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Upcoming Events

Work Day

Date: June 19-20, 2010
Place: 252 Langdon St.
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Summer Picnic

Date: Sunday, July 25th, 2010
Time: 12:00pm to 5:00pm
Place: Jim Peterson's (1990)
W11888 Behan Road
Columbus, WI 53925
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Homecoming

Date: Saturday, October 9th, 2010
Time: 9:00am until the festivities end
Place: 252 Langdon St.
Madison, WI 53703
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Conclave

Date: October 22-23, 2010
Place: Madison, WI 53703
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Letter from the Editor

By: Orion Schultz (2007)



As I was thinking about this "Cornucopia", I tried to think about what I would want to read. While this is a great place to get information about what the Alumni Board, Education Foundation and active chapter are up to, it seemed a little too stiff. I want to know what is happening with my friends and fellow brothers, and from what I hear, so do you. We took a small step in this direction with the "Featured Alumnus", and the positive response con-

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vinced me that we needed a bit more. “All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy,” so, in addition to the regular fare, we have congratulations, a survey, events, and a whole lot more.

We also launched a new website in April. The new site is easier for us to update and maintain, and it gave us a chance to reorganize it into a more cohesive and useful tool. If you haven’t had a chance to visit the site, www.deltathetasigma.com, please stop by and then let us know what you think (while you’re there, I’d recommend signing up for the Alumni Connection email newsletter; I hear it’s pretty good).

I hope you enjoy this latest Cornucopia and the new stories we’ve included to make it more interesting and fun to read. We’d love to hear from you, so please email your comments to alumnieditor@deltathetasigma.com.

From a Sagging Bathroom Ceiling to Harvard

By: Richard Ballenger (2007)



“Yellow Submarine by the Beatles”, yells Mike less than two seconds into the song. He’s now winning about 50 to 1 against the rest of the pledge class in the impromptu game of *Name that Tune*. Orion, Brian, and I shake our heads in disgust as we put up tile after tile in the DTS bathroom. It’s clear that our new brother isn’t afraid to flat out embarrass us.

Out of every single night at DTS, I remember the one above the most. I think that’s the day I realized that the seemingly menial tasks of pledging are actually invaluable tools in the development of the core values of DTS. It was the first of innumerable experiences at DTS that changed me as a person.

DTS, more than the University, prepared me for the real world. DTS equipped me to run meetings, manage projects, and make tough decisions. For the most part, professors only taught me how to solve some oversimplified engineering problems. I’ve met a lot of smart people during my career in the pharmaceutical industry, most of which can solve extremely complex problems. However, most can’t hold a normal conversation let

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alone lead a group of people. It's too bad they didn't get the real education they needed outside the classroom.

After spending the last seven years learning from DTS, it's with mixed emotions that I must resign from Alumni Board. I do so as I head off to Harvard Business School this August. I'm excited to be advancing my career, but I'm disappointed to be leaving DTS with unfinished business. I owe DTS a huge debt that all the volunteer hours in the world cannot repay. I know that I would not have this opportunity without the support of DTS and its individual members. I send the deepest thanks and gratitude to everyone who has in some way touched my life and made DTS possible. Without you, I'd be a much different person today.

I encourage all Ditzers to continue to donate time and resources no matter how little to DTS. If a sagging bathroom ceiling can take me to Harvard, where can a leaky kitchen sink or a pothole ridden driveway take the next Ditzer?

1st VP's Report: Thank You

By: Mike Gresch (1999)



I would like to personally thank each member of the Alumni Board for their service. Maintaining the fraternity does not happen without effort.

I want to thank Richard BALLENGER for his service as Alumni Board President. Richard will be presiding until July 2010, because he will be attending Harvard Business School in the fall and unable to preside. Richard has been very methodical in his leadership role as an active and alumni. As an active he was a treasurer and president of the chapter. As an alumni president he was instrumental in making sure QuickBooks became accessible online. He was able to work much closer with the active chapter and make sure the new website went live. His experience as active treasurer and president made him an ideal president of the alumni chapter. The challenges in the last 2 years were the Jose embezzlement and resulting financial insolvency and unorganized financials. Richard made sure many renters and members knew their bills were due or overdue and

helped keep the money coming in so the active and alumni fraternity could remain solvent.

Orion Schultz has been very important to the board by serving as Editor of the Cornucopia. He has brought us into the internet age by sending out the monthly Alumni Connection. He has overseen the advertising and marketing of DTS to members and renters. I should mention that he lives in Hawaii, so the commute is brutal....

Pat Meyer is a recent addition to the Alumni Board. The Alumni Board is in charge of the welfare of the physical facilities at 252 Langdon Street. Pat has years of experience in remodeling, bidding construction jobs and insurance. He has been and will be valuable for consulting on the laundry remodel and the 2014 sprinkler fit requirement.

Mike Baumgartner took the lead on the Jose Tavarez case and made sure DTS did not lose money from the embezzlement. His experience as an active is very helpful to both the active and alumni chapters. He has been very important to the active member recruitment

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by staying involved with the active chapter and participating in the Housing Scholarship which brings in the majority of members.

Chance Hilbelink is serving as the Alumni Treasurer and has been very important to the Board by attending the active chapter meetings. Whenever there is a project or an event, Chance is there to help out.

These are not easy tasks, remember, the alumni officers work for free. The meetings may end up taking up 3-4 hours of time when you factor in driving. This does not factor in the time writing articles, planning events and mailing out correspondence, making calls and many other miscellaneous tasks.

As always, we continue to look for help on the board and welcome attendees and potential board members. As the saying goes, “many hands make light work.”

Treasurer’s Report

By: Chance Hilbelink (2006)



This past semester has been a challenge and a valuable learning experience for me as the Treasurer of the Alumni Corporation. I have enjoyed the opportunity to gain invaluable skills that I hope will make me an effective officer and a member of Delta Theta Sigma. I have had the opportunity to learn how to work with Quick Books through the past few months and I hope to gain further experience in the time ahead of me. I have enjoyed the challenges that have come up during this first part of my term in this position in including figuring out our insurance policy and the possibility that we might need additional insurance as an organization and a trip to the Social Security office to make sure that our past employ-

ees were ready for retirement.

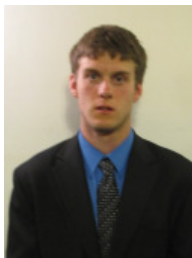
I have enjoyed the leadership that Rich has provided and he will be missed as president, but I am sure that he will stay active and will continue to be an influential part of Delta Theta Sigma. I look forward to the leadership that Mike Gresh will provide in these difficult times as a Delta Theta Sigma member.

The financial status of the organization is looking stronger than it has in a while but we still have a ways to go before I am satisfied. The active brothers have been working hard all year and to this point have paid full rent. We have also started collecting the money that was awarded to us from Jose Tavarez case along with some of the other outstanding rent. We are working hard to make sure that the actives are collecting all the current rent that is due to them. We have a lot of work to do in the up coming years and any help that you can provide will be greatly appreciated.

I welcome any suggestions that you may have to make this a stronger organization.

Active President

Steve Rantala



Things are looking up as DTS is finishing out the semester. We have had a very productive start to 2010 adding two excellent members to our brotherhood, and making some nice house improvements. Alex Pojman and Kevin Beene are our two newly activated brothers, and scored higher on their tests than anyone in the last few semesters. Both are passionate about DTS and we are looking forward to big things from both of them.

As for the house, over the last few weeks the

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Good Room has been getting a much needed upgrade. A new paint job has given the room a little more color, and our Little Sister organization is making new curtains for the windows. I am also happy to announce that starting next fall the food at our house will be provided by College Fresh. They are a food service company based out of Champaign, Illinois. College Fresh caters to over half of the Fraternities and Sororities at the University of Illinois and have been in business for twenty-five years. We are confident that with their expertise in providing quality food our house will be more attractive to potential members and renters.

Our chapter is excited to host Conclave this fall, and we're looking to have an impressive representation. To show our guests how nice the University of Wisconsin is, we are most likely holding our banquet at either the Red Gym or Memorial Union. With our improved recruitment skills led by Nick Woboril we're also optimistic for a good fall rush. Our high school housing scholarship program has once again had a decent year, as two men and two women have accepted their offers to join us at DTS. We've had a successful spring semester and are looking forward to outdoing ourselves once again next fall.

Active Treasurer

Nick Baltz

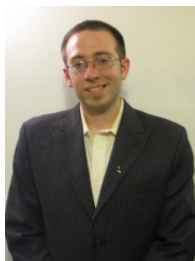


My name is Nick and I am the treasurer this calendar year. In order to maintain a strong financial standing now, and in the future, our focus was on organization. My assistant treasurer,

Mario, has taken responsibility of the general oversight of rent collections. Mario concentrated on minimizing the number of overdue payments in order minimize our risk of payment failures. My focus has been on the payment of bills, filing taxes, and balancing the overall cash flow. Maintaining cautious control of our finances has lead to an income of over \$27,000 since last June. The extra money in our account has resulted in the chapter easily paying all bills in full on time in order to continue a friendly relationship with all of our vendors. An additional change seen recently regarding the chapter finances is the attention of the alumni board. The alumni board has access to our online accounting program in order to oversee our balance and guarantee responsible spending. The work and support that everyone has invested in our finances has paid off in the form of a strong fiscal standing.

Active Vice President

Zach Pearson



As we usher out another semester in DTS, we find ourselves in a better position than we have been in a long time. By using the new recruitment techniques we that we learned from the Phired Up

DVD, we added another two great members to our organization. Looking on to the next semester we hope to recruit an additional six

members to the organization, and slowly return to a more agricultural base of members.

On the financial side, our improved rent collection policy has allowed us to pay the alumni on time every time. However, with the upcoming installation of a sprinkler system to the house we still have a lot on our plate. Eventually, we hope to remodel the house to bring it up to campus standards and work as a better recruitment tool. We will continue to improve our position financially and grow our organization as a leader on campus.

Welcome Our Newest Brothers

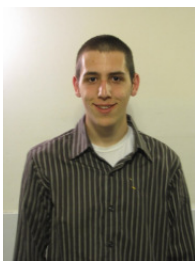
Zach Pearson

We were glad to welcome Kevin Beene and Alex Pojman into our fraternity this semester. They are both freshman at the University, with Kevin being a biological systems engineer and Alex undecided. While smaller junior member classes are traditionally more difficult to get integrated into the fraternity, these two did a great job of getting to know all of the members and had fun while doing it. We look forward to their first semester as full DTS members and expect a great year ahead of us.

Looking ahead to the next semester we are expecting a legacy in the form of a current active member's brother, as well as potentials that we have been networking with for the past semester. We are in a good position to have a big year for recruiting and hope to make the most of it.

New Member Perspective

Alex Pojman



Becoming a member of Delta Theta Sigma Fraternity has without a doubt been one of the highlights of my freshman year at UW-Madison. After having the opportunity to get to know all of the brothers and sisters this past school year, I can say that I have no regrets about joining the fraternity for I have gained lifelong friendships with so many kindhearted, determined, and supportive people. While the fraternity continues to instill within all of its members the ideals of scholarship and leadership, it is the sense of brotherhood and the relationships I have formed with each in-

dividual member that have been and will continue to be the most valuable aspects of being a member of DTS. I know that each and every member will always be there to cheer me on when I succeed and inspire me when I struggle, and as I progress through my education at UW-Madison, facing various challenges and triumphs along the way, I could not have asked for anything better.

Reflections of a New Member

Kevin Beene



My experience in becoming a new member to Delta Theta Sigma Fraternity was something that I can honestly say was unlike any other experience that I have ever had before in my life. Never before have I gone through a process like that of Junior Member's where complete and total trust must be put into a group of individuals, especially ones whom I had basically just met. A large portion of the Junior Member process left me very confused as to what the whole purpose of some of the tasks and events that involved the brothers really was. As the weeks until activation started to go by at a faster and faster rate, however, I began to realize something. I suppose it wasn't until the very end of the whole process that I began to feel that strange brother-like connection to these people that I had no idea who some of them even were just weeks prior. I had always believed that the word "brother" being used to describe fellow members in a fraternity was merely just for show or in respect to tradition, but after experiencing roughly one semester of associating with the members of Delta Theta Sigma Fraternity, I now realize that there is truth and purpose behind the use of the word thanks to the family-like atmosphere that exist within the fraternity.

Alumni Work Day, June 19th

All of us have a number of stories about fixing up rooms at the DTS House on Langdon Street and how we rented a floor sander and stayed up over night sanding 3-4 rooms and keeping our neighbors awake. I shake my head when I think about it and am thankful that I can sleep in relative peace every night. When we needed to remodel a room at DTS we always found a way to do it, however the laundry room has not kept pace with students' expectations. The current laundry situation includes 2 washers and 2 dryers that are shoe-horned into the mechanical room with the boiler and hot water heaters.

The Alumni Board has concluded that this would be a great issue to get a head start on. Pat Meyer has been an invaluable addition to the board and has helped to keep the laundry room remodel issue moving forward. We will be hosting an alumni work day on Saturday, June 19th. I plan to get there around 8:00am and will probably work the whole weekend to finish the projects that are not completely done. General maintenance and repair around the house would also take place that day as there are a number of projects that can be completed if the main issues are addressed first.

What we need to do now is to get more alumni like you involved in this project to get it completed. I am planning to underwrite the initial cost of the laundry room project (\$1,000-\$2,000) , and provide my labor for free.



We are asking you to help in the following areas

- General labor (framing walls, hanging drywall, mudding, painting, and odd jobs)
- Wiring expertise and help
- Landscaping
- Pouring concrete for the bike cage
- Erecting shelving for the pantry storage area
- Monetary donations to pay for the improvements

We are planning to have lunch and dinner for all volunteers, so we'd also appreciate

- Culinary expertise or just someone willing to grill some food
- Brats, hamburgers, food, in general, beverages are also appreciated
- Enough workers to play sheephead after we are done for the day

Ideally, we would start the job on a Saturday and I would do some finishing touches on Sunday, but I realize that this does not always happen. I am willing to do the finishing touches, but I would like help on the walls, drywall and rough electrical and plumbing. I would like to do this between June 19th and August 1st to be completely finished and ready for fall move-in, August 15th. If you have questions or just want to discuss the various projects, please email me at mikegresch@hotmail.com or call me at (608) 628-7607 for more details.

Join Us July 25th For Our Annual Summer Picnic

Jim Peterson (1990) will host the 2010 Summer Picnic on Sunday, July 25. Join us for a fun filled afternoon. More details to follow in the summer edition of the Alumni Newsletter. See you there!

When: Sunday, July 25

Where: Jim Peterson's

W11888 Behan Road

Columbus, WI 53925

Home: 920-623-1161

Cell: 608-345-0480

E-mail: jmkpeterson@yahoo.com

Directions: From Madison, take Hwy 151 to Columbus. Take 3rd exit (Hwy 73 N - Randolph/Columbus exit). Turn right at top of off-ramp. Go about 1/8 mile. Turn left on Behan Road. Then, first driveway on the left (long driveway, with blue-gray house).

Gamma Hosts Conclave in 2010!

Mario Hevesi

I am proud to announce that our Gamma chapter will be hosting Conclave on the 22nd and 23rd of October, 2010. I would like cordially invite all alumni; to you our doors are always open. The plans are still in motion but I can promise that we will make Gamma's turn truly special. New this year, we will be holding our meetings in the state-of-the-art Grainger business wing. As always, our website and publications will keep you posted as the schedule takes shape. We hope to see you at Conclave!

When: October 22-23

Where: DTS House

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Madison, WI 53703

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I WANT YOU
FOR A SHORT SURVEY

Take Our Survey and Tell Us What You Think

That's right, we want to know what you think as a DTS alumnus. The Alumni Board has put together a very short survey (2 minutes or less) so that you can share your thoughts on a number of issues facing DTS. If you didn't complete the survey that came in your Alumni Connection email, please use the following link to access the survey.

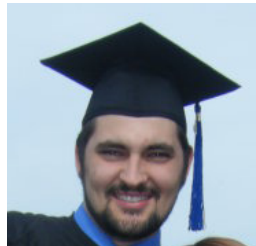
<http://www.deltathetasigma.com/survey>

Congratulations Are In Order

We would like to offer warm congratulations to our graduates:



[Bobby Lampshire](#)



[Joshua Newkirk](#)



[Mark Smith](#)



[Tia Kastenson](#)

It is with great pride that we watch a class of Ditzers cross the podium and walk on to meet the challenges of life and career. The Brothers and Sisters of blue and gold will always be here for you, we wish you the best.

Bryan Magerkurth ('05) and Megan (Olmsted) Magerkurth ('05), both DTS alumni, welcomed their first son, Andrew Ryan, into the world at 1:22am on April 24th. The Magerkurths currently live in Phoenix, AZ.

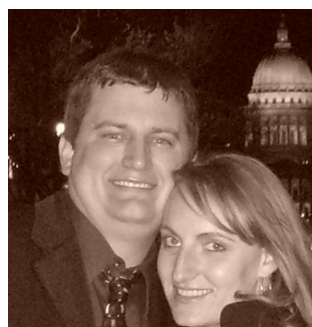


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Emily Rogers graduated from UW-Madison in 2008 with a B.A. in Psychology. She subsequently moved to Denver, CO

and is graduating in June from Denver University with a Master's Degree in International Disaster Psychology. She hopes to continue her current work with the Denver non-profit Seeking Common Ground which brings together Israeli, Palestinian and American youth to facilitate dialogue around the Middle East conflict, build leadership and communication skills and promote active engagement in the peacebuilding process. In the future, Emily hopes to go back to school to get a degree in global public health and work with international aid organizations doing reconstruction work in post-conflict areas.



Brother Matt "Old Man" Schaefer has joined the ranks of DTS alumni "quitters." This May, Matt became engaged to his girlfriend of several years, Beth Porior.

Matt joined DTS in the spring of 2002 and he is a recent graduate of the UW-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine.

Featured Alumnus—Scott Rice

Mike Gresch (1999)

Scott Rice, Vice President of Global Recruiters of Madison, is part of the 4-time GRN Office of the Year in November 2009. Scott continues to lead a national practice in the Food and Beverage Division in the Natural Product industry. His clientele includes privately-held and publicly-traded emerging and high-growth companies within the natural health and wellness sector.

In 2006, 2007, 2008 & 2009, Global Recruiters of Madison was awarded as the top office within GRN out of 185-plus offices, and during that time, Rice has been a top 10 recruiter out of 600-plus recruiters globally. A perennial GRN Peak Performer, former Rookie of the Year, 2-time Central Region Search Consultant of the Year, Scott is dedicated to developing long-term strategic alliances with client companies and candidates alike, and he strictly adheres to his guiding principles of honesty, integrity and confidentiality.

How has DTS helped you in life and in your career?

Delta Theta Sigma helped me tremendously by interacting with people from different walks and talks regionally, nationally and internationally. This has assisted in my professional growth of dealing with people in North America and some Global. The best thing about DTS is that I still communicate and network with many of my fellow brothers. Strength in numbers!

What things can DTS alumni do to make their job prospects better?

If you feel like you're in a dead end or the negatives outnumber the positives in your current career, there are still exciting and rewarding challenges out there for you. Working with a recruiter can get your name out there without putting you in a double jeopardy situation. You can still test the waters



out there without your current employer finding out but it's very important that everyone is on the same page.

Why did you join DTS?

I had known Greg Hanson for many years and he encouraged me to join. I'm from a small rural community near La Crosse and really enjoyed my upbringing. DTS had the same close, tight knit, caring and sharing atmosphere that I felt at home. It was one of the best decisions I ever made in college.

Scott leads one of the largest Food and Beverage Natural Product recruiting platforms in the industry and has offered to share some time with DTS active members that need help with their resumes. As a recruiter, he sees a large number of resumes and may be able to help active members make themselves look more attractive as employees. If you are interested in having your resume looked at, you can send them to srice@grnmadison.com or call 608.662.7770. You can also find Scott on LinkedIn at www.Linkedin.com/pub/scott-rice/a/a1/1b1

Youth Mentorship Project

Lloyd Thistle

Mentoring the youth of O'Keeffe Middle School has proven to be an exciting and challenging experience. The experience has ranged from classroom support to one-on-one tutoring and working with a variety of children with an array of needs. Seeing how every student learns at different rates and through different techniques has taught me much. It has been challenging to find a way to reach the students. It has been a very helpful way to give something back to the community, and reach out to someone who needs it. This is one way to pay it forward to those who have helped me.

Loss of a Brother

Jeff Saatkamp (1976)

Brother Russell J. Bernstein (pledged in the spring of 1959) died on April 12, 2010, while working on his farm in Richland Center, WI. Russell worked for over 30 years with the Wisconsin Dept. of Agriculture. Russell was very active in the Richland County 4-H program, Richland Co. Fairgrounds Improvement and in his church. Russell was preceded in death by his wife, Mary. Russell is survived by his 3 sons and grandchildren. So long, Shepherd!



I knew Russell very well and everybody was shocked by his sudden death.

Homecoming Is October 9, 2010!

When: Saturday, October 9, 2010

Where: DTS Chapter House, 252 Langdon St. Madison WI

Schedule: 9:00 – 11:00 AM Pre-game Warm-up
 11:00 – 2:30 PM Wisconsin vs. Minnesota Homecoming Game
(Beer will be flowing and the game will be on for those not going to the stadium)
 3:00 – 4:00 PM Alumni Meeting and Elections
 4:00 – 5:00 PM Educational Foundation Meeting
 5:00 – 6:30 PM Scholarship Awards Ceremony and Dinner *(RSVP Requested)*
 6:30 – ??? Vegas Night Party

In order to help plan for the food needed for the Homecoming dinner meal, we ask that you please RSVP for dinner. As part of the Vegas Night, the plan is to offer a few items for auction with your winnings. We would appreciate any donations for small items for this auction. Such as hats, memorabilia, etc. Please contact either Chance Hilbelink or Ross Peebles.

As always, your support of the Delta Theta Sigma Educational Foundation is truly appreciated. Your comments, suggestions, and questions are always welcome, so feel free to contact the board members at any time. See you at Homecoming! RSVP at www.deltathetasigma.com/rsvp

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Thanks For Your Continued Support

We would like to thank the following Alumni for their generous donations, which help provide the various scholarship awards to the Active members of DTS, help produce this newsletter, and our day-to-day administrative expenses.

We are also looking for help developing future marketing plans, alumni outreach, and website management. If you have the skills and can donate even one hour of your time, please contact a board member.

Mike Socha
 Jim Peterson
 Jeff Saatkamp

Gary Wagner
 Luke Piwoni

Education Foundation Report

Ross Peebles (1990)



The two activities of the DTS Educational Foundation Board this spring have been working on how to best make some changes to the investment portfolio and planning of the combined 2010

Scholarship Banquet and Homecoming event.

Currently, the Board is evaluating and discussing a proposal by our Ameriprise Financial consultants, Tim Koch and Brian Koch. Changes to the investment portfolio have been recommended as a way to help preserve the total value of the accounts by providing more stability, especially with the current market variability. However, there will still be a portion of the portfolio invested in growth related funds. Our current investments are mostly in large cap funds.

The proposal follows the methodology used by almost every public foundation to invest money for the generation of income. The

idea is to invest our money in dividend producing investments to cover the annual expenses incurred, which are primarily the DTS Scholarships. Remaining assets would be invested in a long term portfolio. At opportune times, we can then sell part of the long term portfolio and add it to the income producing portfolio. This way we never have to sell in a down market. We hope to have the changes made to the investment portfolio soon.

The DTS Educational Foundation Scholarship Banquet for 2010 will again be held as a combined Homecoming/Scholarship Banquet event. This year's event will be held at the Chapter House. Both the Russel Ballweg Memorial Scholarship and the Dallas Borne-man Brotherhood Award will be awarded. The day's activities will include the pregame warm-up, with both the Alumni Board and DTS Educational Foundation Board meetings following the game. Dinner will be served at the house. Following the Scholarship Awards presentation, there will be a fun filled evening which will include a Vegas theme style night.

Annual Alumni Breakfast

Nick Baltz

On Saturday May 8, the annual alumni breakfast was held at Sofra Family Bistro orchestrated by the efforts of alumni Stan Dingle. Six active members attended bringing the total count to about 20. Reports were given by the alumni and active members while everyone enjoyed their breakfasts of eggs, bacon, toast, and hash-browns. During the meal, alumni and actives swapped stories of their time at Delta Theta Sigma. This was the second time I have attended this event and have enjoyed it very much each time. I look forward to the delicious meal and good company next year. Thank you to Stan for his dedication to the fulfillment of the event.

