



**Delta Sigma Phi  
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**Chapter Newsletter 2003**

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**The Brewer Game**

Sat. Aug 23rd vs Pittsburgh Pirates, game starts at 6PM, meeting at Kelly's Bleachers 1:00 to 2:30 pm then head to tailgate at Miller Park. Families are always welcome.

**A word from the Chapter President**

This past semester has been a solid one for Epsilon Beta. We have gained four outstanding new members and have had many successful fundraisers. Six guys traveled to the Regional Leadership Conference to learn more about effective chapter leadership. This opportunity showed us more about how nationals and alumni can help us grow within the organization. This past year Epsilon Beta donated over \$1,300 to charity.

The summer offered us an opportunity to attend National Convention. The event was held in Chicago on July 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> at the Hyatt downtown Chicago.

Right now, our chapter is 27 strong and we have a solid group of guys already looking to join in the fall. Our scholarship program will continue this year with a friendly competition to boost our GPA. Events are in the works to help at various organizations in the community over the next year. The executive board will be working hard to connect with alumni to showcase our advancements and show appreciation to the advice and support alumni give to Epsilon Beta.

Events this year will include: socials, homecoming, a Founder's Day celebration, and Sailors Ball. Alumni are welcome at all events. A full schedule will be sent through email and posted on the chapter web site at the beginning of the school year. We cordially invite you to come and celebrate homecoming with Delta Sigs past and present at the Elk's Lodge on October 25, 2003. YITBOS,

**Ross McDowell**  
President – Epsilon Beta

**A quick note from the ACB President**

**Show your Support:**

The actives have done a great job this past school year. Let's do our part. We can set a good example for future alumni and strengthen our chapter by:

- **Assisting** in leadership sessions (business retreats)
- **Attending** active/alumni events and ACB meetings

• **Donating** to the Scholarship Fund, Housing Fund, or the chapter's funds through the DSP Foundation.

[www.deltasig.org/foundation/](http://www.deltasig.org/foundation/)

YITBOS,  
**Doug DeRosier**

**Homecoming Schedule**

Saturday	Event
10:00	Parade: meet at the alumni house
11:00	Meet at the house
12:00	Titan Stadium Cook out
1 to 4	Optional Social gathering at the Magnet on Main St
1:00	Game starts
4 to 7	Fifth Quarter at the Hilton Gardens
5:30	Formal at the Elk's Lodge
Sunday	
10:00	ACB meeting and Brunch at the Park Plaza (formerly Hilton)

**2002-2003 Update**

**October:**

- During the Homecoming celebrations, Alumni elected Doug DeRosier as new ACB president.
- The housing fund bottom line is near \$19,000.
- The chapter achieves 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall in a joint effort with ZTA.
- Eric Stephani and Erick Alatorre received alumni sponsored scholarships for their academic achievement.

**November:**

- Erick Alatorre is elected president of IFC.
- Eric Stephani is inducted as member of Order of Omega.
- Actives initiate 6 more members bringing the roster up to 33 members strong.
- As a Christmas event, the chapter raised \$1400 dollars for the Salvation Army. The Chancellor attended the ceremony at the Union.

**December:**

- Mike All gets engaged.
- Scott McDonald graduated with a BBA in Accounting and gets a job at M&I bank.
- Chapter receives award for most improved GPA.

**January:** Chapter retreats at the Union. Jim Rath, Matthew Krenke, Rich Neumann, Chris Lundgren, Victor Alatorre and Jerry Bloesl attended the chapter's business retreat.

•Scott Schweiger's wife gives birth to a baby boy (Nolan Scott). •Matthew Klug's wife gives birth to a baby girl (Grace Amanda).

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**February:**

•Delta Sigs in a joint effort with Beta Theta Pi, win Winter Carnival.

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**March:**

•Kevin Pittinger and Chris D'Amore's army medical units get activated for the war with Iraq.  
•Craig Wuerzberger gets engaged.

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**April**

•Victor Alatorre gets engaged.  
•Eric Stephani is named Student Employee of the Year.  
•Jim Rath sponsors a new member's pledge fees.  
•Matthew Sohm donates \$200 to Epsilon Beta  
•Victor Alatorre is inducted into the Order of Omega as an honorary member.  
•Sailors Ball is held at the Fin-N-Feather. 15 or so alumni attended.  
•Blois Olson's wife gives birth to a healthy baby boy (Jonathan Robert)  
•John Stoltenberg gets married in Chicago.

Chapter Election results:

- President: Ross McDowell
- VP: Justin Bangert
- Treasurer: Josh Thurmer
- Secretary: Chris Hansman
- Sergeant at Arms: Dustin Teske

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**May**

•Graduation (seven new alumni)

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**Graduating Members**

May 17, 2003

**Eric Stephani:**

Computer Science

**Rob Wilcox:**

Accounting, Finance

**Andrew Ahlborg:**

English

**Travis Wickesberg:**

Human Resources Management

**Chad Behling:**

Human Services, Pre Law

**Randall Petrouske:**

Performing Arts

**Lucas Rogers:**

Economics

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**New Initiates**

**Chris Jones**

Business/Oconomowoc

**Brian Rhode**

Criminal Justice/Oconomowoc

**Nick Heinz (Legacy)**

Undecided/Green Bay

**Ben Zubke**

Athletic training/Kimberly

**Ben Potter**

Radio, TV, Film

**Eric Seizer**

Business/Two Rivers

**Josh Hufford**

Accounting

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**Old School Updates**

**By James Rath**

I was asked to write something for the newsletter.

God has truly blessed me with a great family, has allowed us to make a good living while keeping DSP a piece of our lives. Steven Covey encourages us to begin with the end in mind and imagine our own death and write our own obituary. In mine would be Delta Sigma Phi and the friends I have made and the positive memories I have from the fraternity that intertwines so many of us from the 20th and 21st century. Since I have passed age 50 I have theoretically fewer days left on the face of the earth than before. Hopefully, that will still add up to a lot of days. ☺

Your reconnecting with God is your own thing. I just want to encourage you to do it. I read a bumper sticker recently that when the devil reminds us of our past we should remind him of his future. (Why is the devil always referred to as a male?) The reconnecting with family is a matter of making a bad relationship good or a good relationship better. A little more than a year ago my brother lost his wife after a quarter of a century battle with Lupus. Without hesitation, I would say that other than my wife and sons, no one is closer to me than him. As we see people disappear to the other side of the grass, take the

time to appreciate your family that is still here with us.

Finally, the fraternity, take the time to reconnect with your fraternity brothers that you have lost contact with. In the last year I have had planned and unplanned contact with brothers from the 60s to the present. Overall, they have achieved awesome success. For others, just being alive today after all we have been through is a miracle in itself.

Memorial day last year, I witnessed the gathering put together by Gary Van Sistine, John François among others (guys I apologize for anyone I missed) at Pat Coniff's bar Hero's in Green Bay. Primarily the guys from the 60s. Guys you did a great job and I sincerely hope you put it together again next year.

It was amazing the only things that have not aged are our wives. ☺

More recently brother David Lodes, Superintendent of the Hartland Arrowhead School District hosted an approximate 100 alumni including DSP's Gary Ferron, Mike Klaus, Tim Berner (again if I have forgotten anyone or misspelled a name I apologize) at a UW-Oshkosh reception in Hartland for Chancellor Richard Wells. No, I cannot imagine Roger Guiles doing it either. It was great to have Rick Wiegel (dbrtw@execpc.com) go to Hawaii and find this old motor home in a back alley setting with a Jim Rath for Mayor sign on it.

**Homecoming**

We were once again ahead of the class in attendance at various events. I have been volunteering on a Homecoming committee to encourage bringing back the numbers. As an old Greek, I have been encouraged by the undergraduates to bring back the "Greeks for Homecoming".

I chuckle as I realize how few to this day are pledging. Yet they realize they need us more than we need them. They are combining parents weekend with Homecoming, what this means to me is that we won't be the oldest ones there. After 130 years the university is getting the picture and sending olive branches to the Greek system.

I am asking you to reconnect with Delta Sigma Phi with your time, talent and treasure.

Here is how:

•Send a FYI note to the Webmaster (Victor Alatorre) or chapter President. Check the website.

•Take the time to recommend an incoming male student for pledgedship.

•Take the time to show up for **Homecoming on October 25, 2003**

•Find a way to give of that special talent you have to make Delta Sigma Phi a better fraternity.

### Update from Convention

The two greatest takeaways were concerning scholarship and housing. I hope other alumni members get on board at least on scholarship.

I learned that we have 65,000 alumni and 4,200 undergraduates. Our operating budget is \$1.5 million, but we faced a 38% increase in insurance.

In the insurance business, fraternities are the 6th biggest risk - nuclear plants are 7th. I also learned about culture, harmony and friendship as well as the campaign every brother every day. Overall, my experience at convention was pleasant.

-Jim Rath

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### Alumni News

Victor Alatorre  
(alator95@mio.uwosh.edu)  
Recently got engaged. He works for UW Oshkosh as an IT manager. He spends his free time writing newsletters and nagging alumni.

Scott Gurholt  
(sgurholt@hntb.com)  
Scott recently got engaged to Helen. They are starting to plan their wedding for late summer or early fall of 2004.

Scott Bucklin  
(ssbucklin@aol.com)  
Works for GM as a Process Control Manager at the Janesville's SUV Assembly Plant. He is married to Sharon (GFB) and they have two girls (Susanna and Laine).

Shane Anderson  
(shane.Anderson@redprairie.com)  
Still works for a logistics software developer in Milwaukee and is closing on a home by the end of July.

Thomas Tuttle  
(tommytut2000@yahoo.com)  
Recently moved to Wheaton, Illinois to pursue his acting career. He works for Marketing Sessions, a branch of Cydcor.

Travis Tuttle  
He is a police officer in Fond Du Lac Co. His wife recently gave birth to Carter Allen on July 4, 2003.

Andrew Benisch  
(benisa44@hotmail.com)  
Just accepted a position teaching math at Janesville Parker High School. He is also a baseball coach. His team recently made it to the state tournament.

Chris D'Amore  
(ourmirage@msn.com)  
Chris is getting married on September 6, 2003 to Mae Redila. He is currently serving our country at the Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He hopes to be back in Wisconsin by the end of the year.

Tom Lothian  
(Lothian@ameritech.net)  
312-560-0268  
Tom works for AirPhotoUsa Imagery selling aerial photography used in the mapping industry.

Pat Minskey  
(patminskey@cs.com)  
Pat lives in the fox valley area and he is currently finishing his MBA at UW Oshkosh. He would like to hear from the early 90's crew.

Bill Bannatine  
(bannatine@yahoo.com)  
He is still in Spain in the ceramic business. (He comes and goes often) He is planning the annual brewer game tailgate party on August 23 in Milwaukee. Email Bill for further details.

Blois Olson  
(b.olson@new-school.com)  
He was recently named to the Minneapolis St. Paul Business Journal's 40 Under 40 list. He is also a member of the 1899 society. His first son, Jonathan Robert Olson was also born this year.

Mike Morril  
(brookeandmike@sbcglobal.net)  
Mike lives in Oshkosh with his wife Brooke. They had their first-born child on June 16<sup>th</sup>. He works for Biolife in Oshkosh.

James Rath  
(jrath@wpsr.com)  
Jim works for WPS in Green Bay. Contributes his time to the UW Oshkosh foundation and several non-profits in the Fox Valley. He is also a recent inductee of the 1899 Society.

Matthew Sohm  
(Msohm@vbe.com)  
Matt recently finished his special education degree at UW Oshkosh. He is also getting married in July 2003.

Craig Wuerzberger  
craig@wuerzberger.com  
Craig recently got engaged to Sheila and is planning a wedding for June 2004. He continues to work in IT for Subzero in Madison WI.

Kevin Pittinger  
(Kevin.pittenger@us.army.mil)  
His army unit was activated last year and he is (maybe) overseas serving in a medical unit out of Fort McCoy.

Chuck Milam  
(chuck@milams.net)  
Chuck moved to Kentucky last year. He currently works on the family farm and does IT consulting on the side.

Paul Caylor  
(pacaylor1@cs.com)  
Paul lives in Fort Collins, Colorado. He graduated in 1991 and is looking forward to reconnecting with other alumni from the era

Andrew Helgesen  
(Alaska)  
Andy lives in Alaska with his wife Katherine. On May 17, 2002 their second child, Megan Jean was born.

Dennis Lohr  
(lohrd@msoe.edu)  
He graduated from MSOE with a BS in Engineering. He works for EPSI in Menomonee Falls. He lives with his wife Trudy and daughter Grace.

Jason Lorier  
(Jason.lorier@kohlerco.com)  
Jason recently bought a home with his soon-to-be wife in Sheboygan. He works as an IT developer for Kohler Co. He is getting married in September.

Kris Kaminski  
(kkaminski1975@yahoo.com)  
Kris works for Kennedy-Hahn Appliance. He lives in Milwaukee with his wife Nicole (GFB).

Darren Kaiser  
(dkaiser@oracular.com)  
Darren works for Oracular Inc as a Senior Consultant. He lives with his wife and daughter Isabelle in Oshkosh.

Ken Sondalle  
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Ken was the warden at the Dodge Correctional Institution in Waupun. He is now retired and living in Neshkoro, WI.

Ben Bollenbacher  
(bbollen@kcc.com)  
Ben works in IT for Kimberly Clark Corp. He recently completed his MBA at UW Madison. His wife, Molly is expecting their first child in the fall.

Matthew Tucker  
(mwt38@northnet.net)  
Matt is the associate city planner for the City of Oshkosh. He recently got engaged and is planning for his wedding in the spring of 2004.

Rick Lee  
(rleegy@msn.com)  
Rich recently moved to Florida with his wife. He has started a business with his father as a residential appraiser. His wife likes to wrestle with crocodiles.

Mark DeVita  
(mdevita@carolina.rr.com)  
(866-341-9192)  
He owns a mortgage lending company in Waxhaw North Carolina.

David Prokop  
(scoutxo@msn.com)  
Dave lives in Wausau with his wife. He "slipped one past the goalie" and has another one on the way. She is due on February 4, 2004

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**Stay In The Loop -**

Check out the Epsilon Beta website for all the latest alumni/chapter news:  
<http://www.uwosh.edu/DSP>

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