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## Special Focus: Paul Shimotake Induction into Knox Hall of Fame; recalls time with Sigma Nu



Paul Shimotake '85, DT946, will be inducted into Allan P. Christiansen Knox-Lombard Hall of Fame during Knox College's Homecoming, at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13. Brother Paul was a Midwest Conference swimming champion and set Knox records in the 100-yard and 200-yard backstroke. He was also a member of the school's record setting 400 medley relay team and participated in the Division III National Championship in the 100-yard backstroke. He was the 1985 recipient of the Cleveland Bridgman award. As a Sigma Nu, Brother Paul served as Recorder, Co-Rush Chairman with Brother Paul Steenis '85 DT947, and Commander. He lives in California with his wife, Mieko, and two children, Nicole (11) and Alex (9). He is Senior Counsel for Wells Fargo Bank.

**Delta Theta Times:** So what have you been up to since graduating from Knox? Where did you go to law school?

**Paul Shimotake:** After graduating from Knox, I attended Loyola University Law School.

**DTT:** Give us a little background. How did you end up in California? When did you join Wells Fargo? What do you do there?

**PS:** After graduating from Loyola, I joined the Corporate Practice Group of a large San Francisco Bay area law firm. I worked in private practice for four years until I joined the in-house Law Department at Wells Fargo Bank as a consumer deposits and operations attorney.

**DTT:** What do you like to do in your spare time? Do you have any hobbies?

**PS:** I am active in the local Boy Scouts as well as the Sister City Association. For hobbies, I enjoy golfing in what little spare time I have available.

**DTT:** What's your best memory of your time with Sigma Nu and Knox?

**PS:** My favorite memory of my time at Sigma Nu is the Fall Rush program that Paul Steenis and I co-chaired. I don't recall the exact number of pledges we received,

back, I can say that Sigma Nu was the most diverse group of men on campus. Figuring ways to span the divide that sometimes exists amongst groups was always a challenge -- sometimes we handled things well, other times we did not. Always, however, we walked away a little smarter.



but it was one of the largest pledge classes that anyone could remember getting. The house was enjoying a series of successes -- completing major renovations including the installation a new bar and fireplace, resurfacing the dance floor and purchasing new furniture and even the grand piano.

**DTT:** Was there anything that you learned from your experience with the chapter and at Knox that you use regularly now?

**PS:** One of the most important lessons I learned from my experience at Knox is recognizing the differences in people. Looking

**DTT:** You were Rush Chairman, Recorder and Commander for the hapter. What made you join Sigma Nu and run for those offices?

**PS:** I selected Sigma Nu over the other fraternities on campus because of the manner in which the Sigma Nu brothers carried themselves on campus -- good guys who exemplified the ideals that the fraternity stood for: Love, Honor and Truth. I also valued the fact that the fraternity's public stand against hazing.

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I was fortunate to have held various positions that afforded me the opportunity to influence the future of the fraternity. I feel we all owe it to the house to be active in the house.

Whatever success I enjoyed while holding those positions is merely a reflection of the brothers in the house. The four years in Sigma Nu and at Knox are the source of many great memories.

DTT: You set a couple of personal and relay records while a swimmer at Knox. What was your favorite memory from being on the swim team?

PS: My favorite memory as a swimmer at Knox was competing at the NCAA Championship at Emory University in Georgia. I flew down to Georgia via Peoria with our coach, Bob Meehan. I knew that my family was meeting us in Georgia to watch me swim, but I was pleasantly shocked and surprised when I went to

breakfast and there were two of my teammates who had made the trip to cheer me on.

DTT: What are you looking forward to most about coming back to campus at Homecoming?

PS: I am looking forward to seeing the many changes that have occurred since I graduated from Knox back in '85. I am particularly interested in the changes to Seymour Library, the new Andrew Fitness Center, and -- of course -- the new Sigma Nu house. I'll probably drive by the old house, and try to squeeze in a meal at the Landmark.

DTT: Now, maybe some off-beat questions. If you could invite three people (living or dead) to dinner at your house, who would they be and what would you serve?

PS: Eric Davidson, Dwayne Hines and Molly Clark. We spent a great deal of time

together while at Knox -- and I have been remiss in not staying in contact with them. As for what I would serve, it would be some gourmet dish such as sausage and mushroom pizza, and for dessert -- Chips Ahoy and milk. All while enjoying the soothing sounds of Inagadavida. We might persuade Eric to give us a light show. It would be fun reliving our time back at Knox, and probably remind us why it was probably not wise repeating again.

DTT: What are your favorite TV show, movie, play, book/author, and album?

PS: With two kids (grade school and middle school) there is not much time for TV. When we do watch TV, it is usually a Japanese satellite TV station or some children's video. I enjoy reading legal thrillers such as John Grisham. My taste in music has mellowed since my time at Knox. Lately, I enjoy listening to artists such as Sara McLaughlin and Nora Jones.

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## 63rd Grand Chapter Indianapolis, IN

The Delta Theta Chapter won three awards at the 63rd Grand Chapter this past July. The following awards were presented to the chapter:

Most Innovative Use of LEAD  
Most Improved LEAD Phase II  
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Academic Excellence

Thank you Richard Aft '60 DT616,  
Doug Smith '03 DT1141, and  
Chris Ferguson '05 DT1170 for  
being our alumni guest facilitators  
for LEAD Phase II.

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**Saturday, October 14, 2006**

**Noon to 1:30 p.m. —**  
Sigma Nu Meet & Greet  
Barbecue

**4 p.m. —**  
Sigma Nu Open House

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