



# ΣΙΓΜΑ ΦΙ ΔΕΛΤΑ FRATERNITY

Vancouver Alumni Chapter

## The ALUMNIFLIER

November 2000

Dear Alumnus

*Welcome to another edition of the Alumniflier, Vancouver Alumni Chapter newsletter. This one is long overdue, and it's a relief to be back after some financial strain necessitated the lack of posted newsletters. After some generous donations by several members, and some careful restructuring and planning, I think we are back into a stable format where we can continue again to provide contact to all alumni of Sigma Phi Delta, Theta Chapter and other chapter Alumni living in BC. For those of you who have been actively using email, to conserve expenses, this newsletter will only be sent in soft copy to all who are able to receive it. If you would prefer this newsletter in another format, please contact Edmund Gin, Alumni Secretary at the contact info given below.*

### THE PAST

#### **Fraternal Tidings**

The Vancouver Alumni chapter has nine new members from the Theta Chapter graduating classes of 1999 & 2000.

#### **Graduated 1999:**

- Ron Byrne (Civil) - working in California as a Design Engineer
- Don Nash (BioResource) - working for Geopac West, a soil improvement firm.
- Darcy Parker (Mech) – now working in Ontario.
- Tyler Borges (Mech) - working for Stanco Projects as a Project Manager.

#### **Graduated 2000:**

- David Belezny (EE) - working for WebCT as an Asst Manager in Technical Support.
- Martin Froehling (MMAT) - working in the Kemess Mine in northern BC as a Process Engineer.

- Sean Grant (Mech) - working for CreoScitex as a Mechanical Engineer.
- Chris Baker (Mech) - working for Westport Innovations as a Test Engineer.
- Charlie Loo (MMAT) - also working for Westport Innovations.

Kevin Oldknow ('96 ENPHYS) was married to Angela Dobson on September 4, 2000 in Vancouver and has recently been granted his Masters Degree. Jeff Breadner married Sue Cronin, August 26 in Mississauga Ontario (<http://www3.telus.net/breadner/wedding/>). And going back a bit, Darren Farnworth married Mel Armstead, September 1999, in North Vancouver.

Dante Michael Prins, was born Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2000 at 10:40 in Calgary Alberta to Ben (CHEM'93) and Michelle Prins.

And further congratulations go out to Dave Chwaklinski (CIVIL'92) who was elected for a two-year term to the Council of APEGBC.

On a sad note, W. Fraser Wiggins P.Eng passed away on September 13, 2000. He was commercial manager of Honeywell Controls Ltd., Vancouver for many years. He graduated in the Mechanical class of 1950. During his 38 Years with Honeywell he was very respected by the business, construction industry and labour unions for his knowledge and integrity.

If you have any other information that you would like to have noted in this section of the newsletter, then please let me know.

### **Fraternity Formal**

The Year 2000 Fraternity Formal was held at the Keg Caesars' in downtown Vancouver. The Event was well attended by the actives and by local alumni (30-40 in attendance). Though, at least one Vancouver Cabbie may wished he'd called in a early night ;) The dinner was followed by an impromptu pub crawl.

### **Mary Gillespie Memorial Achievement Award**

This award was created in 1996 by the Alumni chapter, in memory of 'The Chief' Mary Gillespie who served the active chapter as House Mother for over 30 years, and who passed away in 1994 at the age of 108. The purpose of the award is to provide financial assistance to a Theta Active member who exemplifies fraternal involvement, scholastic achievement and financial need. The award was presented at the Fraternity Formal – Shaun Hodgins was the successful recipient. The monetary funds for the award are generated from the accruing interest on a GIC managed by the Alumni Chapter

### **Abe Lighthall Memorial Bursary**

The Lighthall Memorial Bursary is a \$150 annual award that has been funded by our chapter since the early 1970's. The award is in the memory of Abe Lighthall, a member of the Department of Civil Engineering from 1920 to 1945, who played a significant role in the development of Sigma Phi

Delta. The bursary is presented by U.B.C. to a male engineering undergraduate student of the university. The primary criterion for obtaining the award is the applicant's financial need; scholastic standing is also considered.

At the time of the last Alumni Newsletter, the proposal was to create a self-perpetuating bursary that would also require extra-curricular involvement in the criteria. This proposal failed in the UBC senate vote, and it was decided that to meet the Senate requirements was not in the spirit of the bursary. The Nemetz Foundation, run by Alumnus Alvin Nemetz, has since funded this bursary on an annual basis at the existing rate of \$150.

### **Treasurer's Report – Alumni Chapter Finances**

To all Vancouver Alumni Chapter of Sigma Phi Delta Fraternity, please find attached a financial report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000.

Alumni finances are again balanced thanks to those who responded to the call for donations last fall. Of note are Jack Bean (\$60), Edmund Gin (\$200), Douglas Horswill (\$100), Ben Prins (\$120), Greg Strebel (\$100), Mike Currie (\$130), Laurie Miranda (\$100), Frank George (\$100), Brad Hawthorne (\$120), Kevin Oldknown (\$70), Richard Taylor (100 US), Mike Florendo (\$150 US), Robert Laing (\$175 Pick Any Currency), Ken Harford (\$100), Tyler Borges (\$50), Rick Fraser (\$40), Bob Greene (\$20), Andrew Happer (\$20), Jan Larsen (\$40), Rob McKay (\$20), Art Rennison (\$20), Peter Schmelcher (\$50), Dan Wallace (\$20), Kevin Deane-Freeman (\$20), Bert Shore (\$20), Fraser Wiggins (\$20), and Andy Gal (\$50). Many thanks again.

In light of annual fluctuations in cash flow to meet basic operating costs (approximately \$500/yr. to \$700/yr.), the Alumni Executive has adopted the following policy change:

All donations received by the Vancouver Alumni Chapter of Sigma Phi Delta Fraternity will be placed in a Term Investment from which a portion of the

interest accrued will be used to fund basic operating costs.

This policy changed should prevent future emergency calls for donations. In addition, the Alumni Executive is proceeding with an application for not-for-profit charity status which would allow for the issuance of tax receipts for all donations. At this point I would invite any Alumni with experience to offer in this matter, please contact me at your convenience.

In closing, I would thank all those again who have contributed to the sustainability of the Vancouver Alumni Chapter of Sigma Phi Delta Fraternity. If any Alumnus has comments or questions pertaining to the financial statement, please contact me at 461-4814

Respectfully,  
Brent A. Dozzi, P. Eng.  
Treasurer

| <u>LEDGER</u>                   | <u>DEBIT</u> | <u>CREDIT</u> | <u>BALANCE</u>            |
|---------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| Operating Account               |              |               |                           |
| • Opening Balance               |              |               | <b>\$445.82</b>           |
| • Mary Gillespie Memorial Award | \$150.00     |               |                           |
| • Dues                          | \$300.10     |               |                           |
| • Service Charges               | \$10.00      |               |                           |
| • Xmas Social Supplies          | \$762.25     |               |                           |
| • Xmas Social                   |              | \$800.00      |                           |
| • Donations                     |              | \$360.00      |                           |
| • Closing Balance               |              |               | <b><u>\$383.47</u></b>    |
| House Account                   |              |               |                           |
| • Opening Balance               |              |               | <b>\$10.00</b>            |
| • Property Taxes                | \$7204.46    |               |                           |
| • Property Taxes                |              | \$4723.00     |                           |
| • Insurance                     | \$1931.55    |               |                           |
| • Insurance                     |              | \$1750.00     |                           |
| • Garbage Collection            | \$117.50     |               |                           |
| • Closing Balance               |              |               | <b><u>(\$2770.51)</u></b> |
| Maintenance Account             |              |               |                           |
| • Opening Balance               |              |               | <b>\$2213.45</b>          |
| • Donations                     |              | \$1748.75     |                           |
| • Closing Balance               |              |               | <b><u>\$3962.20</u></b>   |
| Total                           |              |               | <b><u>\$1575.16</u></b>   |

| <u>BALANCE SHEET</u> |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| <u>ASSETS</u>        | <u>LIABILITIES</u>  |
| Land                 | \$660,000.00        |
| Improvements         | \$51,500.00         |
| Canada Trust Account | \$1575.16           |
| Ethical Fund         | \$11,761.99         |
| Total                | <b>\$724,837.15</b> |
|                      | <b>\$0.00</b>       |

Although the results of the House Inspection have granted us a relief from roof worries for possibly 6-9 years, it is still a high priority to build up the capital of the House Improvement Fund. This fund exists for the purposes of emergency use. While it is always ideal that the actives manage as much funding as possible, we must be prepared to handle the unforeseen emergencies if we are to ensure the survival of the Fraternity House

### Camping Trip

Held last year April 27 – 30 at 20-Mile-Bay on Harrison Lake. Andy Gal flew in from Montreal, and Roger Petterson, and Tony Snead both came in from Calgary for the occasion. The hot tub functioned again, despite a few plumbing related failures.

### Chief's Birthday Party

The celebration of the Chief's birthday took place at the Fraternity House on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Since The Chief was born Oct 13, and this often falls close to the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, future observance will be shifted away from this holiday in hopes that more Alumni will attend. This year the attendance was much improved, Michael Doll and Shawn Tagseth put in an appearance after a long time away. It's an excellent opportunity for alumni to meet the actives, meet the upcoming pledges and learn what's been happening around the house.

### Joint Province Convention

The Joint Province Convention for 2000 was held June 29 – July 2 hosted by Eta chapter in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The adventures are written up online at the national website (<http://www.sigphi.org/jpc2000/>). The complete minutes are also located on the website in the members only area.

## THE PRESENT

### **Active Chapter**

Theta chapter has continued to make renovations and upkeep of the chapter house a priority among both Actives and Alumni. Brother Adam Niiranen is the current Active House Manager, and recently coordinated a well-attended work party which resulted in the completion of many important projects including a new pantry, as well as general upkeep.

Brother Martin Froehling is the Alumni House Liaison, and has worked with Adam to set up a roof-fund project, which is intended to provide the funds necessary to replace the chapter house roof in 6-9 years. Rent has been increased by approximately \$25 per tenant, with the increase being deposited directly into a low-risk mutual fund where it can accrue interest over several years. As the replacement time for the roof nears, the fund will be transferred strategically into a stable, liquid account.

As always, donations toward repair and upkeep of the chapter house are greatly appreciated. It is through the combination of generous donations by caring Alumni and monthly rent paid by resident Actives that the house is maintained properly. The Actives and Alumni Executive are always happy to discuss specific projects that donating members would like to see accomplished, and we encourage your participation!

The frat house is still located at 4586 West 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Feel free to drop in on active chapter meetings on Wednesdays from 7:30 p.m.

### **Alumni Chapter Executive**

Andrew Happer stepped down as Secretary and has recently announced that he and his wife, Micheline are expecting their first. Congratulations! Edmund Gin has now graciously taken on the role of secretary. Also recently, Due to his Election to the position of Western Province Councilor with National, Kevin Oldknow has resigned as House Liaison. At this time, it is felt that the position is no longer required and that the initial mandate for the job has been completed. The current executive positions are now as follows:

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## House Maintenance & Improvement Fund

We are always accepting voluntary donations to the House Maintenance and Improvement Fund. This fund enables us to repair and upgrade the Theta Chapter house while keeping rental rates for student residents at rates comparable to on-campus housing. We seek your continued support for this fund to assist in maintaining affordable, good quality Chapter housing for Active members and provide for the continuation of an Active Chapter of Sigma Phi Delta at U.B.C. Contributions can be mailed to Brent Dozzi or brought to any of the sponsored functions (i.e. the Chief's Birthday Party or Christmas Cocktail Party).

## Internet

The national web page is at <http://www.sigphi.org> and the Theta Chapter page is at <http://www.sigphi.org/theta>. Edmund Gin now maintains the web site for the Vancouver alumni chapter at <http://www.sigphi.org/vancouver>. If you would like a short biography of yourself on the web site, then send text to Edmund. We'd love to put up any photos or news you wish to share as part of the site. Photos can be sent to Edmund Gin for scanning, or emailed if already in digital format.

You will notice that if you have an email address, you will have received this newsletter via e-mail. Otherwise, this edition will be available at the Christmas social, with a late mailing to those who could not attend. If you would like to receive this by e-mail, then please forward your e-mail address to Edmund Gin or sign onto the SPD web site and submit an update to your personal info. Using email greatly increases the speed of delivery of information and the cost of supplying that. With an active e-mail address, you will also receive updates about upcoming events on a regular basis through the theta-alumni mailing list. Nevertheless, we will

still be mailing out correspondence to those who aren't yet with access to the internet.

## National

The National organization has undergone many changes in the last couple years starting with the resignation of Dr. Robert J Beals from the position of Executive Secretary. This position is currently held by Derek R. Troy (ALPHA, AE '97) of Huntington Beach, CA. Ed Hurst ('85 ALPHA) remains as Information Systems Manager, and Burt A. Wagner III (DELTA, CivE, BS '93) serves as Communications Director and Circulation Manager.

The election of province officers for the biennium 1999-2000 was held at the recent convention. Kevin Oldknow (THETA ENPHY '95) was elected as the Western Province Councillor. John Tighi ('92 ALPHA) was elected as the Western Province Secretary.

National is still looking for members who would like to serve as Deputy Province Councillor for Expansion in the Western Province. This member would be responsible for the expansion program along with the Grand Vice President. If you are interested, then please contact WPC Kevin Oldknow ([westernpc@sigphi.org](mailto:westernpc@sigphi.org)) or GP Paul Lindner.

Sigma Phi Delta has a new toll-free number that is linked to the Executive Secretary's Office: 1-877-SIGPHIS (1-877-744-7447). National's monthly newsletter is also available at <http://www.sigphi.org/announce.htm>.

## Expansion

Recent increased efforts towards expansion have paid off for Sigma Phi Delta. In the last year, three new chapters have been welcomed into the fraternity:

- CHI - [chi@sigphi.org](mailto:chi@sigphi.org)  
Founded at the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio, on Saturday, April 10, 1999.

Current address: Chi Chapter Of Sigma Phi Delta, P.O. Box 210136, Cincinnati, OH, 45221-0136. (513) 929-0820/0913

- PSI - psi@sigphi.org  
Founded at the University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware, on Sunday, April 11, 1999.  
Current address: Psi Chapter Of Sigma Phi Delta, 12 West Delaware Avenue, Newark, DE, 19717. (302) 837-1085
- OMEGA - omega@sigphi.org  
Founded at Rutgers University, Piscataway, New Jersey, on Saturday, May 13, 2000.  
Current address: Omega Chapter Of Sigma Phi Delta, Ofc of F&S Affairs, 15 Bartlett Street, New Brunswick, NJ, 08901. (732) 445-2687

This puts the current total of active chapters to 10. There are currently several colonies, most of whom we expect will manage active status soon. Congratulations to all those members involved so heavily in the expansion effort.

### **Paraphernalia**

For anyone interested in Theta clothing and accessories, there are black baseball caps available

I hope you enjoyed this edition of the newsletter. If you have any comments or suggestions, then please feel free to contact me. I look forward to seeing those who will attend the Christmas Social. And to All, A Happy Holidays!



Kevin Deane-Freeman, Alumni Chapter President  
Sigma Phi Delta, Vancouver alumni

with 'ΣΦΔ' emblazoned on the front and a 'θ' with a maple leaf on the back (\$15). Theta Beer Mugs (32oz ceramic) are currently not available. Theta Active chapter T-shirts with the fwat rat are available for \$15. Black alumni T-shirts, the proceeds of which go towards the House Maintenance and Improvement Fund, are currently sold out. If there is enough interest, a new order will be placed and sales can continue

You may contact the Active Chapter at 224-7235 for information regarding mugs, rat T-shirts or hats. These items should be available at the upcoming Cocktail Party or can be ordered for future pickup.

### THE FUTURE

#### **Christmas Cocktail Party**

The annual cocktail party will be held from 4pm to 8pm on Sunday, the 10<sup>th</sup> of December at the home of Mike and Beth Currie, in Burnaby BC. Invitations are enclosed along with a map of the vicinity for those not familiar with the area. The cost to attend is \$20/member or \$30/couple. As per usual, drinks and food will be provided, but please make appropriate travel plans if you are intending on enjoying the alcoholic fare.