



Sigma Phi Delta Fraternity

Vancouver Alumni Chapter

The ALUMNIFLIER

November 2004

President's Remarks

Dear Alumnus

The Active members are back to hauling books and extending debt, so once again we bring you the Alumni Newsletter. This years' big buzzword is Insurance. Due to a number of recent legal happening, the matter of proper liability insurance has become a big issue on the National Agenda. Discussion is ongoing as to a standard for all chapters, and how the costs are to be covered. As an alumni organization, we currently maintain a \$1 million policy for anything that may happen to anyone while visiting the Fraternity House. This does not cover incidents that result in injury to Active Members due to accident or through the actions of other Active Members.

Finally, to bring up an older point, we need money. The Alumni organization exists only through the donations of its members. Through the generosity of a few, we have always been able to scrape by, but if a few more of a large number of members could see fit to donate even a little amount, we would not have to continue to rely on the same few, year after year. There is a return form included in this newsletter, and we also take any amounts you see fit at the Christmas Social each year. For those who receive the campaign notices from National, you are also able to allocate part of your donation to National to the local alumni chapter.

With the resignation of Brother Darren Farnworth, National is also in need of a new Western Province Councillor. Interested parties should contact national@sigmaphidelta.org.

Many thanks, and enjoy this year's newsletter.

Fraternally,

Kevin "Fishbone" Deane-Freeman, President, Vancouver Alumni Chapter

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~ ~ Fraternal Tidings ~ ~

The following Brothers have finally graduated from University and are now members of our chapter:

Congratulations to Brother Heiko "Spike" Epkens and his wife, who are now the proud parents of their newborn son, Mattias, born Jan 22nd at 8lbs 1 once and 21 inches long.

Chris "Peter" Chou, ECE '03
Derek "Buttdriver" Siu, ECE '03

Congratulations to Brother Jeff "Worf" Breadner and his wife Susan, who are now the happy parents of their newborn daughter, Sarah Lauren Breadner, born Jan 9, 2004.

VP Spew: A Brief Introduction

Hello fellow brothers!

For those of you who are unaware, my name is Andy Gal and within the fraternity I also respond to the informal name of "Crack". I have been chosen to be your new alumni vice-president replacing Jan "KEGGER!" Laursen. As the earth turns, it happens that I am succeeding Jan by virtue that he and his wife decided to move to the Okanagan, while I decided to come back home after living in Eastern Canada for nearly six years.

To brothers who are unfamiliar with my fraternal history, I pledged to Theta Chapter back in 1993. Within my active years, I had the privilege of serving as house manager for two years leading up to earning my undergraduate degree in 1997 within the mechanical discipline. Soon after, I landed employment in Montreal for a small engineering/manufacturing firm. I spent almost six years living in "La Belle Province" before succumbing to the desires of returning to the West Coast. (In my humble opinion, British Columbia is the "Belle Province". It says as much on our license plate.) All the while of living on the other side of the continent, I maintained as many relationships as I could and stayed up

to date with the activities of the Theta Alumni Chapter.

I feel privileged to have the opportunity to represent the Theta Alumni Chapter within the Vice President position. In terms of actual responsibilities, I realize that my role is limited to assuring the alumni chapter continues functioning in the event that the President is unable to perform the required duties for any reason that may arise. However, in time, I hope to broaden the scope of this position to include other duties that benefits both the alumni and active chapters.

On a side note, since I've have been back in Vancouver I haven't had the opportunity to get together and spend time with some Brothers I haven't seen for a while. Well to those, I am back here to stay and hopefully we can get together. If it doesn't happen sooner than later, then I'll see you all at the annual Christmas Party in early December.

Pro Bono Professionis

Fraternally,
Andy "Crack" Gal

Treasurer's Report

Brothers,

Just a quick note to say that you all owe me Two Dollars! Imagine that! If every alumnus sent in just two dollars, our yearly operating woes would disappear. Alas, we struggle year to year and somehow we manage to keep our heads above water. Be assured however that your executive continues to investigate ways and means of easily getting our hands on your hard earned cash. Potential schemes include Pay Pal, direct deposit, payroll deduction, etc. We will keep you post dated cheque, on this one.

Our ethical fund continues to grow albeit very slowly. Annual interest on the fund is between 1 and 2 percent which seems to cover off the Chief's bursary every year – its original intent. There has been some discussion of placing the funds in a higher return investment which, of course would require a higher level of management. So if any of you out there are part time investment geniuses, your alumni executive would love to hear from you.

Lastly, if anyone is interested in our overall financial standing, please refer to the attached 2004 statement. What's the advertising line – house rich, cash poor? Life is good!

Love Doz

The Professionals

The Professionals are still looking for talent and volunteers. Who are the Professionals?

We're a musical cooperative made of the APEGBC family -- engineers, geoscientists, EITs, GITs, students, retired members and our ASCTT cousins. We're putting together a musical narrative of the history of engineering in the region, playing songs from the 1880s to the 1990s. As well, we're playing a bunch of dance tunes -- big band, disco, rock-n-roll, pop -- anything you can dance to.

News from our Social Coordinator:

I'm happy to report that all is well on the social front. We had another grate installment of the North Shore Pub Crawl again this year. This year I decided to keep a journal of the event so my recollections would be clearer for writing an article on the subject. Please see that article elsewhere in this newsletter. (Yes, I know this is a shameless plug for my article.)

We have a couple events coming up in the near future. We will be celebrating the Chief's birthday on Saturday, October 16th at the House. Dinner and cake are provided. Bring yourself. Please RSVP so we can ensure that enough spaghetti dinner is made for everyone.

Also fast approaching is the Annual Christmas Social. Brother Kevin "Fizz" Oldknow and his wife Angela have been kind enough to host this event this year. I look forward to seeing all of you there to celebrate the festive season.

Take care everyone and enjoy yourselves.

Cheers,

Tyler "Duck" Borges
Minster of Health & Social Services
a.k.a. Social Coordinator



We practice once every couple of weeks. So if you sing or play any kind of instrument, or are just interested in helping out, why not consider joining the Professionals. Contact Adam "Boomer" LaRusic at TheProfessionals@telus.net or (604) 990-8384.

House Liason Report

Hi everyone,

For those of you that do not know me my name is Shaun "Freek" Hodgins and I have been House liaison for about one and a half years now. I was asked to write a quick update on the goings on at the house so here goes.

The house remains standing. Renovations this summer have been completed with the upstairs hall and stairwell being completely refinished with new insulation and drywall. New insulation has been installed downstairs as well as a new ventilation system designed by our very own alumni secretary. Much needed painting and carpentry has also been completed.

According to the last inspection done on the house the roof is in almost immediate need of replacement. This will be the next major project and donations to the "keep house rats dry" fund will be greatly appreciated. This is a fairly major expense and although a good portion of the cost of replacing the roof has already been saved, more is needed.

In other news, the house has beat on some more appliances/furniture so donations of used fridges, stoves, couches, etc. in reasonable condition will be gratefully received.

The house is packed full this year with 10 people currently living there and 9 planning to remain for the full school year.

As always, I am sure that the actives will appreciate any visits from alumni out there (corner of 6th and Tolmie for those of you who are starting to have trouble remembering things).

If you have any house related questions or would like to send ideas, donations etc. please feel free to email me: hodgins_57@hotmail.com

I hope to see many of you at the Christmas party.

Fraternally, Shaun

Secretarial Spew

Hello Brothers,

I am your new Vancouver Alumni Chapter Secretary. I got voted-in last April after our former Secretary, Brother Edmund "Eaad" Gin's four years of invaluable dedication to the Vancouver Alumni Chapter.

My recent achievements include taking meeting minutes, being the communication hub, board-casting announcements, publishing this newsletter etc. Once I get a good grasp of the routines I will update and add more features to sigphi.ca web page and taking on other projects.

I have been regularly attending active meetings and teaching them how to make most fun out of their university lives and more importantly, ability to party is not affected by age.

If you have news you would like to share with your brothers, please send them to me at steve.ip@shaw.ca and I will be glad to forward them to members of the Alumni Chapter

Fraternally,
Steve "ORFice" Ip

The Beer's Prayer

(For the Men of the Froth)

Our lager,
Which art in kegs,
Hallowed be thy drink.
Thy will be drunk,
At home as it is in the pub.
Give us this day our foamy head,
And forgive us our spillages,
As we forgive those who spill against us.
And lead us not to incarceration,
But deliver us from hangovers.
For thine is the beer, The ale and The lager.
Forever and ever.
BARMEN.

Brought to you by: Jan Erik "KEGGER!!!" Laursen



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Financial Statement For Year Ending March 31, 2003

<u>LEDGER</u>	<u>DEBIT</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Operating Account			
• Opening Balance			<u>\$437.93</u>
• 2003 Chief's Bursary		\$150.00	
• 2003 Chief's Bursary	\$150.00		
• 2003 Society Filing Fee	\$50.00		
• 2003 Dues	\$198.78		
• Cheques	\$36.98		
• Dues		\$100.00	
• Chief's Birthday Cake	\$19.99		
• 2003 Xmas Social		\$630.00	
• 2003 Xmas Social	\$631.72		
• Closing Balance			<u>\$230.46</u>
House Account			
• Opening Balance			<u>(\$2592.00)</u>
• 2003 Utility Bill	\$151.38		
• 2003 Property Taxes		\$2592.00	
• 2003 Utility Bill		\$144.17	
• 2003 Property Taxes	\$2632.20		
• 2003 Household Insurance	\$986.00		
• 2003 Household Insurance		\$986.00	
• 2003 Property Taxes		\$2639.41	
• 2004 Utility Bill	\$239.45		
• 2004 Property Taxes	\$2612.00		
• Closing Balance			<u>(\$2851.45)</u>
Maintenance Account			
• Opening Balance			<u>\$4799.27</u>
• Donations		\$678.76	
• Closing Balance			<u>\$5478.03</u>
Total			<u>\$2857.04</u>



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BALANCE SHEET

<u>ASSETS</u>		<u>LIABILITIES</u>
Land	\$773,000.00	
Improvements	\$52,400.00	
Canada Trust Account	\$2857.04	
Ethical Fund	\$13,330.15	
Total	\$841,587.19	\$0.00

We hereby certify that the information contained herein is accurate and correct, to the best of our knowledge.

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

Kevin Deane-Freeman, P. Eng.
President

Please give to the Vancouver Alumni Chapter

Over the past few years, our expenses have gone up while our operating funds have essentially remained the same. As engineers, we know that this is not a sustainable scenario. Please take the time to fill out the slip below and bring it to the Annual Christmas Social (details on reverse), or mail it to:

Brother Brent Dozzi, Treasurer
112 Clearview Drive
Port Moody V3H 2S8

I, Brother _____, would like to donate \$ _____ to the Vancouver Alumni Chapter of Sigma Phi Delta.

Thank you for your support!

(Please note that as we are not a registered charity, we are unable to give out tax receipts)

From the Troller to the Raven and All Stops in Between

Journal of a North Shore Pub Crawl

Disclaimer: This article deals with drunkenly scrawled notes and sketchy recollections. No opinion expressed here reflects that of a sober person.

My day began much as any other. Woke up, showered, dressed, ate and got into my car. Instead of heading off to work in the traditional sense, I instead headed off to work my way from the Troller to the Raven and all stops in between.

Brother Ron "Sally" Byrne had requested a ride to the Troller from Vancouver and I happily obliged. Parking in the general vicinity of his apartment I exited my car wondering which building was his. Before I could look at any building numbers, it was immediately obvious which building I should head toward. Maybe the one with redneck country music blasting out of it at incredible volume. Yep, nothing says Kitsilano like "Attitude Adjustment" by Hank Williams Jr.

Gathered up Ron and headed off to Horseshoe Bay. Made it with 10 minutes to spare. Nothing like waiting for the bar to open. At the Troller we were met by Brothers Darren "Screeeeech" Farnworth, Andy "Crack" Gal, Don "Newfie" Nash, Justin "Mr. 65" Malcolm, and Bryce "Chemo Boy" Bendickson. We all began imbibing our beverage (we were on a tight schedule after all). Ron decided to have breakfast (a.k.a. two Caesars).

From the Troller we made our way to the Squarerigger. We foolishly took the route along Marine Drive which was full of construction zones which were eating into our precious drinking time at the next bar. But we finally arrived none the worse for wear. At this point Brothers Ron & Newfie made a bet that was destined to make the evening a little more interesting. Newf bet Ron \$50 that he wouldn't make it to the Raven and have a drink at every bar. Ron agreed without hesitation and with great confidence. The rest of us were a little skeptic considering he was already doubling up on drinks. Not necessarily the best strategy...

We arrived at Pemberstation at a quarter to one. Joining us at this location was Ryan "Muscle Monkey" Rowe, Brother Sean "Spunker" Grant and his wife Laura "Spits" Grant. Laura was to become the angelic lifesaver of the evening by driving all of us drunken fools from bar to bar. We ordered lunch and Screeeeech flexed his P.Eng. muscles by signing passport photos. Brother Peter "Smerf" Celler and his girlfriend Eudit (I know I'm spelling her name wrong, please forgive me Smerf) arrive in matching Taiga jackets. Soooo cute!!

Jalapeno Poppers were on special at Sailor Hagar's and as such were the snack of choice. We procure another

driver in the form of Brother Steve "Orifice" Ip and I can retire being a designated driver and park my car for the evening. Time to catch up. Good thing I'm taking notes!

At this point in the crawl a division or rift, if you will, developed in the group. Some people refused to cross Lonsdale without first stopping at Jack Lonsdale's even though the next scheduled stop was at the Rusty Gull. The rift solidified and one group went to the Gull while the other went to Jack's. The rift was healed shortly thereafter when two groups reconnected at the Gull. Peace and balance were restored. We all agreed that stopping at Jack Lonsdale's every time we crossed Lonsdale was indeed a good idea after all.

So from the Gull we headed to Jack's. Upon entering we were accosted by a group of ladies on a stag-ette. A few of us now know how many guys and girls can fit into one washroom stall. Silly girls... With that out of the way we focused on the reason for being there in the first place... Shots of Jack. Down the hatch and off we go!

Brother Brent "Skip" Dozzi calls to join up with us and we decide to meet at the next stop, the Park Royal Hotel. Unfortunately, we discover that they don't open until 5. Amazingly enough, we were able to contact everyone via cell phone and divert us all to the Queen's Cross. I am still amazed that that many drunken people can be directed so well. I suppose another thanks should go out to the designated drivers. Thanks!

"Sometimes to have enough room you have to stand on the can."

Ummm... yeah... whatever you say, Spunker.

We continue our crawl through Queen's Cross, Park Royal, and then to the Black Bear stopping at Jack Lonsdale's every time we cross Lonsdale for another shot of Jack Daniels. By now some have been there five times already!

At the Black Bear, Ron orders "Food" from the waitress and spills his Guinness. The tension mounts as it becomes unclear whether he will succeed on his bet with Newf. We decide it best not to go "shopping cart bobsledding" in the Safeway parking lot and proceed to the next bar.

"If you don't get some poon, may you at lease get some tang."

At Seymours, the festivities continue with Ron getting escorted from the bar as we were leaving. At least he didn't have to wait for us outside... Right about this time Ron and Newf double the bet to \$100.

A quick stop at the Maplewood and we were to head off to the Raven. Finally, we will be at the last bar. If only we could find a driver.

"This would work much better if you had keys and tits."

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We all stagger into the Raven. Our last stop on our annual crawl. Ron decides to give a lesson in manners and sits down at someone else's table and promptly passes out. Too bad. Lost the bet. Time to go home for Sally. The remaining folks enjoy many fine beverages at the Raven before straggling home to J's pad a few blocks away.

13 hours and 12 pubs later (some pubs frequented more times than others...) another very successful crawl was complete. So conclude my recollections on this matter. Next year's report on the crawl should be written by one of the drivers. Just a suggestion...

See you next year!

You are cordially invited to attend the
Sigma Phi Delta Vancouver Alumni

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COCKTAIL PARTY

Hosted by:

Kevin & Angela Oldknow
Amberleigh Clubhouse
20540 66th Avenue, Langley

Sunday, December 5, 2003
4:30pm until 8:30pm

\$25/person, \$40/couple, Cocktails & Snacks provided
(additional donations for chapter operations accepted)

RSVP: Tyler Borges, tborges@sigphi.ca or 604-617-9222

Note: Please park on the street outside the complex.
Directions: Take 200th Street (South) exit from Highway #1.
Turn left on 66th Avenue. Complex is on rightside past the 4-way stop.

Alumni Chapter Executive

The executive positions are as follows:

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