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HOUSE CORPORATION LOOKS TO FUTURE AS DELTA ALPHA AND GREEK COMMUNITY GROWS NEW BOARD MEMBERS ENSURE SUCCESS AT 1320 COLLEGE AVENUE

Our Delta Shelter on 1320 College Avenue opened in the fall of 1969. It is hard to believe that our Shelter has been welcoming young Delts through its doors for over 47 years! The fact that the Shelter remains the iconic home for our 2016 pledge class is clear evidence that over two generations of Delts have worked very hard to build a vibrant and successful fraternity, and have devoted countless hours to maintaining the Shelter.

Once the shining star of the South Greek campus, our Shelter, like any house that is almost 50 years old, is now showing its age. Our neighboring fraternities have outpaced us in remodeling their houses or building impressive new ones. The Delta Alpha House Corporation is very mindful of this situation, and we are working on two fronts to plan for the future of Delta Alpha.

First, we have expanded the board of directors of the House Corporation and assigned new leadership positions. I joined the board last year, and was elected to serve as House Corporation president. I am eager bring new energy and ideas to our board.

Fred Gist '73, former House Corporation president, has retired from practicing law and moved to Florida, but he will serve as vice president and will remain an active and engaged member of the board.

Justin Manning, *Delta Omicron '04*, will serve as treasurer. Justin's accounting and business background, and his experience as a dedicated chapter advisor for Delta Alpha, make him particularly well-suited to handle the finances of the corporation.

Dan Vann '71 has graciously agreed to serve as secretary. Dan is a proud graduate of Northwest Classen High School in Oklahoma City, and he was part of the 1966 Delta Alpha pledge class. Dan was a very active member who had the privilege of living in both the old Shelter on 630 Elm and the Shelter on 1320 College Avenue. Dan held several offices, including recruitment chairman and chapter president. After graduating from OU with a business degree, Dan began a 30-year career in medical device/equipment sales and marketing. After serving as the national sales director of three major companies, Dan became the co-owner of a successful executive search company. Dan and his wife, Marsha, live in Edmond, Oklahoma, and are extremely active in the lives of their children and grandchildren. Dan joined the House Corporation because he wanted to stay involved in his fraternity and with his brothers. According to Dan, "Delta Tau Delta had a tremendous impact on my life and I've always tried to give back whenever I could so that other young men could receive the great blessing it is to share and experi-

ence the values of our fraternity. I am very pleased to be able to join the board and help in a new way. The House Corporation is an integral part of Delta Alpha's leadership, and joining Mike, Justin, and Fred is both a privilege and a pleasure."

Secondly, the House Corporation has retained the services of a national consulting company and a prominent architect with significant Greek housing experience to develop a plan for completely transforming the Shelter. Preliminary architectural analysis reveals our Shelter is quite structurally sound. However, we know completely transforming and updating the Shelter is necessary and, quite frankly, unavoidable. Our board will be working hard to develop the proper plan for a clean, safe, comfortable, and technologically advanced home for OU Delts for another 50 years, and we will be sharing it will all of our proud Delta Alpha brothers in the coming months. Of course, the board will not be able to move forward alone with this ambitious task. We are urging you to get involved and offer your support. Please contact me or any of our board members and get involved.

Fraternally,
Mike Johnston '88
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Delta Alpha welcomes 50 new brothers this fall.



It's Not Rocket Science—Just Brain Surgery!

Retired Neurological Surgeon Stephen Cagle '71 Sees Delta Alpha as a Foundation in His Fulfilling Life

Dr. Stephen “Steve” Cagle '71 joined Delta Alpha Chapter as a double legacy with two older brothers, Gene Cagle '68 and Edward “Fielding” Cagle Jr. '69, paving the way for him. “I had friends in other fraternities, but always saw the Delts as the best in academics and sports. As a member of Delta Alpha, I was inspired to get involved in my chapter and on campus.”

Sports played a huge role in Steve’s undergraduate experience. “My brother, Gene, played football for OU and I loved playing intramural sports and attending OU sporting events with my chapter brothers.” The responsibility and leadership Steve gained as pledge class president and intramural chairman led to his election as chapter president in 1971. “I was always interested in service and very organized, but felt honored to be chosen to lead the fraternity.”

Steve’s success continued into a 30-year career in Oklahoma City as a neurological surgeon. “I joined a large medical group where I could both operate and teach those in their medical residency. It was so fulfilling to be able to save lives performing pediatric surgery, acoustic neuromas removals, cervical spine/lumbar spine surgery, and I even participated in a lobotomy.”

During his medical career, Steve participated in several month-long medical mission trips to Central Africa. “The trips were stressful and the condi-



tions in so many areas were not good, but it was beneficial knowing I could help people.” Steve said his last mission was a little over two years ago.

Even in retirement, Steve serves as chairman of the board of the Oklahoma City County Health Department. He works actively with the Tulsa Health Department and the Oklahoma State Health Department to improve health and wellness throughout the state. He is also part of the *Mitchell in the Morning* radio show on News Talk KOKC-AM 1520. You can listen to Steve’s health news from 6 to 7 a.m. on Thursdays or listen to podcasts online anytime at kokcradio.com/mitchell-in-the-morning-podcast.

Delta Alpha gave Steve a place to learn, grow, and develop as a man. He says, “The fraternity was truly a safe house; brothers always had my back and changed my life for the better. The quality of friendships has been unmatched.” Steve keeps in touch with many of his brothers. “Keeping in touch with my college friends has added so much to my life.”

Steve and his wife, Ruthanna, live just outside of Oklahoma City, where he spends his free time raising cattle, hunting, and playing basketball. “Family has always been the number one priority—my wife and two sons are very special to me. I had a tremendous career in medicine and even basketball; I’ve lived a very fulfilling and rewarding life.” Steve can be reached via e-mail at scaglemd@yahoo.com.

Chapter Advisory Board Guides Delta Alpha

There may not be a more difficult organization to manage than a fraternity. A chapter is essentially a small business with 100 or so employees, none of whom are paid, who are under 23 years of age, and have less than four years of work experience in industry. Priorities and motivation vary drastically throughout the organization, and your C-suite turns over each year.

The chapter relies on the previous executive committee to pass the baton smoothly to those newly elected on things from managing receivables, accounts payable, revenue, expenses, risk management, food, maintenance, social events, university relations, community service, philanthropy, alumni networks, academics, campus activities, recruitment, and more.

Understandably, the officers who are on their way out are typically gazing down that glis-

tening road to manhood that lay before them, rather than over their shoulders to the brothers stepping into their vacated shoes. It usually takes the new officers nearly half their term to really find their stride on leading and managing the chapter and its members. They govern better the second semester, then their term ends and the cycle continues.

Any business leader would assume this cycle is very unstable, if not unsustainable. The chapter advisors are intended to provide a foundation to ensure that everything is properly managed and that new leaders are adequately trained. Ideally, advisors turn over much less frequently than chapter officers, so processes are executed properly and risks—like house occupancy, insurance, and safety—are properly managed.

Chapter advisors can be hard to find and retain as

the role can be a challenging and long-term volunteer position. When I reach out to someone to add to the team, they are often hesitant, as I was at first. In conversations with alumni, I noticed that it would be much easier to recruit them for a smaller time commitment, where they are in charge of very small, individual projects where the chapter needs help rather than being the financial advisor, for example, who oversees all of the treasurer’s duties and then some.

In response to these dilemmas, Delta Alpha has formed a Chapter Advisory Board (CAB). The CAB consists of alumni who want to give back to the chapter by ensuring that it is run better each year and has four main areas of focus: finance and parent relations, risk management, recruitment and pledgship, and upperclassman development. Chapter advisors are the eyes and ears and assign specific projects to the CAB

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Members bond during a white water rafting trip.



Undergraduates make their own memories at 1320 College Avenue.



Delta Alpha members make an impact at OU.

Delta Alpha Undergraduates Excel on Campus and in the Community

Alumni Relation Efforts Set Members up for Success

It's a great time to be a member of Delta Alpha at the University of Oklahoma. Our chapter continues to succeed in the areas of academics, recruitment, philanthropy, intramurals, and alumni relations.

Raising the Bar for Academics

Last fall, Delta Alpha boasted a 3.10 GPA, the highest it has been in a few semesters. We followed that up with a 3.09 last spring. Although this is slightly lower, we are still proud of our chapter's academic efforts. Member GPA was 3.17, ranking us eighth on campus. We were well above the all-men's average for the University of Oklahoma and had over 50 men on the Dean's List.

Impressive Recruitment Results in Large Pledge Class

Delta Alpha signed 50 new members this fall. The quality of our membership continues to grow, and we believe we have the best pledge class on campus. Delta Alpha currently has 185 active members, which ranks us in the top five largest fraternities at OU.

New Philanthropy Events Prove Successful

We saw tremendous success in philanthropy last year by hosting new events. We held a toy drive with the women of Chi Omega donating gifts for 30-plus children at the OKC Boys and Girls Club. In the spring, we hosted a powderpuff flag football tournament for the sororities on campus. More than 10 teams participated and we raised more than \$2,000 for our national philanthropy, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). Along with our successful philanthropic events, members of Delta Alpha recorded more than 2,000 hours of community service. Whether it was serving at the YMCA, Second Chance, or participating in university-sponsored events, our presence in the community was felt.

Intramural Teams Build Brotherhood

Once again, Delta Alpha was a force to be reckoned with on the intramural fields. Our softball team reached the semifinals, where a controversial call cut our season short. Nonetheless, it was a very successful season. On top of that, Delta Alpha hit the links during this fall's intramural golf scramble. We had three teams shoot in the low 60s and one team shoot in the mid-50s.

All four teams were very impressive. Football season has started and Delta Alpha is looking to avenge last year's semifinal loss.

Chapter Benefits from More Alumni Events

Our biggest improvement has been in our alumni relations. During the spring semester, we hosted several alumni dinners. This is beneficial for our alumni and undergraduates alike and something that we look forward to continuing. Football season has started and with the success of last year's alumni tailgate, we have taken the initiative to host more tailgates this year. Another alumni golf tournament has been planned for the week-end of Dad's Day and we hope that you can join us. Alumni involvement is critical to having a successful chapter and we thank you for your time, effort, and support.

Delta Alpha strives for excellence every day. We have set our goals high for the upcoming semesters to ensure our success and preserve our place as a top chapter on this campus. Please feel free to visit us here at Delta Alpha—our door is always open.

Fraternally,
Mason Orr '17
 Chapter President
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Chapter officers represent Delta Alpha at Karnea in Orlando this summer.



Brothers at the Delt alumni tailgate.



WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Javi Aguilar '20
Oklahoma City, Okla.

John Barry II '20*
Norman, Okla.
(Grandfather **Artie Palk '61**)

Jeremy Blake '20
Norman, Okla.

Jack Blumenthal '19
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Chad Book '20
Argyle, Texas

Jake Brewer '20
Norman, Okla.

Ty Brown-Field '20
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Matt Chavira '20
Houston, Texas

AJ Cruse '20
Oklahoma City, Okla.

William Duke '20
Atlanta, Ga.

Logan Eckols '20
Atlanta, Ga.

Jared Feexico '20
Norman, Okla.

Eamon Fleming '20*
Houston, Texas
(Uncle **Richard Jackson**,
Gamma Iota '84)

Jack Foster '20
Phoenixville, Penn.

Evan Gilbert '20
Flower Mound, Texas

Evan Goodearle '20
Houston, Texas

Michael Grams '20
Houston, Texas

Nicholas Hale '20
Edmond, Okla.

Noah Hanik '20
Norman, Okla.

Drew Heinen '20
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Sam Iverson '20
Keller, Texas

Luke Johnston '19
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Tanner Jones '20*
Houston, Texas
(Cousins **Garrett**
Jones '15 and
Graham Jones '17)

Emile Karam '20
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Paul Kelley '20*
Oklahoma City, Okla.
(Brother **Zach Kelley '19**)

Joshua Koehler '20
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Yoo Jin "Geno" Lee '20*
Plano, Texas
(Brother **Scott Lee**, *Theta*
Epsilon '16)

Kevin Lybarger '20*
Tulsa, Okla.
(Brother **Brian**
Lybarger '17)

Connor Mahan '19*
Wichita, Kan.
(Uncle **Bradford**
Graham '84)

Blake Mason '20*
Keller, Texas
(Brother **Grant**
Mason '19)

Holden McKee '20
Norman, Okla.

Sam McKee '20
Lawton, Okla.

Seth McMinn '20
Edmond, Okla.

Matthew Murphy '20*
Lone Tree, Colo.
(Grandfather **Jim Murphy**,
Beta Tau '57, Uncle **Jim**
Murphy, *Beta Tau '82*,
Father **Dan Murphy**, *Beta*
Tau '83, Brother **Patrick**
Murphy, *Beta Tau '17*)

Del Perkins '20
Edmond, Okla.

Alexx Pfeiffer '20
Edmond, Okla.

Logan Richards '20
Sapulpa, Okla.

Blake Robbins '20
Moore, Okla.

Jon Roberts '20
Norman, Okla.

Jacob Robinson '20
Lawton, Okla.

Daniel Rude '20
McKinney, Texas

Brady Sewell '20
Bartlesville, Okla.

Jason Siegel '20
Dallas, Texas

Thomas Stalcup '20*
Oklahoma City, Okla.
(Father **Chad Stalcup '89**)

Kyle Summerville '20*
Keller, Texas
(Grandfather **Harry Sum-**
merville, *Epsilon Xi '64*,
Uncle **Rick McClure**,
Epsilon Xi '67)

Josh Taylor '20
McKinney, Texas

Parker Thompson '20
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Drew Vickers '20
Edmond, Okla.

Charles Walker '20
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Hunter Watson '20
McKinney, Texas

*Legacy; relative in paren-
theses

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members. These will be projects that will lighten the chapter advisors' loads without being burdensome to the CAB members. The CAB had its first meeting in August and consists of **John Arrowood '11**, **Austin Kola-kowski '12**, **Matt Akins '13**, **Cooper Cadle '15**, and **London Bulgarelli '16**. One such project the CAB intends to put together over the next few years is a mentorship program that matches undergraduates to professional alumni that work in their major or field of interest.

Alumni truly want to be involved, but they understand the gravity of making a commitment. It is sometimes better to say no to a volunteer opportunity, than to say yes and not dedicate the time and energy that the opportunity requires. By involving more alumni in an advisory board format, we

lower those barriers to commitment by providing everyone with smaller workloads. Simultaneously, we strengthen our alumni network and improve the undergraduate experience.

If you would like to be part of the Chapter Advisory Board or some of its initiatives to improve the chapter's operations and investment in undergraduates, please send an e-mail expressing your interest to dtdalumni1922@gmail.com and we will reach out to you!

Fraternally,
Christian Pearson '13
Chapter Advisor

Chapter Eternal

Charles Tetrick '55 entered Chapter Eternal as a resident of Tulsa, Okla., on December 28, 2015. After graduation, Charles served as an active duty officer in the United States Navy for two years. He practiced law with the firm of Moyers, Martin, Santee, Imel and Tetrick for 35 years and was listed in the publication, *Best Lawyers in America*, for more than 25 years. He enjoyed outdoor activities, including hunting, fishing, golfing, and gardening. He was a member of Southern Hills Country Club. He is survived by his wife, Courtenay, of 55 years and his beloved children and grandchildren.

Daryl F. Southard '57 entered Chapter Eternal on August 22, 2015, as a resident of Tulsa, Okla. He enjoyed a long, successful career that included traveling to 33 countries, all 50 states, seven provinces of Canada, and many moves around the country, while working for Cities Service, Armellini Engineering, and Will Bros Engineering. He treasured time in Colorado, playing golf at Seminole with his brother-in-law, and riding bicycles all over the world. He is survived by his wife of more than 60 years, Carol; brother, Ken; son, Mark; daughter, Christy; grandsons, Ty, Brooks, Ryan, and Chad; great-grandchildren, Haley, Kinsley, McKayla, Caleb, Ariana, Tanner, and Isabella; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

George "Charley" Vestal '58 entered Chapter Eternal on March 30 as a resident of Palisade, Colo. Charley was a proud member of Delta Alpha and graduate from OU's College of Engineering. He enjoyed a rewarding and diverse career. Among his employers were NASA, 3M, and Hitch Ranch. He will be remembered fondly by family, friends, and fraternity brothers.

Thomas "Tucker" Harrison '61 entered Chapter Eternal on March 21 as a resident of Bartlesville, Okla. He valued his successful career in advertising and marketing and founded the Vista Group, which served clients such as Phillips 66 and Chevron Phillips. Tucker is survived by his wife of 56 years, Janice Harrison, his three children, and four grandchildren.

Alumni News

John A. Blaschke, M.D. '43 formed a brotherhood bond that has lasted 75 years. **E. Harrison "Harry" Gilbert '41** was chapter president when John pledged Delta Alpha and they have stayed close ever since, both living in Oklahoma City, Okla. "Harry is 98 and I'm 96. Every Tuesday morning I pick him up and we go to a men's breakfast." E-mail: jablaschke@aol.com

Wayne Smith '45 is happily retired in Lawton, Okla. He and his wife, Mary Jo, of 67 years enjoy all that retirement has to offer. E-mail: wsmith580@gmail.com

George Parker '50 and his wife, Jane, are enjoying life in Yarmouth Port, Mass. He is grateful for all his memories as an undergraduate.

Jack C. Luman, D.D.S. '56 golfs in Shawnee, Okla., when the weather is nice. "I am blessed with a good life and a great family," he says. E-mail: drjackluman@sbcglobal.net

James L. Trombla '56 lives in Dallas, Texas, where he takes pride in building and flying radio-controlled model airplanes in his spare time. E-mail: jtrombla@yahoo.com

Charles Dean, M.D. '57 teaches 30 lectures per year on psychopharmacology and neuroscience at the University of Minnesota. He serves on the formulary committee and research review board for the VA

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Medical Center in Minneapolis, Minn. Charles has six children, including 24-year-old twins who are studying medicine at the University of Nebraska. E-mail: dex009@frontiernet.net

James R. Vaughan '57 lives with his daughter's family in Broken Arrow, Okla. He and his family make it a priority to attend all the OU home football games and several basketball games every year. His grandson is a freshman at OU this fall and a member of the Pride of Oklahoma band. E-mail: jrvaught35@aol.com

Charles Ellet '58 is a retired IMB manager and lives in Dunwoody, Ga. E-mail: cellet@bellsouth.net

Harold "Hal" Reed Jr. '59 retired from dentistry in 2009. Since then he spends his days enjoying life with his wife, Pat, in Denton, Texas. Harold finds fulfillment in building houses with Habitat for Humanity and volunteering with Team Rubicon helping disaster victims.

James "Jim" Cloar '62 retired in Tampa, Fla., with his wife, Anne. He spent more than 40 years as a professional downtown planner and manager. Jim is chairman of the Urban Land Institute's Tampa Bay District Council, president of the Henry B. Plant Museum, on the board of directors of the National Civic League, and on the board of commissioners of the Tampa Housing Authority. He plans to visit Cuba this fall. E-mail: jcloar@verizon.net

Robert "Bob" Owen '62 teaches gastroenterology, which is his medical specialty, at the University of California San Francisco, along with intestinal histology and physical diagnosis. Bob works part time at the San Francisco VA Medical Center, where he is the environmental health physician. He recently returned from a Mediterranean cruise where he visited Venice and Barcelona. E-mail: bobowen17@gmail.com

William Willis, D.D.S. '64 retired from dentistry and lives in Tulsa, Okla., with his wife, Carol. He would love to see some of his Delta Alpha brothers. E-mail: bcwillis1965@gmail.com

William Stong '65 takes pleasure living in Santa Fe, N.M., where he and his wife, Sally, have resided for the past 26 years. "I'm enjoying retirement, golf, gardening, and my grandkids," he says. E-mail: wasjstrong@hotmail.com

Peter Bonesteel '66 is happily married to his wife, Georgia, of 57 years and living in Flat Rock, N.C. The couple is blessed with three children and eight grandchildren. Peter enjoys playing tennis three times a week and engages in various volunteer jobs in his community. E-mail: pwbonesteel@bellsouth.net

Robert "Rob" Hewitt '68 is semi-retired in Richardson, Texas. He frequently substitute teaches for the Richardson Independent School District and local parochial schools. He and his wife, Carol, have two daughters, both of whom attended the University of Oklahoma, and eight grandchildren.

Harold Imke '68 retired as president of Imke Consulting Corp. in 2014. He fills his days living on Grand Lake in Vinita, Okla., golfing, fishing, and riding motorcycles. He also finds time to hunt turkey, deer, and bobwhite quail in western Oklahoma. He reports, "Life is good!" E-mail: heimke@msn.com

Charles "Charlie" White '72 spends retirement selling paintings in Stateline, Nev., and playing golf in beautiful Lake Tahoe, Calif. E-mail: chaswhitemd@gmail.com

J. Fred Gist '73 retired in June after 40 years as an attorney in Oklahoma City, Okla. His wife, Caroline, also retired, so the couple moved to a new home in The Villages, Fla., near Orlando, with an extremely active community and more than 630 holes of golf. Fred is involved in many activities and thoroughly enjoys refining his golf game. E-mail: jfgist1@gmail.com

David Allen '75 spends his retirement with his wife, Brook, in Carrollton, Texas. In his newly found free time, he golfs and travels. E-mail: dandballen@gmail.com

Doug Auld, D.D.S. '78 is the owner of Auld Family Dentistry and lives in McAlester, Okla., with his wife, Judy. Doug is a past president of the Oklahoma Dental Association and served as a delegate for the American Dental Association. He serves as chairman of the ADA council on ethics, bylaws, and judicial affairs, along with the ADA election commission. E-mail: dauldds@okda.org.

Mark Wyrick '81 lives in West Hollywood, Calif., where he is a production accountant for Netflix. In his free time, he jet sets all over the world. "I'm addicted to travel. I've been to all seven continents, 50 countries, and 48 states." He says, "I hope to make it to 100 countries and all 50 states before the big sleep." E-mail: wyrick.mark@gmail.com

Charles B. Pasque, M.D. '84 recently celebrated 31 years of marriage with his wife, Tammy, and together they have six children and one daughter-in-law. They have lived in Norman, Okla., since 1999 and Charles says, "We absolutely love it." E-mail: charles-pasque@ouhsc.edu

Robert "Bobby" Bell '89 serves as a judge on the Oklahoma Court of Civic Appeals in Oklahoma City, Okla. He was one of 18 judges in the United States for the Duke Law School LLM program to further his legal experience. In 2015, he was appointed to a leadership position on the United States Supreme Court Historical Society in Washington, D.C. E-mail: bellfirm@yahoo.com

Grant Sparks '91 serves as the Assistant U.S. Attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice in West Lake Hill, Texas, where he lives with his wife, Andrea, and two children, Maddie and J.T. E-mail: sparksou@gmail.com

Timothy "Scott" Carruthers '93 is a chiropractor in Johnson City, Tenn., but fills his free time as a football official. He works games ranging from 5-year-old pee wee games to varsity high school games. Scott has worked a few NCAA games and would love to be hired by an NCAA conference. His dream would be to work for Division I on a regular basis. "It may not happen, but in any case, the pursuit of it is fun." E-mail: tscottcarruthers@gmail.com

Cade Campbell '10 married his wife, Alison, in May 2015; she is an OU alumna and member of Kappa Alpha Theta. The couple moved to Midland, Texas, from Houston, Texas, in April 2016 for Cade's job. E-mail: ccampbell@sm-energy.com

Taylor Enis '14 married his sweetheart, Colleen Fenton, and they are in the process of moving to Oklahoma City, Okla., from Houston, Texas. E-mail: taylor.enis@yahoo.com

Alumni Reflect on Fond Delt Experiences

John A. Blaschke, M.D. '43 recalls the Collison Infirmary that was across the street from the Shelter at 630 Elm. "I was hospitalized with strep throat. Delta Alpha was having a beer bust of some kind and my pledge brothers snuck me a pitcher of beer, which I had to hide under a sheet—wonderful friends!" E-mail: jblaschke@aol.com

Wayne Smith '45 cherishes all the singing he did with his Delta Alpha brothers in the Oklahoma Glee Club, which performed at Carnegie Hall in New York. E-mail: wsmith580@gmail.com

George Parker '50 remembers singing Delt songs at meals, parties, and serenades. He fondly recalls bonding with his brothers and learning manners and proper behavior from older members, some of whom were returning WWII veterans. "We always greeted visitors with genuine hospitality."

Charles Dean, M.D. '57 was the director of the ΔTA glee club with two wins at the annual glee club competition. He was the conductor and trumpet soloist at the annual talent show in Oklahoma City, Okla., and played in the OU marching band at the OU/Texas game in the Cotton Bowl and principle trumpet for the OU symphony. E-mail: dex009@frontiernet.net

Charles Ellet '58 remembers being the best glee club on campus and competing in the OU Spring Sing, which Delta Alpha won every year from 1954 through 1958. E-mail: cellet@bellsouth.net

James "Cy" Morgan '59 cherishes the memories he holds from living with **John "Jack" Noftsgger '60** and **Zack Pryse '59** at the old Shelter on Elm Avenue. E-mail: capt_cy@yahoo.com

James "Jim" Cloar '62 is thankful for the lifelong friendships he made with his pledge brothers. "It's a happy coincidence I've ended up in Sunday school class with **Tom Aitken '61** here in Tampa, Fla., many miles from OU!" E-mail: jcloar@verizon.net

Kent Miller '62 still recalls the strong brotherhood he felt as a member of Delta Alpha, traveling with the 1959 pledge class for the Dallas Walkout, and the crazy day he and his brothers crowned the head of the William Bizzell statue with the Popey head from the ΔTA Homecoming float. E-mail: kent_mil@bellsouth.net.

Robert "Rob" Hewitt '68 had a great time attending athletic events while at OU and is grateful for lifelong friendships with his Delta Alpha brothers. "I support and appreciate Delta Alpha for all it's given me."

Stephen Cagle, M.D. '71 loved playing intramural sports with Delta Alpha brothers, especially basketball. E-mail: scaglemd@yahoo.com

Charles "Charlie" White '72 dissected a sand shark in anatomy class. "Afterwards, I decided it deserved a special burial under the pillow of **Fred Gist '73**. I've never seen 'Poo-Bear' so mad!" E-mail: chas-whitemd@gmail.com

J. Fred Gist '73 says that joining Delta Alpha in 1969 was a privilege, and became a very important part of his



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life during college and throughout his career. "I made lifelong friends and learned so much about leadership, integrity, and true friendship and brotherhood. I am still a member of the Delta Alpha House Corporation Board and I will always be a strong supporter of Delta Tau Delta." E-mail: jfgist1@gmail.com

David Allen '75 had fun with brothers, sororities on campus, on game days when alumni would visit the Shelter, and on service days in Norman, Okla. "Life was good with a great bunch of brothers," he said. E-mail: dandballen@gmail.com

David "Dave" Robinson '78 still laughs about the housecleaning when he and fellow brothers returned to the Shelter to retrieve **Don Durrett '78** from being captured. He said, "We skipped out of a housecleaning in the fall of 1974, kidnapped a member, and tried to make an exchange. It was hilarious and historic." E-mail: dave.robinson@cru.org

Mark Wyrick '81 remembers Billionaire Wednesdays when Delta Alpha brothers would try various red wines with sophistication and style. E-mail: wyrick.mark@gmail.com

Robert "Bobby" Bell '89 still laughs at the nicknames given to his pledge brothers so many years ago. "Poopy Dawg, Chickenhead, Catfish, Horseman, Cockroach, Dooley, and Mayonnaise, to name a few!" E-mail: bellfirm@yahoo.com

Grant Sparks '91 recalls how **Matt Thompson '91** would invite the 1987 pledge class to his house on Lake Murry, along with Delt little sisters and other sorority

girls for spring break and summer weekends. "It was always a good time!" E-mail: sparksou@gmail.com

Timothy "Scott" Carruthers '93 says his favorite memory is the Delt Dive with sand volleyball. "The blasting music, cold beer, and sorority babes dressed scantily—too bad I didn't have the nerve to talk to any of them." E-mail: tscottcarruthers@gmail.com

Cade Campbell '10 has too many memories to count. Overall, he remembers being involved with a group of guys who decided not to settle for second best and really changed the direction of the chapter from 2005 to 2010. And all the fun he had at the annual Mekong Delta Party. E-mail: ccampbell@sm-energy.com



*Alumni, join brothers
at the Shelter any time this fall!
See inside to stay up to date
on all things Delta Alpha.*



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