

UPCOMING EVENTS

2011 Little 500
Saturday, April 16

4th Annual Beta Alpha DTD
Golf Outing
Summer 2011 (Date TBD)

2011 IU Homecoming
Saturday, October 29

Stay tuned to www.iudtd.com
for more details.

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ON THE WEB

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Get a username and password for full access to our new web site.

Here's how:

- Go to www.iudtd.com.
- Click on First Time Login.
- Enter your last name.
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HOUSE CORP REPORT

Welcome to Our New Alumni Program!

By Scott Peden BA '98, House Corporation President

It is with great excitement that we launch a new website that will serve to reconnect, inform, and maximize what being part of a fraternity is all about – brotherhood and networking! For far too long IU Delts have been disconnected or segmented with various forms of mass communication that have come and gone. We now have the tools to do this right. Our partnership with Affinity Connection means we all have a stable, professional “home” that will include contact information for brothers you may have lost touch with, updates about what

the current chapter is doing, announcements about Alumni events, and more.

I encourage you to check out the site today at www.iudtd.com, update your information and become engaged in providing information, pictures, and content to this great resource. Please bookmark the page and visit it regularly to stay connected to your Delt brothers, past and present. The page opens doors to limitless opportunities so please stay tuned for more news.

IN THE WORDS OF AN ALUMNUS

It's Amazing We Can Pick Up Where We Left Off, No Matter How Much Time Has Passed

Matt Morris '80 Shares His Alumni Delt Experience

By Matt Morris '80; mmorris@kiwanis.org

Earlier this year, my Beta Alpha roommate, **Lee Feldman '80**, was in Indianapolis for the NCAA Men's Basketball Finals. A few brothers of our vintage met for dinner. While we were remembering what we could of those days in the late 1970s, a diner at the next table offered to take a photo of us.

When I opened the photo, which arrived via email later that night, I sat at the desk, staring at Lee, **Dave Howard '97**, **Ted McGrew '81** and **Fritz Kaufman** and some guy with thinning hair and trifocals who wandered into the picture. The last guy was me, and honestly, we all felt like we were in pretty good shape as we move into the second century of life, 30 years since we walked the halls of the Shelter.

Not too long ago, I was having lunch in Avon, IN, when **Jim Ramsey '79**, the chapter president when I pledged and now chapter advisor, walked into the restaurant. We embraced each other as he told me he had just accepted a pastoral position in the community.

We had not seen each other in a few years, but it seemed to me that the bond of brotherhood we shared as undergraduates was still very strong.

The same thing happened a few weeks ago when I was helping at the finish line of a local 5K run. I was announcing finishers' names from a list and came across **Mark Achenbach**. Sure enough, it was the same Mark whose hometown I had memorized to get his signature on a pledge paddle more than three decades ago.

It is amazing to me that you can almost always seem to pick up a conversation right where you left off, even after so much time has passed. I'm sure you have experienced this. While working for the IU Foundation in Bloomington, I was fortunate enough to have an office a block from the Shelter and helped as a volunteer for nearly 10 years. While most of the time I did not understand the music “those young kids” were listening to and tried

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IN THE WORDS OF AN ALUMNUS

It's Amazing We Can Pick Up Where We Left Off...Continued.

not to bore them with stories of typing papers late at night on a typewriter in the dining room, I still felt the strong sense of rapport and brotherhood that I felt when I joined the fraternity.

Giving Back to the Organization that Gave Us So Much

I tried to give back just a little of what I received from a diverse group of guys with many interests and background as an undergrad in the 1970s. If you got half as much as I got from being a Delt at IU – and continue to get as an alumnus – contact the chapter president or House Corporation

President **Scott Peden** at speden@butler.edu, and see how you can become involved.

Here are simple ways you can stay connected to Beta Alpha:

- Send an update on what you're doing or a story you remember (be aware that this is a family publication) for our next newsletter. You can upload your submission at www.iudtd.com.
- Write an article on how the fraternity helped you as an undergraduate or set you on a course of success in your career and in life in general.
- Make a contribution to the Beta

Alpha Scholars Fund, which supports undergraduate and graduate academics, care of the Delta Tau Delta Educational Foundation:

www.deltfoundation.org, or our annual fund which supports our new alumni program

- Stop by the Shelter when on campus for a game or university event.
- Offer to speak to the chapter about your career, networking or other business endeavors.

Take a few minutes to give back to something that has given us so much.

ON THE WEB

Send Us Your Email Address!

By updating your email address with Beta Alpha, you'll get much more than just our monthly eLetter communications.

Other benefits include:

- You'll be reminded when we're about to publish a newsletter, so you can submit your news, photos and stories

- Your email address will be available to other alumni in our (password protected) online directory
- You'll help the alumni association save money on paper, printing and postage (and be utilized for other things!)
- You'll be the first to know of the latest news, updates and event details from the alumni and active chapters

As a reminder, our database is used solely for Beta Alpha communications. Update your email address online at www.iudtd.com, or send it to feedback@affinityconnection.com (mention Delta Tau Delta at Indiana).

ALUMNI EVENTS

Homecoming 2010

Thanks to the alumni who joined us to celebrate Homecoming 2010 on October 16th. Pictured (L to R): **Scott Peden '98**, **Brett Hall '95**, **Patrick Kennedy '95**, **Stephanie Kennedy**, **Sarah Peden**, **Sarah Hall** and **Brian Hill '95** taking part in pre-game festivities.



Join DTD in Celebrating its 125th Anniversary in 2012 by Leaving a Permanent Mark on the House

Delta Tau Delta has a long and distinguished history at Indiana University. Since 1887, DTD has been a cornerstone of the Greek community at IU. To celebrate our 125th anniversary, which will be coming in 2012, you have an opportunity to literally put your name on the house. This past summer, the courtyard was completely renovated. Included in the project – a new and larger fence, new deck, full-court basketball, new goals, new siding under the study room, new columns, new storage shed, new landscaping, including other upgrades. The highlight of the project is at center court, where a rectangular-shaped area of bricks frames our letters. Roughly

1,000 bricks make up the area and all are waiting for engraved names from our alumni members. For \$125, you can purchase a brick with your name and either your pledge class or year of graduation. To make your purchase and see more details, go online to www.iudtd.com and click on the *Buy a Brick* link at the top of the homepage. Funds from the purchases of the alumni bricks will go toward a renovation of the bike team training room. With the level of repeated successes by the bike team, the team simply deserves additional space and the best equipment and tools to keep the standard of excellence that has been set for years to come. Pictures of

center court and updates about the training room will be posted online and in future newsletters. Join us in this endeavor and leave a permanent mark on the house for generations to come!



REMEMBER WHEN?

The Quest for the Most Magnificent Christmas Tree

Thanks to **Scott Fischer '82** for sharing this great memory from his fraternity days...

“While there were many great memories and stories from my days at the Delt shelter, I have been unable to locate any photos marking these memorable moments.

One of my funniest memories at DTD came during my pledge days. Our pledge class was required to raise money during the fall in efforts to go out and purchase the largest, most magnificent Christmas tree, which would be adorned in the formal of the shelter. Most of our pledge class worked Sunday mornings at the football stadium

cleaning up after home games in efforts to build up a discretionary fund to be used for the purchase of a Christmas tree.

My clever pledge brothers, most of them Kelly business school students, felt that there was a better use of the money, and therefore researched other ways to obtain a tree. A group of my pledge mates went out one cold and snowy December night to a farm located in the outskirts of Bloomington to search out their prey. In that there were so many trees on this parcel of property, the boys believed that the owner would never notice if a single tree was missing, so...they went on to the property and cut down the largest tree they could find.

Unfortunately, the owner happened to be looking out his kitchen window while all of this was taking place. In defending his property, the owner came out of his home, pellet gun in hand and starting shooting at my pledge brothers. In the end, the tree never made it back to the shelter and all monies raised by working at the stadium went to paying for the replacement of the tree they cut down.”

Share YOUR best Delt memories on the message board at www.iudtd.com.

CHAPTER NEWS

Delts Cycling: From Comeback to Championship Chase

Over the course of the last four years, a group of Delts has worked to transform Beta Alpha's Little 500 team from barely qualifying to Fraternity Champions and race runners-up.

In the pages of Little 500 history, the last half decade of racing will likely be characterized by two separate dynasties; neither of which Delts was apart: that of Alpha Tau Omega and that of the Cutters. But in between their headlines are a multitude of personal victories and defeats. For Brothers of Delta Tau Delta's Beta Alpha Chapter this era will be remembered as a turning point, a bench mark

of change both in house culture and in team ideology, placing the Fraternity among IU's cycling elite. For riders, it was a journey marked by moments that will forever define their college careers. For them it was a journey of self-discovery forged through endless training hours, shared passions, intense rivalries, fierce competition, collective drive, and a mutual dependency that built a true fraternal brotherhood.

Find full coverage of our Little 500 journey over the past four years at www.iudtd.com.



Brothers Stuart, Lenard, Neibler, Myrvold and Coudright hoist the DTD flag with a 4th place podium finish at the 2010 Little 500.

Alumni Q&A

Thank you to **Agris Petersons '64** for participating in this Q&A! He writes, "I had a wonderful time during my Delt days and enjoyed the total experience of sharing my years at I.U with a bunch of great guys."

What is your funniest memory from your Delt days?

The funniest memory that I can come up at this time is when **Dion Baker** and I set up the P.B.B. Charity Fund and succeeded in getting donations from the brothers until they learned that P.B.B.Fund stood for Petersons, Baker Beer Fund.

How have you kept your connections to brothers in your alumni years?

The only connection I have kept to brothers has been with **Gary Pershing** in Phoenix, although we don't connect more than once every few years. I also had a connection with **Hugh McNeeley**, who lived in Santa Barbara for a while, but has now moved back to Indiana. We served on

a charity Board together and got together for various occasions.

What is the one memory that you will share/have shared with your children and grandchildren?

The one memory that I have shared with my kids and grandkids is that I rode in the Little 500 while at IU and that my parents did not know that I was doing it until they saw my picture on the front page of the *Indianapolis Star* riding the bike. I also remember how the brothers helped to ride in the race one year when I suffered from exhaustion, and the doctor told me I couldn't ride unless I rested for a couple of weeks before the race. So the brothers took care of me, bringing me food to my dorm bed and doing my chores at the Shelter. In order to stay at the Shelter, I needed to work there as a waiter and kitchen help.

What about your membership in Beta Alpha Chapter of Delta Tau Delta

What makes you the most proud?

I'm proud to have been a member of a chapter that supported all its members, even when I needed to move out of the Shelter the second semester due to poor grades. The brothers gave me support to return the following semester.

What's new in your life today?

After 26 years of marriage and two wonderful children, Amy and Andy, I divorced and by accident reunited with my Latvian childhood sweetheart from Shortridge whom I had not seen for over 34 years. We now have been married for 17 wonderful years and traveled all over the world. We love to dance, travel and party. We volunteer our time to several organizations. I sing in a few of choirs and play the guitar for sing-alongs in retirement homes. I worked for 34 years in the Mental Health field and retired in October 1999.

Reconnect with Agris at [agrisp@cox.net!](mailto:agrisp@cox.net)

Help us to preserve the best pictures from Beta Alpha history that have been captured on film. See page 3 for how you can submit pictures from your era.



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