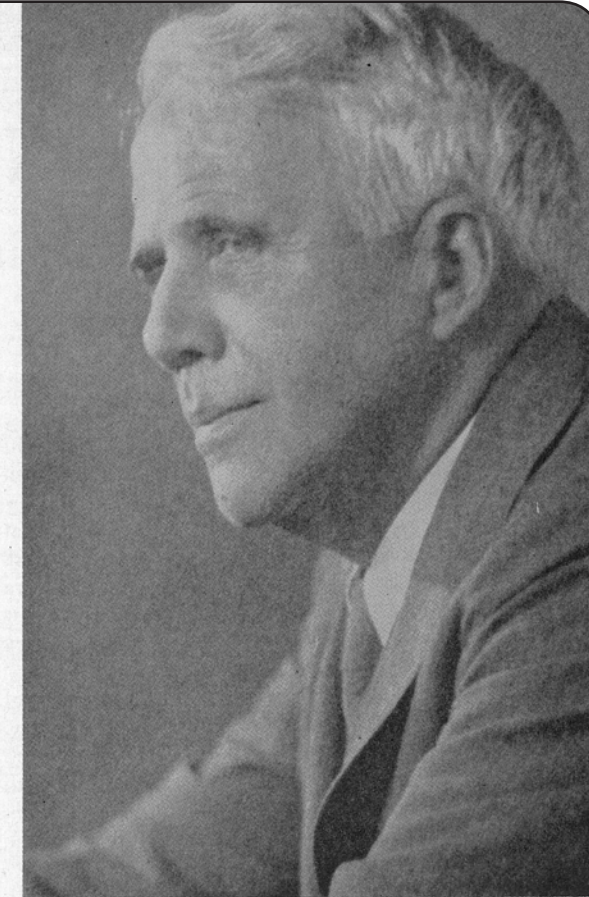
ONE DAILY PAPER covering the inaugural of President Kennedy ran its correspondent's quip that Robert Frost, O^A '96, brought a "titter" from the crowd when he was at the podium. Frost muttered that the sun bothered him as he tried to read some verses as a prelude to the inaugural poem, "The Gift Outright."

But the 86-year-old New Englander brought applause in far greater measure, despite the biting cold, when he put aside those verses, intended as a show of gratitude to the incoming President for having "brought poetry into the affairs of statesmen," and let his voice speak with the confidence that comes with unflinching memory.

The 16-line poem was not written specially for this inaugural. Frost composed it in 1942, about the American Revolutionary era, moved by the world war in which we were then engaged. In it, Frost points to the sacrifices that were necessary before the American people really came into their own as masters of their land. Frost agreed to render the poem at the inauguration because he deemed it fitting in the era of international tensions in which we live, and we print it—together with the unread introduction—as a tribute to the selection of America's "Poet Laureate" for the august occasion.

Brother Frost was the guest of the President and Mrs. Kennedy at the White House two days after the inauguration.

This picture of Robert Frost taken 25 years ago shows the same ability for meditation which former President Cole of Amherst wrote of only last year as "directed, tenacious, and purposeful. . . . His ability to do so makes him America's greatest living poet."



The Verses That Didn't Get Read

Summoning artists to participate
In the august occasions of the state
Seems something for us all to celebrate.
This day is for my cause a day of days,
And his be poetry's old-fashioned praise
Who was the first to think of such a thing.

This tribute verse to be his own I bring
Is about the new order of the ages
That in the Latin of the founding sages
God nodded his approval of as good.
So much those sages knew and understood
(The mighty four of them were Washington,
John Adams, Jefferson, and Madison),
So much they saw as consecrated seers
They must have seen how in two hundred years
They would bring down the world about our ears
By the example of our declaration.
It made the last tribe want to be a nation.

New order of the ages, did they say?
The newest thing in which they led the way
Is in our very papers of the day.

Colonial had been the thing to be
As long as the great issue was to see
Which country'd be the one to dominate
By character, by tongue, and native trait
What Christopher Columbus first had found.
The French, the Spanish, and the Dutch were
disowned,
They all were counted out; the deeds were done;
Elizabeth the first and England won.
Of what had been for centuries the trend
This turned out the beginning of the end.

My verse purports to be the guiding chart
To the o'erturning it was ours to start
And in it have no unimportant part.
The turbulence we're in the middle of
Is something we can hardly help but love.
Some poor fool has been saying in his heart
Glory is out of date in life and art.
Our venture in revolution and outlawry
Has justified itself in freedom's story
Right down to now in glory upon glory.
I sometimes think that all we ask is glory.

What's Going On At The Charges?

We asked our actives for a quick update and this is what they had to say.

BETA

This has been a fun and exciting year for the brothers of the Beta Charge. We had a packed social semester that has created lasting friendships and unforgettable memories. This past year, after hosting ten concerts, we have become the respected music venue at Cornell and in the Ithaca, NY area. Talented musicians from many genres showcase their talents in our charge house. The musicians especially enjoy the intimate nature of these shows compared to their playing to thousands of fans this summer at music festivals like Camp Bisco and Starscape. These concerts have generated a lot of positive press for the Beta Charge with articles featured in Relix Magazine, the Cornell Daily Sun, and several other publications. In addition, we have been praised by the Cornell administration for popularizing these non-alcoholic parties.

This coordinated effort could not have been accomplished without a strong leadership system in place. We develop our leaders with programs ranging from team building exercises at a local Ropes Course to attending conferences such as the A.D. White Leadership Conference. In 2009, we were one of only two fraternities to receive the highest ranking by the Cornell administration of the 42 fraternities at Cornell for demonstrating excellence in service, leadership, and social responsibility. Cornell continues to recognize and praise our efforts – this April at the Greek Awards, our Charge won Best Financial System.

The Beta Charge has also devoted itself to serving the community. We raised almost \$600 for the Ithaca's Suicide Prevention & Crisis Service in a philanthropy concert this April with the California-based duo El Ten Eleven. Additionally, we frequently team up with others organization to help raise money for philanthropy. In the past year we have hosted events with Enrich: Project Kenya and Jamaica Difference to help raise money to provide aid to these countries as well as co-sponsoring Tri-Delta's purse sale to benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

While the Beta Charge has accomplished many things this past year, none of it would be possible without the contributions of our dedicated alumni. We would not have been able to host any concerts without the state-of-the-art sound system that was purchased by our alumni organization the Spectemur Agendo Foundation. Our philanthropy concert would not have been so successful if not for the alumni involvement we received. Brothers of the Beta Charge are fortunate enough to be awarded more than \$15,000 of scholarships and financial aid every year based on academic performance, community service and service to our charge. We are all very content and excited with the twenty new brothers initiated last semester and are confident that they will become future leaders of our charge. We look forward to Beta charge's continued strength and service in the years ahead.

ITB,
Chris Nieves

BETA DEUTERON

At Beta Deuteron this year we have seen a year of progress through some difficult challenges. We would first like to mention our housemother, Mom Bert, who has been seriously ill for several months now. Her daughter, Karen, has recently become very ill as well so it's been a tough time for them and I hope you can give them some of your thoughts.

Throughout the year we've been focusing on restructuring some of our systems as well as doing recruitment. With the way summer recruitment is looking, it seems like Beta Deuteron will be more active than it has been in years.

It hasn't been all gloom though. We made sure to tailgate during the glorious Cyclone football season. We also were very involved in homecoming getting 3rd in Yell Like Hell (one of the bigger Greek contests at ISU) as well as Greek week. Like last year, we intend on keeping brotherhood strong not only among each other, but among charges as well. We made a visit to Sigma Deuteron and were lucky enough to have Gamma Triton visit us. Both times were amazing.

Lastly, Ron Hallenbeck also deserves recognition here. He is currently our Realty Board president and has helped our house immensely since he started. He was given the alumnus of the year award for his involvement in Iowa State's Greek community as well as community involvement for the city of Ames.

GAMMA DEUTERON

The brothers of Gamma Deuteron are excited to be officially back on campus at the University of Michigan. Since being re-charted in March of 2009, we just finished our first full school year as being a recognized charge. Additionally, this winter semester marked our first semester being in the Interfraternal Council in the University of Michigan's Greek system since before our dormancy. This past year we were able to successfully continue old traditions such as our alumni homecoming banquet and our pig roast. We are all looking forward to this fall where we will be moving into our new temporary house at 401 East Madison that will accommodate roughly half of our membership.

ITB,
Dan Oakes

DELTA DEUTERON

It's been a long and busy year for the Delta Deuteron charge here at Berkeley. We are unique in that we have a quick officer turnover. During this academic year, we

have had two presidents, Ryan Rubin DD'11 and Nathan Chan DD'11 run the fraternity. We have had the opportunity to throw our talents together behind a large philanthropic event during the fall and a phenomenal rush during the spring.

Our fall was marked by many gamedays celebrated with fellow

Cal students and Delta Deuteron alumni. We had an amazing annual trip to UCLA to celebrate Cal's football game (a rousing victory, if I may say so myself!). For Halloween, Delta Deuteron celebrated by throwing our biggest annual philanthropy event, Theta Delta Chi's House of Horrors. This event raised over \$3500 for charity. Half went to our national philanthropy, Autism Speaks, and the other half went to our alumni benefactor's philanthropy: The Green Stampede.

In the spring, we had an amazing rush and took in 17 pledges. This is an amazing number, a number fit for the fall, but unprecedented for the spring. All 17 crossed later in the semester. Throughout the semester we participated in sorority philanthropy events. Delta Deuteron has a fairly dubious tradition of coming in third place in all of our sorority events. This year was no different. We came in third place in the fall



in an event thrown by Gamma Phi Beta and also in the spring in an event thrown by Pi Beta Phi. We'll be working on a better finish in the coming semester. We finished with an alumni dinner that had the return of our alumni from the 1940's who designed some of our living spaces. Our house has grown tremendously over the past year and we are looking forward to continued success in the coming years ahead.

EPSILON

To say that Epsilon had a momentous year would be nothing short of an understatement. In truth, Theta Delta Chi has gone through a second founding at the College of William and Mary. A year ago, Epsilon found itself in an unsustainable position, and the vision that our re-founders set forth seven years ago was no longer applicable to our current situation. Luckily, there were those capable few among us who recognized this and decided to take action. What became apparent was that for too long the chief concern had been fraternity housing and not the fraternity itself. We had the numbers and the resources, with which to keep our campus housing, but we decided that it was time to back out on our own terms and shift the focus to the quality of the brotherhood. Our maximum potential has yet to be attained, but it is now safe to say that the darkest hours have passed. Over the past year, Theta Delta Chi has made tremendous strides in the realms of scholarship, member education, and alumni relations.

Last year, Theta Delta Chi ranked fourteenth out of seventeen among fraternities in terms of grade point average at the College of William and Mary. This semester, Epsilon has moved into sixth place, and the trend shows signs of continuing. Whereas originally we had hardly any emphasis on academics, a concerted effort was made to stress the importance of one's studies. We held study halls, at first for everyone, and then later for those with under a 2.0. Older,

scholastically successful brothers helped out the younger ones in their courses. Class attendance was stressed during the new member education phase. And finally, we suspended two brothers who had had disastrous GPAs the previous two semesters; this was difficult, but there are those members, who even once they have been educated and initiated, fail to grasp what it means to be a fraternity man even if it is for their own good.

Member education has always been a forte of Epsilon. Two years ago, the Grand Lodge presented the Epsilon Charge with the President's Cup, an award that signifies that our Charge has best knowledge of ritual. I would wager that even our least astute brother could quote page upon page from our handbook. However, as with everything, there were areas to be improved. The first realm of improvement was made to the continuing education of brothers. During one's pledging experience, a brother learns a great deal of information, and being a William and Mary student, he actually retains the vast majority of it. Nevertheless, a fraternal education segment has been incorporated into our weekly Charge meetings, which involves me asking several "Jeopardy"-style questions to keep the brothers on their toes and a random brother is asked to describe what this bit of fraternity lore means in the context of the daily actions of a Theta Delt. For the most part, it appears that there is a high degree of recall, as well as a good chance for entertaining responses. The second new element has been much more profound. There is no doubt that we do a great job stressing history, ritual, and lore during a member's education. However, in some ways, we were glossing over

the most basic idea, and that is what it means to be a fraternity man in a greater collegiate community. It now has become a routine subject of conversation, and it is "Step 1" of every new member's education. I created what I called the, "Compass of Chivalry for an Epsilon Man." Its full effect has yet to have been realized, but then again, there certainly have been no moral conduct violations coming from any member of our Charge.

In the span of a year, Epsilon has gone from having some of the worst alumni relations at William and Mary to now having some of the best. To give credit where credit is due, last semester's alumni chair, Jeffrey Frew, did an outstanding job of laying the framework. Theta Delta Chi was founded at William and Mary in 1853, second only to Phi Beta Kappa. Therefore, we always knew that we had an incredibly large alumni base, but a bottleneck arose when we attempted to contact those who were brothers previous to the refounding in 2003. The bottleneck does have a name, but for our purposes now, he shall not be incriminated. Jeffrey Frew, through some detective work with the College and the Grand Lodge, was able to piece together a 700 person list of Epsilon alumni with their contact information. At Homecoming last semester, we took in close to 600 dollars from approximately 150 alumni. Last semester, we also brought back the Hokum, which is the Epsilon Charge's magazine for alumni, and we published another issue in the Spring. If that was not enough, our current alumni chair is now halfway completed with a "jobs list," which details alumni's professions, positions, and hiring attitudes. On this front, we have

literally gone from nothing to a detailed something.

The Epsilon Charge has indeed had a momentous year, and the entire campus of William and Mary has already or will soon themselves take note of the improvement. The strides that Epsilon has made in the realms of scholarship, member education, and alumni relations were by no means elementary, and their results have been triumphant. In conversations with all who approach me, I have stressed the fact that now is a great time to be a Theta Delt at William and Mary. The College brims with opportunity, and we now have a model that can lead us to success.

EPSILON TRITON

The Epsilon Triton charge continues to move forward, having celebrated its second Founder's Day this past April. The year has been marked with times of rejoicing and accomplishments with graduating our first Epsilon Triton senior class. The 2009-2010 President Greg Hewson again proves his dedication as well as positive influence on the charge, graduating from Arizona State University Summa Cum Laude. Founding fathers Brian Bednarek, Rob Stenger, Max Gemma, and Christopher Maslo, also parted ways with Arizona State leaving their mark and memories behind.

Epsilon Triton strived again in its opportunity to give back to the environment that nurtures them. We took second in Arizona State's Greek Week celebration, raising \$1000 or Relay for Life, Greek week's main event. We also

participated in Pat's Run, which benefits the Pat Tillman foundation that was created after the ex Arizona State/Arizona Cardinal's football player passed on serving his country overseas. The foundation helps to provide resources and education to veterans, actives, and their families.

Epsilon Triton gained 9 new brothers this past year, pledging 4 in our Gamma class and 5 in our Delta class. Sharvil Kapadia of the Delta pledge class ran for Student Council President and also was elected the new Vice President of the Interfraternity Council, advancing our devotion to our school and student body. New executive positions were given in the spring, with Jacob Raiff becoming the new Epsilon Triton president and Russ Reilly backing him up at Vice President.

The charge's importance to Arizona State's sports teams was also prominent this past year. President Jacob Raiff helped Arizona State's Rugby team to go undefeated in league play these past two seasons. He helped them succeed into qualifying for the national tournament in Orlando Florida for two consecutive years. This allowed them to move up to the premier Southern California league in Division 1.

Epsilon Triton strengthens their fraternal bond by visiting the Psi Deuteron charge at University of California - Los Angeles each semester. The Arizona State charge of Theta Delta Chi consistently shows its leadership across the campus as well as its loyalty within the brotherhood and beyond.

ITB,
Jacob Raiff
Epsilon Triton President

ZETA

Zeta Charge has been hard at work this year in a balancing act consisting of work on the gridiron with the Brown University varsity football team and time in the classroom pursuing a broad spectrum of concentrations. In the fall, Paul Jasinowski '10 and Jimmy Develin '10 captained the football team to a third place Ivy League finish and a final record of 6-4. Among other things, we hosted a very successful Alumni Reunion after the homecoming game against Princeton and bolstered one hundred percent member participation in Brown's Annual Bench Press for Cancer to help raise over \$20,000 for the American Cancer Society. We also won Brown University's Greek Week Cup for the fourth year in a row.

Our spring primarily consisted of numerous rush events in which we recruited and initiated 22 of our newest brothers. We also had over 55 brothers take a trip south together for Spring Break. Most recently, Zeta is proud to announce the signing of three brothers to NFL rosters. David Howard '09 and Bobby Sewall '10 have both signed with the Tennessee Titans, while Buddy Farnham '10 has signed with his hometown favorite, the New England Patriots. We wish them the best of luck in the seasons to come and look forward to watching them play at the highest level of competition.

ITB,
Joe DeNotta

THETA TRITON

Greetings from the Theta Triton Charge at Binghamton University. This year has been a very exciting one for Theta Triton. For the past three years, we have been working on achieving recognition as a Binghamton fraternal organization. This past fall was our first as a fully recognized charge on Binghamton's campus and the end of our probationary period.

Every fall semester, there is an annual competition among the Greek organizations called Mr. Greek God, which is hosted by Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority. The goal of the event is to raise money for the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation. Brother Jeremy Leiss '10 was the first brother from our Charge to compete in Mr. Greek God. He performed phenomenally coming in second place, an incredible feat for TDX's first year in competition.

Special congratulations go to Brother Dominic "Dom" Giordani '11, who has won a term as Interfraternal Council Rush Chairman. Brother Dom has represented our charge admirably as the Interfraternal Council Representative for a year. His election to this office is a great step for TDX at Binghamton in its second year as a member of the council and first year as a full member. The position was previously held by Brother Paul Liggieri '09, who simultaneously held the position of Philanthropy Chair. With the hard work of brothers like Paul and Dom, TDX can look forward to being one of the most prestigious fraternities on Binghamton's campus.

This semester, Theta Triton formed its House Corporation. With the help of CFO Executive Director Bill McClung, Iota Deuteron '66 and Brother C. Philip Curley, Kappa Triton '76, and our founding alumni officers; Brothers David Miller, Theta Triton '09; David Azaria, Theta Triton, '08; and Paul Liggieri, Theta Triton '09, the Theta Triton House Corporation has secured the best lodgings of any fraternity in Binghamton Greek life for the '10-'11 year. Theta Triton will be moving into the Franklin Whitney Mansion in downtown Binghamton.



The house itself is the oldest standing residence in Binghamton, built in 1828 by General Joshua Whitney, land developer for William Bingham.

Our new executive board will be bringing many fresh and original ideas to the table in order to increase our recruitment and to get our alumni and parents more involved. We will be hosting our first parents' weekend events and homecoming alumni events in our stately new home. The brothers at Theta Triton look forward to an even stronger year to come.

In the Bonds,
Randal Meyer '11
President, Theta Triton

IOTA TRITON

This year Iota Triton has been continually involved despite graduating 16 seniors. Iota Triton continues to be a strong force on the UMass campus, finishing first among fraternities in the annual Greek Week, donating to a local sorority for their Make a Wish benefit concert, and constantly improving the UMass Dartmouth Campus. Iota Triton participated in a benefit for Phi Sigma Sigma's Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance to help support one of their sisters who is suffering from this disease. Iota Triton also raised money and participated in Jordan's Polar Plunge in Plymouth, MA and volunteered in the annual Autism Speaks walk with fellow charges.

Brothers of Iota Triton are well known on campus holding the following positions: Greek Coordinator of UMass Dartmouth, Greek Man of year at UMass Dartmouth, Student Trustees, Resident Assistants, Orientation Leaders, Student Senators, Conduct Board Members and are involved in many other clubs on campus.

As brothers of Theta Delta Chi

Iota Triton we are very proud of our graduated seniors and alumni. They have continued to pursue careers as nurses, businessmen, accountants, engineers, and soldiers fighting for our country. One of our Alumni, Bruce Tench III, founded a program at the Whaling City Alternative School located in New Bedford where troubled teens are guided on the right path. Fellow Iota Tritons volunteer helping youth at risk and mentoring kids in math and helping them stay in school.

A very important aspect of the Iota Triton charge is maintaining a strong sense of brotherhood. Some ways that we have done so is brothers' night every week after our meetings on Mondays, where we meet up at Stone Forge to relax and enjoy each other's company. We have also for the third year in a row continued our TDXFL, where brothers create teams and battle it out on the football field. As a charge we are very excited to announce our first composite put together and passed out to each brother. Lastly, beginning this summer Iota Triton will be participating in Gillette stadiums fundraiser in order to raise funds for our charge. While doing so, we also hope to continue our strong bonds



Brothers of Iota Triton

as we work together for our common cause, improving ourselves intellectually, morally and socially.

ITB,
Iota Triton

KAPPA

The 2009/2010 school year was a great one for the Kappa Charge. We recruited 13 new brothers, all of whom are great additions to the brotherhood. Priding ourselves on the social aspect of our fraternity, we have held several events throughout the year, all of which have run successfully, and provided an outlet for Tufts students to convene and have a good time. Aside from the social spectrum, we also take great pride in our philanthropic efforts as demonstrated this year. In the fall, we participated in the Walk for Autism in which we raised over \$3,500 for Autism Speaks - an organization dedicated to funding research for autism, as well as raising public awareness about the condition. Furthermore, this past spring, we participated in Tufts Relay for Life, the annual American Cancer Society fundraiser. It is my pleasure to announce that, for the third year running, our charge raised more money than all the other organizations on campus, totaling \$13,000. The money raised goes directly to the American Cancer Society to help fund cancer research and provide vital patient care. Additionally, we've completely revamped our Brothers Room (living room), and made it more accommodating. What was once an open space now contains a pool table, couches, tables, and a dart board. We have made some great strides this year, and only hope to continue to improve.

XI DEUTERON

After earning Victory Cup last year, we received a word of advice from an alumnus that resonated within us all, and shaped our path for the upcoming year. He told us "Congratulations. It's easy to win awards, but it's harder to keep them." Despite our success last year, we realized that we must continue to strive to become better in every aspect of our charge.

We first implemented our new rush program based on more one-on-one interaction and became less focused on spending large sums of money on big events that gain lots of attention, but minimal results. Our new system proved successful as shown by the quality of our new members this year, and the 5 new members that we have signed this spring who are the first of our 21 member pledge class we aim to complete by next fall. Recruitment is always the most important part of any fraternity, so it's imperative that our system adapts to better accommodate our ever changing needs.

We have also invested more time and effort this year into raising money for a variety of charities, including selling home-made Sushi, holding phone drives and promoting events such as "Turnt Up", a Hip-Hop benefit concert held in our own basement. We have also made efforts to participate in as many philanthropies by other houses as possible. We donated nearly 5,000 dollars to participate in events held by Kappa Delta, Gamma Phi Beta (Spring Slam, 2nd Place), Alpha Chi Omega (Oktoberfest, 1st Place), Delta Zeta, Zeta Tau Alpha (Knockout, 1st Place), Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Phi (Alpha Phi-Fa, 2nd Place),

Delta Gamma (Anchorsplash, 5th Place) and Sigma Kappa.

While we take great pride in these successes, we measure our value not only in numbers and dollars, but in the men who walk these halls. We foster academic and social success by providing our members with a University of Washington Undergraduate Advisor as our Campus Advisor, and by coordinating weekly brotherhood events and sorority exchanges every Wednesday. Our men have also proven to be leaders outside of our own doors, and we are proud to have members as Orientation Leaders, Freshman Interest Group Leaders, Basketball Managers, Captains of UW Water Polo and UW Rugby teams and participants in many other clubs. Our chapter also sits within the top 5 for Intramural Sports.

As this year concludes, and another begins, I wish the other presidents and brothers of our beloved fraternity the best of luck in all of your efforts to make your charge the best it can be. The work we put in is often difficult, and while we may become frustrated or tired, we must all remember that the steps we take will make us better brothers in the end.

ITB,
Dustin Lagos
President, Xi Deuteron Charge
University of Washington

SIGMA DEUTERON

The past year for Sigma Deuteron charge at the University of Wisconsin-Madison has been one of the most eventful years our fraternity has seen in the last decade. Our fraternity has been fighting for its

survival for a few years now but this past year we have shown our ability to respond to adversity. Each year our pledge classes have increased and each brother is doing their part to make sure our fraternity stays alive. In the past 2 years our fraternity has increased from 25 brothers to total of 44 tightly-knit brothers.

Our house is very old and fragile, and hasn't seen all of its rooms filled with brothers for many years. This year, however, that has changed. We have 18 brothers living in next year out of a possible 18 rooms. To go along with this, we have organized two weekends July 10th and July 17th, where brothers, alumni, families, and friends are gathering at the house to remodel and fix as many of the problems that we can with our house that is over 55 years old.

Due to our low number of actives over the years, we have many debts to pay now that we are back on the rise. Being faced with this problem, our brothers came together to fund-raise and donate over 16,000 dollars to cover various debts. This was a huge stride in keeping our charge on Madison's campus for the years to come. On top of this, our brothers also raised over \$2,500 for the polar plunge, which goes towards the Special Olympics.

One thing our fraternity is very proud of is the diversity of our brotherhood. We have brothers from over seven different ethnic or religious backgrounds, and one brother who is handicapped with muscular dystrophy who joined this past spring. His courage and personality has shown his fellow brothers a lot about what true happiness is and we are honored to have him as a friend and brother.

All of the actives are very excited

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Brothers of Sigma Deuteron

for this upcoming year. We expect a great rush this coming fall after we transform our house into something to cherish this summer. We still have some debts to cover but we are confident we will be able to meet our obligations. Our new philanthropy chair is excited to get us more involved on campus and in our community, putting to good use our rising numbers. Our fraternity GPA was 3.125 over the year and ranked in the top half of fraternities on campus. Our focus on education, community, and brotherhood will surely make this coming year one to remember.

ITB,
Mack Daeda

SIGMA TRITON

This past semester has been eventful and exciting for myself and our brothers at Sigma Triton, Penn State. We have worked hard on various philanthropies, brotherhood events, community service projects, athletics, and academics. Sigma Triton

has recruited very well in the past few years, bringing in hard working and great young fraternity men. We are proud to be very involved in outside organizations here at Penn State and many brothers even carry leadership positions in their respective organizations. From the Interfraternity Council President to cam-



Active with Habitat for Humanity

pus project leaders and tour guides, the brothers of Sigma Triton are transparent on campus and in the community.

To kick off the spring, Sigma Triton and our partnered sorority, raised over \$50,000 for the Penn State Dance Marathon (THON), which occurs every February and benefits

pediatric cancer research. In April, we successfully planned a philanthropy named, "Easter Olympics". Easter Olympics, which benefited Autism Speaks, was comprised of a variety of events where teams competed against one another for the gold medal. We were pleased with the turnout, the hard work from our brothers, and the sizable donation we were able to make towards Autism Speaks. Finally in May, we had the privilege to support another fraternity by helping to bring rap artist Juelz Santana to Penn State for a benefit concert supporting the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

We are also pleased to announce that our hard work paid off this spring. We received the distinguished award of 'Chapter of Excellence' by our University and Interfraternity Council Advisors. There were only four chapters who received the award (out of 49 overseen by the IFC) who took initiatives in community service, standards, chapter and risk management, as well as other requirements in the 2009 calendar year.

Currently, Sigma Triton has 49 active members, but we plan and hope to grow to around 60 actives after the Fall 2010. We will have a full house of 35 guys and high expectations for Sigma Triton in the 2010-2011 school year.

Chris Cover,
President

UPSILON DEUTERON

This past year has been a very fun and productive year for the Upsilon Deuteron Charge at Wabash College. We have continued to recruit the best men on campus,



bringing 6 men into our ranks. We continue to enjoy all aspects of being a fraternity man, excelling in philanthropic endeavors, intellectual improvement, and social joys.

Upsilon Deuteron has continued our commitment to philanthropy participating in the first ever Montgomery County Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk, which raised more than \$32,000 for cancer research. We also organized a food-packing event packaging several thousand meals for starving individuals around the world.

Upsilon Deuteron continues to have the 2nd highest freshman g.p.a. and the 2nd highest fraternity g.p.a. on campus. We also continued our self-renovation on our charge house, completely putting in new carpet and painting the first floor of the house. We hope that this year has been as good for all our brothers and are looking forward to seeing everyone at convention this summer.

UPSILON TRITON

The Upsilon Triton colony was founded on January 26th, 2010 and currently boasts a membership of 18 brothers. We have also been recognized by Indiana University as a colony at the school and are progressing along the way to becoming a fully recognized charge by the IU

IFC. We have been working to establish our philanthropy, Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund. We have planned to participate in a joint event with Alpha Gamma Delta in the fall. We are also very excited to be taking our first pledge class this coming fall semester, during which we hope to introduce many more upstanding men to the Upsilon Triton Colony.

We have just sent out the first edition of the Upsilon Triton newsletter to alumni in the surrounding states. This is a part of our alumni relation program, with which we hope to improve and maintain contact with our alumni around the country. If you would like to receive an electronic copy, and have not yet received one, please contact Nolan Slifko at nslifko@hotmail.com.

CHI DEUTERON

Chi Deuteron has been busy ever since its charter was reinstated at the end of last year. We renewed the charge with seven new brothers, all actively committed to restoring Chi Deuteron to its previous height, and then surpassing it. We ended last year with a charity bake sale for Susan G. Kolmen, raising well over \$300 in a few hours. We left for winter break with high spirits and goals for the spring semester, our first rush period. Using advice from older members as well as alumni, we held our first rush events. We did not have a mass turn out, but that was not expected. Instead, we had a few decent guys turn out, all of whom had been talking with active brothers. We offered bids and gained two new brothers. Again, it was not a large pledge class, but

rather a small, quality based class.

Other than rush, there has been plenty to keep us busy. We participated in several sorority philanthropy events and began to gain recognition. We also participated in Relay for Life, held on our campus as well as made plans for future philanthropy events to raise money for Autism Speaks. Chi Deuteron also had its first mixer, gaining further recognition. With the help of some alumni, we also created a spirit video which we entered into a contest to be displayed at half time during a basketball game. Our message is clear: we may be a small Charge, but we are quality brothers, we are growing, and we are to stay.



Alumni Notes Rounds Sets Record

Steve Rounds, Beta '51 (Cornell), recently broke a world record at the C.R.A.S.H.-B World Indoor Rowing Championships.

The competition is held annually at Boston University's Harry Agganis Arena, on the banks of the Charles River, and attracts well over a thousand competitors from around the globe. Steve has dominated his age cohort since taking up the sport at the age of 68. Last year he failed to break the existing record for 80-84 year olds, three times, once by a mere 0.1 of a second, when he was a young 80. On this occasion he lowered the record by approximately 2.5 seconds.

Steve was presented with his award, the traditional hammer.



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