



Auburn Chapter of The Delta Chi Fraternity



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Making the Right Changes

Hello!

I hope all is well with you and your families. We have seen and continue to see many changes here, but one that I would like to touch on is our growing alumni support. This spring the University mandated fire inspections and the fire marshal gave a list of items that needed to be updated. With the help of the Alumni Control Board we were able to bring the house up to date, making living quarters safer and complying with the University. The ACB has also allowed us to work on the outside appearance of the house with a generous landscaping budget each semester. Attendance at the ACB meetings grows with each meeting as more undergraduate brothers and alumni wish to get involved. Meetings have moved from sporadically announcing a date to a once a month schedule. I can't thank the alumni and undergraduate brothers enough for all of their hard work and dedication that they have put into making what we all love so much a better place. I would like to invite you and your families to come by the house and give us an opportunity to meet you and show you a little bit of what we have been up to. I look forward to seeing you!

ITB,
Ralph Menard
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Kimball Classic

The 2005 Kimball Classic golf tournament was a great success with 35 people participating. Hunter Meriwether, Jesse Marinelli, Rick Marinelli, and Ken Marinelli won the tournament with a score of six under par in a scramble. We would like to thank all of the alumni, friends, and family who took the time to come to Auburn and show their support for the Delta Chi fraternity. Special thanks go to Trent Newell and our cook, Miss Leslie, for preparing lunch after the tournament.

Chapter Update by Kevin DeLine of the ABT

I recently celebrated my 7 year anniversary this past April (2005) with my current employer in Atlanta, GA (Manhattan Associates). That same month, I played in our “somewhat” yearly Delta Chi golf tournament in Auburn. At the tournament, I met up with long time friends and brothers Derek and Joe Roh. As we spent a few minutes reminiscing, Joe mentioned he was now teaching high school students that were born after he graduated from high school.

That’s when it hit me, I’ve been working for 1 employer as long as I attended Auburn, and graduate degrees included, and have been out of school almost 10 years. I started school in Auburn the fall of 1990 and joined Delta Chi the following fall in 1991. My last day as a student in Auburn was December 1996.

My last day at Auburn was not my last day as a Delta Chi. However, I often find myself telling new friends and acquaintances that, “I was a Delta Chi at Auburn.” Recently, I attended my first ABT meeting since leaving Auburn and realized that I am *still* a Delta Chi.

Remarkably, the ABT meetings these past few months have been the same as the ones that I attended in the 90’s. All the same questions have been coming up;

“What should semester rent be?”

“How do we rush, what are some good ideas?”

“Who punched a hole in the wall?”

“Who and why are there delinquent house bills?”

When I started to write this article, I re-read Mike Carroll’s newsletter article from summer 2004. The most important paragraph of Mike’s article stated the following,

“There have been changes this year (2004). We (the ABT) believe the Chapter has turned the corner on what has been a downturn in Greek life nationwide. We still need to increase our numbers, but we have some excellent young men. They are worthy of your support and encouragement.”

When I joined Delta Chi in 1991 we had 50 members and a fall pledge class of 14. 11 of the 14 were initiated in January, 1992 (from what I remember). Skip ahead to the 1995 school year, and we listed 84 brothers. The growth was the result of Delta Chi “turning the corner” with the help of hard work from a solid group of people and help of our alumni.

The group of guys there now has the same characteristics as the group in the 90’s and need the help of all our alumni. They will succeed, they will grow, and they will eliminate their debt. I’ve spent some time brainstorming with them on ideas but, admittedly not enough time.

Please think back to your days of Delta Chi and think about how you can help, no matter what year you graduated. The more alumni involvement the better. The ABT and current chapter have several ideas on the table and need help implementing those ideas. Ideas that include;

1. Increasing rush numbers.
2. Refurbishing the resident bathrooms in house (they are currently the original bathrooms from the 80’s).
3. Hosting an alumni reunion for all age groups.
4. Honoring Samuel Ginn for his contributions to the school of Engineering.
5. Reigniting the alumni \$100 club.

The Auburn chapter of Delta Chi does not need just money; it needs time and involvement from the “old” guys. Stories of how things used to be done, ideas on how to improve chapter functions, and most importantly, fun stories to bridge the gap across the age groups.

Your help can be a visit to the chapter, a phone call, an email, or a donation. If you can help please let them know or contact me sometime, Kevin DeLine (kevindeline@bellsouth.net, 770.309.5793).

As a new tradition to writing newsletters and getting new brothers involved, I want to make it the responsibility of the current article author to appoint the next author with out repeating people. For the next article, look for something from Marc Scholl. Marc was starting his Delta Chi career while I was in graduate school. Marc was a past ‘A’ and secretary for IFC. I look forward to wisdom imparted on by Marc. Maybe he can all help us with ideas on how to get 4x4 SUVs unstuck from the mud and woods. Especially, when the SUV is on loan to me from my dad.

Summer Rush Events

July 11th – Atlanta Braves Game – For more info call Scott Spencer at (423) 304-5480

July 16th – Skeet Shoot – For more info call Brett Wiggins at (256) 310-6384

August 12th – House Cookout – For more info call Patrick Maher at (860) 917-3622

August 18th – Deltiki – For more info call Chad Bassi at (270) 331-1222

August 19th – Back to School Barbecue – For more info call Van Riggs at (334) 546-3637

August 20th – Lake Party – For more info call Trent Newell at (334) 399-4157

August 22nd – Rush Booth on Concourse – For more info call Preston Settle at (205) 270-6482

August 23rd – 26th – Formal Rush

Spring 2005 Membership:

Total Members – 40

Active Members – 31

New Members – 3

'05 Summer Graduates

Steven Menard **Management**

Steve will be seeking a management job in marketing.

Nick Cooper ... **Welding Technology**

Nick will be working for Austal USA, a ship building company based out of Australia with another headquarters in Mobile. He was accepted as an Engineering Welder. He will be working on new 492 foot US Navy battleship.

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We are Proud to be Delta Chi’s

As a lot of you know, we all say we are proud to be a Delta Chi. I have only been around since the Fall of 2004, but I have heard the stories from the older guys of how things used to be. With the arguments Alumni Control Board and the Executive Council at the ACB meetings and the shape the house was in before I became an associate member. I am sure; however, every man in the room said he was proud to be a Delta Chi. Since I have become a Brother there have been many changes, as Ralph said in his article. The changes include his points as well as a greater pride taken in the appearance of the house. Last semester the EC made once-a-month clean-up and renovation day mandatory for all of the Brothers in the chapter. I have seen a big change in the way all of the Brothers act around the house and around campus. Now instead of just empty words because we *should* say them, we now **live** by those words. I guess because I have only been around for two semesters I have always been proud to be a Delta Chi, but as most I have had times when I was unsure of those words because of some of the things I have seen and heard. We are getting back to where we should be we have seen our chapter and ACB meetings run a lot more smoothly; we have been trying to get more alumni support, with great success; and a lot of that can be contributed to the new attitude by the Executive Council. This can be because of the eager, young members on the EC (our EC has four members initiated in the Fall of 2004). The biggest reason I am proud to be a Delta Chi is the same reason my dad gave me when he told me he wanted to know how to get honorary initiated, “this is something that has become a huge part of your life and made you a stronger person” I am very grateful of all of the people who made the Auburn Chapter of Delta Chi what it was and I am very proud to be one of the people bringing it back to where it should be. The biggest reason I am proud to be a Delta Chi is because when I came to Auburn I did not know that many people and our rush chairman had invited me to come to the house to meet the brothers. When I got came pulling in to the driveway I had no idea what to expect, but the guys here were not what I expected as they made me feel like I had known them their entire life and it had really become my home away from home.

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