



## THOUGHTS FROM AN INCOMING EMINENT COMMANDER

We are on the verge of something great.

The Chapter has undergone tremendous change over the past few months, and with the 2009-2010 academic year looming on the horizon, I believe it is safe to say that the best has yet to come. While there has been a great deal of material improvement to the house and the land around it, the real changes have been in the attitudes and ambitions of the Brothers.

In the past, chapter leadership usually fell to a small core of dedicated Brothers, but lately the chapter has become a more cohesive and efficient body than I have ever seen it.

This sense of brotherhood has been growing steadily over the past several months of envisioning, planning, and organizing for the future. But now, with a dynamic new Executive Council at the head of a reinvigorated chapter, we are ready to take Delta Theta to new heights.

Within the chapter, we are well on our way to reclaiming our place as the fraternity with the highest average GPA on campus. We are currently second among the fraternities, but I have faith that the chapter's new focus

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*Emminent Commander Overton*

## WE HAVE NEW KNIGHTS!



*Pictured L-R: Nick Ferrazz, Emman Mascarinas, Sean Frohling, Muneer Rizvedeen, Joe Olvera, John Schulze, Matt Stephens, Chris Johnson. Nick Ferrazz, John Schulz, and Emman Mascarinas are pictured due to their informal activation.*

Bright and early on Saturday, April 25th, the 2009 pledge class awoke for the last time as candidates. The brotherhood of Delta Theta was in full effect as the fraternity, dressed to the nines, made their way across campus to the Common Room of Old Main for the Activation Ceremony. Alumni Sean McKittrick, Andy Sheehan and Nick Giranda were all present for the activation. The newly knighted brothers were aglow with pride at become full Sigma Nus. After the ceremony, the traditional visit to Club 41 was taken, and a feast ensued. The new brothers are:

- Sean Frohling ( $\Delta\theta$  1238)
- Chris Johnson ( $\Delta\theta$  1239)
- Adam Kent ( $\Delta\theta$  1240)
- Joe Olvera ( $\Delta\theta$  1241)
- Muneer Rizvedeen ( $\Delta\theta$  1242)
- Matt Stephens ( $\Delta\theta$  1243)

on academics should allow us to take back the honor that comes with scholastic supremacy.

Since so many of our committees have not been functioning up to par, we are also preparing to give the committee system a complete overhaul. We are also in the midst of carefully revising the By-Laws of our chapter in order to build a better chapter. Not only have we renewed the role of the LEAD program within the chapter, but we are also preparing to bring it to the campus at large. Xavier Romano, Dean of Students, is especially enthusiastic about our plans to bring LEAD to Knox College.

Most importantly, however, is the chapter's new dedication to conflict resolution. We are taking active steps to search out, solve, and prevent future conflicts that would otherwise erupt into infuriating passive aggression and costly prank wars. We have seen these and other petty conflicts cripple key parts of the chapter too many times in the past few years to leave our tensions unad-

dressed.

Our last Eminent Commander, Matthew Hundley, described the state of the chapter as "thriving" several times during his administration. While we accomplished some amazing feats under his leadership—I must credit Mr. Hundley in forging the chapter into what it is today—we were still very much in the planning stages. Now, we are in the position to begin reaping the whirlwinds that will allow us to take the Knox College campus by storm.

We are very much on the verge of something great and the future of this chapter rests in the hands of each and every Brother. Personally, I could not have asked for a better group of gentlemen and knights to work with as we take Sigma Nu's Delta Theta Chapter into the future.

Sincerely,  
Christopher J. Overton,  
Eminent Commander, 2009-10  
Delta Theta 1224



*Commander Overton pondering on the porch about the new administration of Sigma Nu.*

*Chris Overton is a part of the 2006-2007 Sigma Nu Candidate Class. Before becoming Eminent Commander, Overton served as Recorder.*

## WOAH! LOOK AT ALL OF THE NEW SPACE!



*Days of hard work on the parts of Lyall Wallerstedt, John Perleberg, and Emman Mascarin as they payed off with the new creation of storage spaces for brothers living in the house.*

For years the attic was a disgusting mess of unorganized possessions, loose clothing, dust, airsoft bbs, sadness and decay. For years, talk was made of organizing this behemoth of material goods into something resembling a useful place to store brother's things in an organized and rational way. Talk is cheap. Within the last term, action was taken and now the attic is a navigable and sensible place to be. Storage areas were

constructed by running chicken wire between wooden posts, bracketed to the floor. Every brother who lives in the house now has a more than equitable sized stall in which to store all their useless things, and there is even room for brothers living outside the house to keep their anime collection secret from their girlfriends. This new improvement will save brothers time and hassle for many years to come.

Hear-ye! Hear-ye! Alumni Work Weekend approacheth! You are cordially invited to attend this year's Alumni Work Weekend from July 17 – 19 at the Sigma Nu house, at 556 S. West St in Galesburg, IL (In case you don't remember where you went to college). There are a number of projects in the house that need the knowledgeable touch of an alumnus. The floors in the house cry out for molding. The fluorescent light in the kitchen needs one more Frisbee to hit it before it joins the chapter eternal. The bar could use some work. No, really, it could use some work. And that badge is still around, waiting for you.

So tell your wife to cancel that trip to Hawaii and let your DnD group know you'll be an NPC this week. Grab a case of cold refreshments and come on down to scenic Galesburg for a weekend of blood, sweat, toil, love, truth and honor.



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## REFLECTIONS ON A CANDIDATE PROCESS



*Wonderful new decorations, including a futon, new pillows, a rug, and a new paint job, were all a part of the 2009 Candidate Class's House Project.*

From charity projects with Kappa to those ever glorious 5 am morning wake ups; from 1 am painting lessons in the hookah room to pimping the candidate marshal without him even being aware of our actions; from Bond Party to earning the enmity of those living in Post and the Quad's every morning of Candidate Week by shouting that is was in fact, NOT flunk day the candidate process was filled with laughs and good times, and perhaps just a couple tears. Starting on the night of Candidate Ceremony, when I only knew Matt Stephens and Adam Kent standing in the room with me waiting

to be called down to some strange ritual --- Ace, our Marshall, informing us only that we could come down when they were ready (they? what?) to the day of Activation, everyone tired, pulling on our Pin Dress and then hunting down Muneer from his room where he was studying diligently for the third night in a row of no sleep. All in all, it was a great time, with a few things that stand out forever in our minds.

Starting with those moments we remember, the Hookah room (that one room that is taking its time falling off the house)

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was once a trashy white, pit of haphazard cushions surrounded in vice. We set out to change that, replacing the uncomfortable bucket chairs (yes we still have them, God knows why) with a Futon and many pillows. A new rug was also introduced, and the walls were painted red with a lustrous gold, satin trim. Now at night, when the irritating halogen lights are off and the Christmas lights are on, the room seems to glow -- a proper hookah den. Hours were spent every day for a whole week, from afternoon to late at night, candidates spent time clearing, cleaning, painting, and assembling. Our work has paid off though, and on Bond

Night the room was filled to the brim for all four hours of the candidate party.

The party itself drew hundreds of students, nearly a sixth of campus, from both Sigma Nu regulars and revelers whose original plans had included a different party. With success noted all around, much to the dismay of Sigma Chi whose anything but clothes party included anything but.... people. Music was provided for by Joe Olvera, who may in fact be giving our current dancing queen a run for his money. The pantsless bar stayed pantsless, much to the approval of our guests, and damage and destruction (typical of parties) was surprisingly

limited.

Of the nights that we don't remember, stories and photos have been passed on to assure us of our deeds, and Round Robin has stayed safe and without any mishaps or even toilet worshipping this year. All in all, it was a great time, and with nearly all of our candidate class with some position as officers, we look to stay active and attentive to our duty as Knights.

Love, Truth, and Honor  
Sean Frohling and  
Matthew Stephens



Sean Frohling (top); Matt Stephens (bottom)



## *Genealogy: A Look into the History of Our Forefathers*

Currently as our new historian, I am taking an active role in recovering some of the lost history of our chapter, Delta Theta. With my work on the Genealogy of the families of Delta Theta, we need any information you can tell us about who your father was, and any stories about your time in Sigma Nu. With the history walk coming soon, we are looking for information on traditions, present and past. Thank you all.

Love, Truth, and Honor  
Matthew Stephens

## *Sigma Nu Helps Burgeoning Theater Company*

Early one morning last January, we received word that the local Tau Kappa Epsilon chapter on campus was skipping out on helping a local theater company, the Prairie Players. In true Sigma Nu style, we rallied the troops and sent out a contingent to help out and pick up the slack. The Prairie Players needed help revamping an old warehouse to be used as a theater. But it did not stop there. Since that heroic day, Sigma Nu has become active in the construction efforts, devoting many a Saturday afternoon to building trusses, hefting lumber, and having fun with power tools, thereby saving the prairie players countless hours of work, as well as filling Snu's with that manly feeling that can only come from handling a pneumatic nail gun. The theater plans on opening its doors this summer with a production of *The Music Man*, for which several brothers are planning on auditioning.

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS EXEC TIME IN THE WOODS



*Grouped together outside of the Green Oaks cabin, New Exec revels in their newly acquired power as old exec wallows in their lack of power*

The weekend after elections old and new executive council took a trip to Green Oaks for a night of relaxation, and deep, penetrating discussion regarding the chapter and its direction. Spirits ran high, as old exec shared their collective wisdom with the new exec and new exec described their high aspirations to the old exec. Marshmallows were roasted and songs

were sung. Those present discussed the importance of recruitment in the upcoming year, as well as the need to rally brotherhood within the walls of Delta Theta.

Strategies for improving the chapter, the house, and the involvement of the brotherhood were touched on, and everyone left feeling positive and optimistic about the upcoming year.

## SIGMA NUS WIN ALL ELECTIONS IN SWEEPING VICTORY

On May 3rd, the Delta Theta chapter gathered for one of the longer meetings of the year; elections. Excitement was in the air. Some brothers mourned the demise of the old regime, while others were glad to kick the bastards out. Unlike some war-torn regions of the world, however, Sigma Nu's elections were a bloodless and shining example of democracy. These are the newly elected officers for the 2009-2010 school year:

*"...I never thought I would win the position of Treasurer! It was such a surprise."*

*-Joe Olvera (ΔΘ 1241)*

### *Newly Elected Knights in Their Newly Elected Positions*

- Eminent Commander: Chris Overton (ΔΘ 1224)
- Lieutenant Commander: Lyall Wallerstedt (ΔΘ 1232)
- Treasurer: Joe Olvera (ΔΘ 1241)
- Recorder: Sean Frohling (ΔΘ 1238)
- Marshall: Andrew Hansen (ΔΘ 1220)
- Chaplain: Emman Mascaraniyas (ΔΘ 1236)
- Recruitment: Adam Kent (ΔΘ 1240)
- IFC Representative: Chris Johnson (ΔΘ 1239)
- Social: Rohel Terrazas(ΔΘ 1213)
- House Manager: John Perleberg (ΔΘ 1228)
- Alumni Relations: John Shulze (ΔΘ 1237)
- Sentinal: Rob Bauwens (ΔΘ 1215)
- LEAD Chair: Doug Davidson (ΔΘ 1216)
- Community Service & Philanthropy: Sean Frohlin (ΔΘ 1238)
- Historian: Matt Stephens (ΔΘ 1243)
- Reporter: Andrew Jackson Polk (ΔΘ 1229)