

Welcome to the First Edition of The View

Treasurer

Report

View from 220 Talawanda

By *Bob Carmean '74*
House Corporation Treasurer

The Gamma Upsilon four year suspension expired in January 2004. Your House Corporation along with Nick Prihoda, Delta Tau Delta Director of Expansion has met with the offices of Judicial Affairs and Greek Affairs to express our planned return to Miami's campus. The mission of "Returning Delta Tau Delta to Strength" will begin in the fall of 2005. Nick Prihoda with support of the Central Office staff and Gamma Upsilon alumni will lead a formal expansion process.

Our purpose will be to recruit new members and provide a Shelter and environment that:

1. Fulfills the needs of future undergraduates, alumni and guests.
2. Exceeds the competition and attracts growth in membership.
3. Aligns with the Fraternal principles and University mission.

A recent personnel change in the Greek Affairs office provides us an opportunity to establish new relationships and begin building the foundation for our acceptance on campus. I will be meeting with the new Director of Greek Affairs this month.

Specific details describing the process can be found in the undergraduate / expansion site at www.delts.org/expansion.

During our suspension period the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity has been leasing the property. Your Shelter is well-cared for by the ATO's. This arrangement is a winning situation for both of our organizations. The ATO's are able to experience brotherhood in a

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Chip Chinery '86

Remember From Here to Fraternity?

What could *The Country Bears* and *Coyote Ugly* possibly have in common? How about *Seinfeld*, *Friends*, and *3rd Rock from the Sun*? What they and many other TV shows, commercials, and comedy venues have in common is our own **Chip Chinery '86**.

"I haven't had a real job in 16 years," claims **Chinery** who has been in LA since 1994 seeking fame and fortune. We won't talk about the fortune part, but he is certainly winning his share of fame.

This curly redheaded guy with the big grin left his hometown of Cincinnati for Miami University to study psychology; not a bad choice actually for a life in comedy. **Chinery** had heard about Delta Tau Delta from a cousin, but it was really the great times he had with the brothers that made DTD his choice. Brothers will remember that he had a video camera constantly aimed at ... well, just about everything. Reality TV? Nothing new for **Chinery**. DTD was prime material for his early movie productions.

His very first production was "The Making of Pumpkin," a 10-minute short documenting the fraternity house's transformation for the fall date costume party. The success of that junior year project led to "The Delt Time Capsule 1985-1986" aka "From Here to Fraternity," a day-by-day, year-in-the-life documentary of his senior year at the Delt house.

"I am currently digitizing the original video and have offered the DVD to Gamma Upsilon Chapter as a fund-raising perk for when our chapter returns to Miami in Fall 2005," notes **Chinery**.

Life in the fraternity was great fun, but with graduation, **Chinery** started what he expected to be his serious career. "After college, I tried my hand at lots of things," he says. "I was a TV cameraman for about 20 months. I continued doing

stand-up comedy at places like Ozzie's in Oxford. Along the way, several parents of fraternity brothers purchased a copy of the fraternity documentary. One parent replied suggesting that I contact him if I ever wanted to change careers. Long story short, I became the Director of Communications for *TheBankMart* in Bridgeport, CT."

But the job just didn't fit right. What did fit was comedy and a life that to some might seem uncertain not knowing where or what the next job will



Chinery '86 featured in a recent Bud Light commercial.

be. "The way I look at it, just about everybody is always only two weeks' notice away from not knowing where their next paycheck is coming from. I was touring the country performing stand-up; I was booked at least six months out; and I got to do what I loved."

After nine years of touring 45 weeks a year, **Chinery** got tired of life on the road. In 1997, he booked his first TV shows and commercials. You may have seen him as a college professor in a Mazda commercial or maybe in a kilt praising Sierra Mist. He has an upcoming part as a milkman on FOX's *That 70s Show*. He still enjoys doing stand-up comedy whenever he can and even played a part in American Idol



Chinery '86 in his collegiate days.

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group-living environment and we have maintained a positive appearance of the property on campus. The ATO's have extended a warm welcome to Delt visitors. The lease agreement will continue through June 2006. We anticipate having a core group residing at Talawanda and Vine in the fall of 2006.



220 Talawanda and Vine

The success of recolonizing and eventual chartering a new chapter will require an effective advisory team to assist in the chapter development. This team must be put together within the next 90 days. If you know of someone or would like yourself to be on this committee please let Nick Prihoda at the Central Office or me know. Those serving on the Advisory Committee must be fairly close to the Oxford area and available to meet with the undergraduates.

Expansion of the Gamma Upsilon House Corporation to develop the strategic plan and lead us forward will be the second step. Volunteers would have an opportunity to lead our alumni organization and make decisions on behalf of all Gamma Upsilon Alumni. We would like to have representatives from a variety of class years on the Board of Directors so that we have all ages of alumni represented. Besides organizing the alumni program for Gamma Upsilon this group must decide what will be done with the Talawanda property in

preparation for our return. While at least two meetings will be held in Oxford each year, membership on the Board does not require you to be located close to the chapter.

You can also assist in this effort by recommending young men as potential recruits and new leaders of Gamma Upsilon. These maybe men from your local high school, a son, grandson, nephew or family friend. We are not only interested in men who will be attending Miami, but also potential members who are already be on campus. Please notify the Central Office or me of your referral.

I will continue to devote my time and talents for the betterment of Gamma Upsilon. What follows is a bird-eye view of a timeline for our return. Obviously, there are greater details, but this will give you a general idea of the work ahead. I hope you will join me when asked to serve your Fraternity.

Kathy and I have recently moved to Oxford. Please let us know if your plans bring you to Miami's campus. We would love to visit with you.

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reject William Hung's music video She Bangs. In fact, **Chinery** could appear just about anywhere these days.

Chinery makes time to get back to Ohio, usually in the summer and at Christmas. Much of his family is still in the Cincinnati area, and he remains an ever loyal fan of the Cincinnati Reds. This past August he visited the old house (now rented to the ATOs) with his college roommate, **Mike Hecht '86**. "It's hard to believe we've hit 40, sounds old, doesn't it?" observes **Chinery**. "But then, 40 is not nearly so old as it used to be!" Not if you're **Chip Chinery** for sure.

Chip Chinery is scheduled to appear in the CBS sitcom *Still Standing* on October 11. If you can't catch him in person, brothers can always get a sample of his current work and contact him at his website – <http://www.chipchinery.com>. ■

Delta Tau Delta Fraternity Return to Miami – Bird's Eye View

Fall 2004

- Recruit an advisory Team – Next 90 Days – Mission Critical
- Add Talent to the Current House Corporation
- Identify legacies and top talent on campus

Spring 2005

- Recruit a renovation committee
- Establish your list of renovation ideas
- Hire an architect to master plan the site and conceptualize the project
- Train Alumni Advisory Committee
- Meet with potential undergraduate members

Fall 2005

- Recruit core group of undergraduates
- Determine housing project goals
- Explore financing
- Make modifications to shelter for potential occupancy in Fall 2006

Fall 2006

- Colony occupies the shelter
- Select a professional fund raiser
- Complete a campaign feasibility study
- Determine final project
- Establish construction timetable

Fall of 2007

- Chapter is installed
- Secure financing
- Begin fund raising

Spring of 2008

- Select a contractor
- Begin construction
- Arrange for alternative facilities



Eugene J. McGarvey '32

(438 Bent Tree Ln., Indianapolis, IN 46260) I am 95-years-old and relatively healthy. Am I the oldest living alumnus?

P. Ray Swank '36

(30 Berry Oaks Ln., Glendale, MO 63122-1908; prswank@aol.com) I may be the oldest living Delt; I'm sure I am the oldest working living Delt. Class of 1936 but ran out of cash in 1934. Went into business in 1938, same year I got married, and now work at least eight hours each day. I run Swank Motion Pictures, Inc., with about 1,000 employees. Hope I unearth some Miami Delts from those years but don't expect to. Met my lovely wife through another pledge. I lost her last year on our 65th anniversary.

James E. Davies '42

(2 Village North Dr., Apt. 17, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926; jed5175@aol.com) I live at Hilton Head in the winter and Manitowich Waters, Wisc., from June to October. My activities include golf, sailing, biking, and skiing.

J. William McIntosh PhD '65

(522 Broad Blvd., Dayton, OH 45419; jwilliema@hotmail.com) I am semi-retired and living in Kettering, OH. I still maintain a private practice of Psychology after retirement from the State Mental Hospital system 5 years ago. My wife and I have been married for 23 years and we have traveled the world extensively in the last 15 years. We are currently building a second retirement home in Deming, New Mexico. It is a Santa Fe Adobe-style house nestled in the Chihuahuah Desert below a small ridge of mountains.



William "Bill" McIntosh PhD '65 and Toni at the Rim of Copper Canyon, Chihuahuah, Mexico in February 2004.

I tutor 6th, 7th and 8th grade Hispanic kids in math at the Hilton Head Middle School, and mentor middle school boys. My spouse, Nancy, died last November; we were married 57 years.

Dr. Robert H. Whittier '45

(373 Center St., Apt. 155, Chula Vista, CA 91910) This summer 2004 I plan another reunion at our Deer Lake, Minn., cabin. Sadly, my wife died in March of this year. The reunion will be different without Lorraine.

Clyde G. Snodgrass '46

(4855 Far Hills, Toledo, OH 43623-1025) I would like to hear from **Jim Wagner '48**.

Robert L. Culp '48

(868 Chamberlain Ct., Jackson, MI 49203-2579) Still married to Carolyn Burton Culp (Miami '47), and life is good.

Fred C. Jackson '55

(332 Village Dr., Unit E, St. Augustine, FL 32084) I am spending more time in Cashiers, N.C. where I live on Bright Mountain #453 next to Trillium Links Golf Community. Call me at 828-743-9290.

William Trumbo '55

(9 Ogden Drive, Waynesville, NC 28786; wtrumbo@msn.com) Retired from engineering profession for over two years now and enjoying living in the Great Smokey Mountains of Western North Carolina. Looking forward to our second successful reunion Oct. 1-3 on campus. The first one was great fun and a real blast.

Harry G. Exline '68

(7173 Sugarbush Ln., Chagrin Falls, OH 44022) I got together with **Dick Fox** last December. Any of you guys who were at the house between '65 and '69 give me a call if you are passing through Cleveland. I would love to reminisce with you about the good old days.

Jon H. Schaffner '72

(1200 Barclay Cir, Barrington, IL 60010 ; JS1200@AOL.COM) I recently moved from Illinois to Michigan. I am employed by Cattleman's Meat Company in Detroit, and live in Rochester Hills. I ask if anyone has a contact with



The Class of '74 celebrates their Delt connection during Miami University's Reunion Weekend. (From left), Bob Carmean '74, Jim Denton '74, Dave Sheaffer '74, Dr. Bruce Olson and Mike Falleur '74.

Allstate Insurance to contact me. I have been involved in litigation with them for three years and the court system has allowed them to stall. If someone works for or has a contact with Allstate, please contact me.

Stephen A. Wolaver '72

(3792 Westwind Dr., Beavercreek, OH 45440; gaylasue1@aol.com) I was elected Common Pleas Judge in November 2002 and have been in office since January 2, 2003. We became grandparents on July 16, 2003, Carter Jackson Wolaver, a future Delt.

Robert E. Carmean '74

Bob and Kathy Carmean recently moved to Oxford, Ohio. We can be reached at rcarmean@woh.rr.com. If your travels bring you to Oxford for sports, business, pleasure or children attending Miami, we would love to see you. My cell number is 513-255-0062.

Kirk E. Molzahn '75

(2019 Wheeler St, Woodridge, IL 60517; Kmolzahn@comcast.net) Currently associated with Equity Office Properties Trust (EOP), a real estate investment trust. EOP is the largest commercial landlord in the US. My responsibilities rest primarily in the development and energy facets of the company. My family is pretty Miami oriented. Nancy, my wife, is a graduate. My brother, **Jim '81**, followed in my footsteps 6 years later and also became a Delt. My daughter currently attends Miami as a junior in earth sciences education. My son is a

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sophomore at Downers Grove South High School. Hopefully, he also will attend. I recently spoke with a fellow currently with Sempra Energy in California who also was a Delt and graduated during the latter '80's. I would welcome any emails from those who attended Miami during the years 1971-75. They were fun years where a great deal of kitchen work was accomplished by a few with the tutelage of Helen, our master chef.

Bruce A. Strachan '75

(6760 Pinebrooke Dr., Hudson, OH 44236; bstrachan@scinsure.com) Still married to Debbie Day; 3 kids all out of the house; Barry is off to the US Navy; Jenny graduated from Ohio U and is teaching and youngest son Rob is a sophomore at Ohio State playing for the OSU Men's Soccer team. We spend most of the fall following him around watching games. Own an insurance agency in Twinsburg, OH. Still make it to Canada with the early-mid 70's Delts for the annual Canada Fry fishing trip.

Thomas S. Fischer '78

(10 George Ln, Mill Valley, CA 94941; thomas_s_fischer@yahoo.com) My wife, Cyndi, and I have been married for 7 years. We have two children – son Haydn (4 1/2) and daughter Sterling (6 months). I recently completed a 24 year career with a large IT firm, with the last three years working as one of the general partners in the venture capital group. My wife is an interior designer. My wife and I are avid windsurfers and horse back riders (jumping), and are also passionate about biking (road and mountain), skiing and running.



Thomas Fischer '78 and the Fischer family at the Columbia River Gorge in the summer of 2004.

Robert L. Fisher '78

(1233 Stonehurst Way, Tallahassee, FL 32312-1066) My daughter, Kari, graduated in May of this year from Denison. Son, Adam is a sophomore at Xavier, and son, Matt is a junior in high school.

Michael L. Gliebe '79

(816 Kentridge Ct., Ballwin, MO 63021; mike.gliebe@rescoproducts.com) Daughter, Christine, is graduating from high school this year and will attend Southwest Missouri State next fall. Son, Adam, is a freshman at CBC High School in St. Louis. He is starting shortstop on the varsity this year and having a good season. Also, he was the point guard on the freshman basketball team.

Geoffrey C. Gwynne '82

(1484 Bluewater Rd., Harrisonburg, VA 22801; gwynnegeof@aol.com) Enjoyed seeing some Delts at our 20th reunion in June 2002 and missed seeing more at the fall gathering Thomas Foley '82 was organizing. After 15 wonderful years in Colo., we moved to the Shenandoah Valley of Va. to start an Episcopal Church. I am blessed.

Dale A. Lewis '84

(1545 Spalding Dr., Atlanta, GA 30350; lewis.dale@comcast.net) My wife, Tamara, and I have one daughter, Emma who is 5-years-old.

Andrew E. Stefanovich '88

(2525 Floyd Ave., Richmond, VA 23220; andy@lookatmorestuff.com) Our twin daughters, Grace and Lotti, were born on October 17, 2003.

Samuel S. Monti '93

(103 Baythorne, Universal City, TX 78148; ssmonti@software.rockwell.com) Director of Financial Planning for Rockwell Automation Europe. Currently residing in Brussels, Belgium with assignments throughout Europe, Middle East and South Africa.

Scott T. Mereness '94

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The Canada Fry 2004 at Lake Kamwakuskach, Quebec. Sitting (from left), Dale Layton '73, Dave Tumbas '74 and Rick Record '74. Standing (from left), Steve Bluhm '73, Rick Rollins '76, Bruce Strachan '75 and Steve Mintos (honorary Delt).

scott.m@lippertcomponents.com) My wife, Kristin Kanpp Mereness, and I welcomed Caroline Grace Mereness born November 3, 2003.

Daniel Tompkins '98

(8561 Abilene Dr., Blacklick, OH 43004; dtompkins59@hotmail.com) I am married and our first child is due October 10, 2004.

Travis Menke '99

(1097 Ravine Ridge, Worthington, OH 43085 ; travisjmenke@hotmail.com) Growing the family with wife Ashleigh. Travis Jr., 3 years old and Madison Leigh, 3 months old. One Love Brothers. ■

In Memory

Since publication of our last newsletter, we have learned of the death of

James F. Cutright '22

Wade C. Christy '31

Warren W. Haucke '37

Albert A. Leininger '39 (4/24/04)

John E. Rapp '40 (1/28/04)

W. F. Sanford '41 (8/11/03)

John E. Griffith '45 (6/7/02)

Jack C. Gray '48 (6/10/03)

James P. Harrah '49 (1/17/02)

Donald F. Hannon '51 (11/17/03)

Robert R. Postle '51

Clyde O. Fay '52 (4/29/03)

John S. Stuhmer '54 (8/29/03)

Donald R. Burcham '60

Robert Emerick '65 (6/25/03)

Delta Tau Delta mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends. ■