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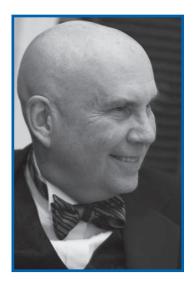
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### Rick Wood, Gamma Triton '73, Named New Executive Director

fter earning his undergraduate degree at Michigan State University, Rick enjoyed a successful teaching career at the elementary and middle school levels. He then became a successful principal in a suburban school district outside the City of Detroit. While in this district, he was named to the position of Director of Instructional Technology and worked directly with students in the regular and alternative high school program. Following the completion of his doctoral work, he expanded his teaching experiences to the University level. Prior to assuming the position of Executive Director of Theta Delta Chi, Rick was an educational consultant working in school reform, program development and assessment along with improving student achievement.

He has served on the boards of several national organizations. His work has been recognized by National Magnet Schools of America Evaluators and the schools he has worked with have received the highest ratings possible. He also served as the Executive Director of the International Teaching and Learning Consortium for several years.

Rick became a brother in Theta Delta Chi in 1971, having been a very active member of the Gamma Triton Charge serving in many different capacities including Treasurer and President. As an alumnus, he served as the alumni advisor to the Charge for numerous years. His roles at the International level have included secretary of the Educational Foundation for approximately 15 years and most recently he served as the 64th PGL. He planned our 150th, 151st, 152nd and 153rd conventions and was named Theta Delt of the Year in 1997. Rick believes deeply in the values and mission of Theta Delta Chi.



**Mystery China** 

The Archives of the Fraternity recently acquired the pictured item of dinnerware. It is identical in style to our substantial collection of Iota (Harvard) china, but where one would expect the name of the Charge, this serving dish has "Siwash."

Like the "Iota" china, it appears from the maker's mark on the underside to have been manufactured in 1924 or later.

The word "Siwash" is associated with a Pacific Coast indigenous tribe, but is also a nickname for Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois. It is also the name of the fictional college in stories by a Knox alumnus, George H. Fitch.



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Theta Delta Chi has no records indicating any attempt at a colony at Knox College. Anyone who can shed light on this mystery is invited to contact the CFO.



### SPECIAL THANKS TO THE CHARITOS SOCIETY OF THETA DELTA CHI

The Charitos Society of Theta Delta Chi continues to grow and bring tangible benefits to the members of our organization. This alumni initiative, which provides opportunities for all brothers and their families to network and socialize post-graduation, brought members together in over 20 cities this past year. Events ranged from a family picnic in Denver to a skeet shooting competition in Maryland to a Nets game in Brooklyn. In addition, casual alumni dinners were held all across the country. As brothers continue to make a lifelong commitment to Theta Delta Chi, these events have been pivotal in expanding the bonds of brotherhood across Charge boundaries and keeping brothers connected and informed. Membership in the Charitos Society grew by nearly 50% this past year as we now recognize 150 brothers for their commitment to the organization. While a portion of all Charitos members' donations help underwrite these local social events, the majority of our annual Voluntary Graduate Dues are supported by these dedicated brothers. Their generosity accounted for nearly 55% of our total donations in 2013. We can truly say that without the brothers listed here, Theta Delta Chi would not be able to continue functioning as an organization.

For more information about becoming a member of The Charitos Society, email Eric Kelley at ekelley@tdx.org.

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### Will you secure our future?

s you can see throughout this issue of The Shield, Theta Delta Chi continues to have a monumental impact on the lives of our members, alumni and undergraduate alike. This would not be possible were it not for the dedication of the brothers named in this issue. Despite over 27,000 living alumni, only 3% made a contribution to the Educational Foundation in 2013 and supported our organization.

In past 10 years, we have grown our undergraduate membership by 33%. We have restored or colonized 11 Charges. We have instituted the Preamble Institute which continues to be an amazing opportunity for network and leadership development. We have expanded our grants programs and continue to give out over \$20,000 in scholarships every year.

If we wish to maintain or extend our programming, which we will need to do to remain competitive on our college campuses, we need the support of our alumni. And because we are a membership organization with only a small window for admission, our donor base is intrinsically limited. If you want to see Theta Delta Chi remain successful, I ask you to please make a gift to the Old Lady this year for whatever amount you can spare.

We have a lot of exciting things coming down the pipeline. The new Executive Director, Dr. Richard Wood, Gamma Triton '73, joins us with a fiery passion for the fraternity and a clear direction for the organization. One of the key focuses of the coming years will be creating new opportunities for career networking and professional training. It is imperative that we help each and every member of Theta Delta Chi leave school with practical skills that will give them an advantage in an increasingly competitive job market. An expansion of the Preamble Institute will also prove to be an invaluable resource for our membership. By adding a second delegate from each Charge, all expenses-paid, we ensure that there will be two motivated members returning back prepared to support each other as they strive to help their Charge stay atop its Greek Community. Finally, our Archives are in desperate need of restoration. Our most priceless resource and connection to our history will be lost forever if we do not make a long overdue investment in their preservation. As part of this project, we will be digitizing all of our historical materials so that every member will have remote access with full search capabilities so that anytime, anywhere you can step back in time and connect with our brotherhood.

None of this will be possible if our alumni do not step up to the plate and make it happen. In order to support these projects, we estimate that we will need the continued support of our 800 loyal annual donors as well as the support of at least 200 new donors. Will you be one of our supporters?

If you are able to support the Fraternity in 2014, please visit www.tdx.org/vgdues or mail a check payable to the Theta Delta Chi Educational Foundation, 214 Lewis Wharf, Boston MA 02110.

### **Recognizing our Donors**

"One Hundred Percenters" are donors who have made at least one gift for each year since earning a baccalaureate degree and are listed in **boldface**. If you have never paid VG Dues or are a lapsed donor interested in learning how you can become a 100%er (donor credit for every year since graduation), please let us know. We have reasonably painless and affordable methods for those who would like to catch up on those missing years.

- Drop a note to Eric Kelley c/o TDX, 214 Lewis Wharf, Boston, MA 02110 or
- email Eric at ekelley@tdx.org. or

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All past and future gifts of cash, securities and other tangible property on record will be credited toward membership in these giving clubs. Active donors with contributions at these levels will receive annual recognition in *The Shield*. Thank you for your continued generosity, which is vital to the development of today's and tomorrow's Theta Delts.

### **News from the Charges**

Submitted by undergraduates and alumni

#### Alpha Alumni Association (Union College)

Gentlemen, mark your calendars for this August 6-9 because TDC is coming to NYC (167th Convention)! If you are interested in helping, please contact me, Bob LoParo '87 at loparo.bob@gmail.com or 201-693-1700. Let's make this one to remember.

#### Beta Deuteron (Iowa State University)

Beta Deuteron is going through many changes to continuously improve to reach the status of the Victory Cup. We achieved a 2.98 grade point average fall semester, the highest it's been in at least five years, and our house adviser, Ron Hallenbeck received the ISU Alumni Association Medal, the premier award for ISU Alumni. We have implemented the following:

an incentive program, to pay all of our chairs for their hard work and increase productivity;

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### Xi Triton Adopts Lambda Triton's Bros United Program

#### From the Brothers of Xi Triton

n Spring 2012 when most of the refounding class was approached by former president Armend Cobovic about starting a fraternity the idea sounded almost ludicrous. Starting a fraternity was unchartered waters for all of us and to be honest seemed near impossible. Their visit to SUNY Binghamtons Theta Triton was the turning point of the jump-start to the revival of Xi Triton. As we packed two cars filled with brothers to their charge house we finally saw what a real strong brotherhood was, and what was clearly missing from Greek life on UAlbanys campus and is also where all but one of us first met current charge consultant John Lowry. With that and such enormous support from such a small alumni group we felt unstoppable. The alumni proved to us how the bonds stay so strong and so true even with time and distance against you. The only thing in our way was our school telling us no even though we completed all tasks guicker and better than other fraternities before us. With that instead



of choosing to quit we chose to keep fighting. With each "no" made us more determined and made us want to prove more how we will be the best fraternity/organization on campus. When we finally got the acceptance on campus we knew it was up to us to prove we belonged there.

After being the fastest chartered in Theta Delta Chi history on April 6, 2013 the new refounding fathers of Xi Triton knew their work was not over. At the time with an already determined Alpha class initiated and a Beta



Cameron Weaver alongside Alex Jacobs, Xi Triton '14

class still in their new member education process we were off to an extremely solid start. With strong emphasis on brotherhood and involving ourselves in numerous campus activities and community service we showed we weren't your average fraternity on campus. Xi Triton adopted Lambda Tritons BrosUnited program earlier that semester really trying to make a difference in the community. Our central mission is to develop

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### Dear Mr. Jaromin, Ms. Conrad, and Ms. Alvarez-Pena,

As I enter the week of Thanksgiving this year, I feel compelled to inform you of one of the things that I am thankful for — the brothers of Theta Delta Chi at the University @ Albany!

"Autism Speaks" is Theta Delta Chi's official national philanthropy. The brothers at the University @ Albany have worked in conjunction with the Autism Society of the Greater Capital Region to provide the program, "Bros United," to teen boys with autism. This fall, I had the pleasure of meeting these fine young men through this program.

My 13 year old son, Cameron, has Asperger's Syndrome (a higher functioning form of autism). He has difficulty making social connections as he does not always understand social norms/etiquette/expectations; as a result, he has not always been accepted by his peers, has few friends, and has been bullied in school.

When I learned of the "Bros United" program, I signed Cameron up in hopes that it would provide him a positive social experience. Thankfully, the Theta Delta Chi brothers at the University @ Albany vastly exceeded my expectations! These exceptional young men volunteered significant amounts of their own personal time to organize/ provide a program that allowed Cameron (and other boys) to practice his social skills (in a safe environment) and feel genuinely accepted! Cameron looked forward to every

Saturday the "the Bros." The brothers provided him with an opportunity to further develop his confidence, self-esteem, and independence! For that, I am forever grateful...

You should be extremely proud of these wonderful young men! They have truly demonstrated responsibility, accountability, self-lessness, and compassion for others and should be commended! Far too often we hear about the negative behaviors of college students. It is my utmost pleasure to be able to share you with my gratitude for the brothers of Theta Delta Chi at the University @ Albany!

And, through their leadership, I hear that a sorority at the University @ Albany is developing a similar program for teen girls with autism! My 13 year old daughter, Madison (also with Aspergers), would greatly benefit from this type of program!

Please know that the brothers of Theta Delta Chi are a positive reflection of the University @ Albany. Cameron is already talking about enrolling there and becoming the first brother of Theta Delta Chi who has participated in "Bros United!"

Again, I am giving thanks this year for the brothers of Theta Delta Chi. Cameron (and I) are already looking forward to the spring program!

Ed Weaver

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### TopGolf Event MARCH 1, 2014

Over 30 brothers, spouses and children from 11 different Charges gathered on March 1<sup>st</sup> for a Charitos Event at TopGolf in Alexandria, VA.



**Top Right Photo (from left to right)**: Glenn Rosecrans, Sigma Triton (Penn State) '85, Jamie Phillips, Kappa Deuteron (Illinois) '91, Brian Bertges, Sigma Triton (Penn State) '00, James Tsujimoto, Upsilon Deuteron (Wabash) '05 lifting his daughter, Leah, Jeff Horton, Nu Triton (Virginia Tech) '90

Left Photo (from left to right): Nate Giddings, Gamma Triton (Michigan State) '08 and his wife Julia Lyskawa, Scott Johnson, Sigma Triton (Penn State) '07, Chris Nicolais, Sigma Triton Penn State) '07, Chelsea Rohm-Nicolais, Matt Friedman, Sigma Triton (Penn State) '91

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### The Charitos Society Returns to the Windy City!

Join other local Theta Delt Chi alumni in Chicago on Friday evening, June 27th for a performance of the critically acclaimed Red Bull Flying Bach at the Civic Opera House. In the ultimate clash of cultures, Red Bull Flying Bach fuses the music of Johann Sebastian Bach with the explosive style of the innovative German breakdance crew, Flying Steps, fourtime winner of the international breakdance championships. Visit **www.tdx.org/chicago** for more information!

Help plan a Charitos Alumni event in your local area by emailing Eric Kelley at **ekelley@tdx.org**! social skills through a peer-based setting, but also provide information about the college experience to make the step to higher education a real possibility. We are currently the only peerbased group of its type, and have been vital in the first steps to also establish a similar female group, led by our local chapter of Autism Speaks U. The program has also been nominated for a UAlbany Presidential Award for Community Service and Fraternity and Sorority Leadership. Since then we are in our third class of "Little Bros" with no stop sign anywhere in sight.

With three graduates of the Preamble Institute and three delegates to the last two conventions we were motivated greatly by the CFO, charge consultants, PI facilitators, and brothers from all other charges around the United States and Canada. We not only want to help Greek life at UAlbany become stronger but also hope to make a difference in the fraternity internationally. Xi Tritons current president, Michael Wolf, sitting as an undergraduate member of the Grand Lodge is a testimony to how hard we've worked and how far we've come in such a short amount of time.

With the Founders, Alphas, Betas, and Gammas we are beyond motivated and excited for what the future brings and what we can do to better each other and ourselves.

### Why I donate

By Cuong C.. Dang Sigma Triton '01

aving just welcomed my first child into this world, a beautiful girl named Emma, it has caused me to sit back and reflect on my life up to this point, as I imagine most new fathers do. As an immigrant to the United States, I think of how different my life could have been than where I find myself now. And through it all, I'm so proud to be able to give back to our fraternity as Theta Delta Chi has had such a meaningful influence on my life since I pledged in the Fall of 1996. I want to make sure that Theta Delta Chi can continue to impact future brothers the way my life has been.

In 1979, when I was 2 years old, my dad left Vietnam to come to the US in an effort to escape the Communist Party. He traveled to Thailand on a fishing boat before being sponsored by a church in Bethlehem, Pa. My mom and I stayed back because I was too young to endure a trip in rough seas as it was common for refugees and in particular children to die during these trips. A little less than 2 years after my dad arrived in America, he sponsored my mom and I to come over. I didn't know what was going on at the time being less than 4 years old. The only thing I do remember is crying as we boarded the plane because my grandfather was waving good bye to me. We were very close. He died 7 years later in 1988 and I never saw him again. My mom and I were fortunate enough to leave the airport in Saigon on a plane to a refugee camp in Thailand. When we arrived in America on a cold winter

night in 1981, I saw my dad after 2 years and didn't know who he was. My dad moved us to Middletown, Pa just outside of Harrisburg. He worked as an airplane mechanic at the Harrisburg International Airport. My mom worked for a textile factory in a town near by making minimum wage. We lived in a small 800 sg/ft mobile home. We lived very modest. Growing up, I didn't have toys, my mom either made all of our clothes or I wore hand me downs from my cousins. I never fit in with the rest of the kids at school and was often times made fun of and picked on because I didn't have the newest pair of Nikes or the latest fashion. My first 2 years of kindergarten, I had to take ESL (English as a 2nd language) classes while other kids were at recess. My learning progress was slow because I lived in a household that spoke only Vietnamese. The only English available to me was 3 hours of kindergarten a day and Sesame Street. I shared a room with my brother Quang C.. Dang '08 in a 9x8 room up until I left for college. I didn't understand it at the time, but my parents had a plan for my brother and me.

Fall 1996, I started college at Penn State. What a change in environment! I went from a High School of 750 kids to a college of 45,000. Like all 18 year olds, you want to fit in somewhere. I found my home away from home at Theta Delta Chi. My freshman roommate was Lynn Stump's, '69, youngest son. He invited me out to the house and there, I met some of the greatest guys. They made me feel welcome and a part of something special. I pledged that semester with 6 other guys who have become lifelong friends: Greg Werhner, Bill Rottschaefer, Mike Kopiak, Brian Bertges, Andrew Dougherty, and Craig Bossong.

I mentioned earlier that my parents had a plan for my brother and me. I didn't realize what this plan was until money was owed to the school and to the house for living expenses. First day of every semester, I had 2 checks in hand. One for the Penn State and one for Theta Delta Chi. That

> was my parent's plan. That was the future of our family and our success, providing education for the next generation. Keep in mind, my parents probably never made more than a combine \$50,000 a year up until 1996, yet they were writing annual checks to Penn State and Theta Delta Chi because they believed in giving us every opportunity they could.

> From 1996-2001, I tried to hold as many positions as possible. Matt Miller, '96, challenged my pledge class when we were pledging. Brother Miller told us he held 7 house positions and challenged us to hold more. I took that to heart and threw myself into the fraternity. 99.9% of Penn State students got their education on campus. I got mine at 305 East Prospect Avenue. From social chair to rush chair, homecoming chair to House Manager, I ended up holding 9 different house positions during my undergraduate years. Theta Delta Chi allowed

me to do what I like best: meeting people and gave me the confidence to excel in an environment where I finally felt that I belonged with the support and encouragement of my brothers. The valuable lessons I learn from each position has helped me with my career more than any classroom lecture.

Today I am the Vice President of 1st Advantage Realty, Inc. Eight years ago, my business partners and I started RE/MAX 1st Advantage with just 4 guys and a dream. Today it is the #1 Real Estate office in the Greater Harrisburg area. Our plan for success is the same process a fraternity uses to keep it stable and healthy; meeting & talking to people, recruiting, promoting, being active with the community, and being a family. As I continue to build my career and family in Middletown, PA with my wife, Irma, and our baby daughter, Emma, I cannot help but think what my life may have been like without my experience in Theta Delta Chi. Just like how my parents worked tirelessly to support my brother and I through college, it is now my goal not just to provide every advantage for my daughter but also for every new Theta Delt.

I hope my story inspires all Theta Delts. There is nothing you can't do in this world. Quit thinking small and dream big. Just remember where you came from and to inspire and help those who are trying to walk the same path.



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an alumni bounty program to increase member involvement with past alums in accordance with a alumni mentor program, which pairs up participating alumnus with brothers in the same field.

Finally, Beta Deuteron membership is up to 39 brothers with four pledges.

### Gamma Deuteron Building Association (University of Michigan)

Planning for further renovations to our Charge House continues while the alumni brothers of Gamma Deuteron are revitalizing the alumni advisory board to serve as a sounding board and mentors to the active members of the charge. The building association board is also seeking additional directors, and plans on making some recruitment calls to brothers by the time this edition of the *Shield* is published. We are looking forward to harnessing the interest and energy of more alumni brothers as efforts proceed to ensure the continued success of the Charge.

#### Gamma Triton (Michigan State University)

2014 marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of Gamma Triton Charge at Michigan State University. To celebrate this occasion, a week-end long event was planned by a committee of alumni and undergraduates. The celebration began with a pig roast and pub crawl on Friday afternoon and culminated in a banquet at the East Lansing Marriott for 130 brothers and their spouses and guests on Saturday night. Participants received a commemorative T-shirt, and cocktail glasses inscribed with the date of the event along with information about the event. The room was decorated with red carnations and live music was performed during the cocktail hour.

Among the highlights of the event were the speeches by two of the founders of the Charge. Brother George Ebinger '64 and Brother Richard Moore '64 shared their memories of the founding as they reminded everyone of the strengths of brotherhood and they inspired all present with their dedication to the "Old Lady."

The celebration brought together men from all decades from the founding to the present day. Representative from several other Charges were present along with members of the Grand Lodge, Educational Foundation and the Central Fraternity Office. The evening culminated with many participants moving to the hotel bar to watch the Michigan State basketball team beat Harvard.

#### **Delta Deuteron Building Association** (University of California, Berkeley)

#### Delta Deut Crest Restored

A recent initiative to restore a highly visible icon of Theta Delta Chi has been recently completed at the Delta Deuteron charge house at The University of California Berkeley. One of the most prominent public features of the house is the Victorian entrance portico, adorned with a large colorful wooden carving of



the Theta Delt crest. After a season-long fundraising campaign to "Save the Crest," the project was finished, painted, and placed. The project required the carving of new pieces that had been lost to the years. Our thanks to Brother Max K. Jamison '41 (Omega 2011), who was earlier able to locate an essential archival photo of the original crest, but who passed into Omega before the crest was finished. More photos of the crest project are at www.deltadeuteron.org.

#### Muncie Pledge Class Reunion

The final fall football home game in Berkeley was a special day at Delta Deuteron when a large group of brothers from the mid 1970's gathered to honor and memorialize our good friend and famous Theta Delt Harry Vance "Chuck" Muncie '74 (Omega 2013). Chuck Muncie was a famous football player, but on that day the stories were about his membership in Theta Delta Chi. Despite his fame, "the Munce" made a point to show up at the fraternity house. A loyal brother and a good friend to have. Chuck wore black framed glasses under his football helmet, as seen in one of his several Sports Illustrated cover photos. The 70's group, including many of his pledge brothers, donned special t-shirts emblazoned with his number 42 and the classic glasses. The group agreed to fund a permanent display inside the charge house to honor Chuck.

Editor's note: Chuck Muncie was posthumously honored with the Theta Delta Chi Achievement Award at the 2013 Convention in Seattle.

#### Epsilon Triton (Arizona State University)



Since the re-chartering of Epsilon Triton onto the ASU campus, the Charge continues to make strides in Charge growth and stability under the difficult and trying circumstances that loom on the Greek System at ASU. With that being said, Et Alumni and other TDX Alums are reaching out to the Undergrads so that a heightened fortification of Theta Delta Chi can persist to ensure the solidity of future years of Epsilon Triton. On Sunday, December 8th, the Undergrads and the Alumni had a joint function to watch football, have brunch and converse at a local hotspot, O.H.S.O. Nano Brewery & Restaurant in Phoenix, whose owner is an Et Alumnus, Jon Lane '95. It was well attended; even one of the original Founding Father's of Et, Daryl Winn '64, participated in the event. In the future, we hope to continue these types of events to provide camaraderie and guidance to the undergraduates.

#### Zeta (Brown University)

We continue to have strong recruitment and hope to progress as forerunner on campus and in our community.

#### Iota Triton (University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth)

Iota Triton has raised over \$2,000 for Autism Speaks over the past year, a significant portion coming from hand-made paracord bracelets. We now have over 30 active brothers on the UMASS DARTMOUTH campus participating in sports and clubs, seeking internship opportunities, and working to study abroad. We are currently restructuring our charge to work more efficiently and successfully and reviving our ethics committee. Emerging leaders have helped us work towards this goal. We hope to make many memories this semester with brothers here and from afar!

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#### Kappa (Tufts University)

Kappa Charge is doing extremely well with over 60 active members and 15 pledges this spring. We are actively fundraising for Autism Speaks as well as Relay for Life charities. Additionally, we are expanding our efforts to foster better relations with our Kappa Alumni through an alumni outreach program with Stewart Howe and brotherhood events geared towards younger alumni.

#### Mu Triton

#### (University of North Carolina, Greensboro)

During the past semester Mu Triton found an abandoned dog roaming around the streets of Greensboro, so we decided to take her in until she was better. This female pit bull was the spotlight for our Fall philanthropy Raising for Rose, as we raised money to get her fixed and receive a heart-worm treatment. Overall, Mu Triton has been able to improve our Greek relations on campus, through philanthropic endeavors and social interactions. 1 8....!!!!! from the brothers of Mu Triton.

#### Xi Alumni Association (Hobart College)

The alumni from the Xi charge of Hobart College reunited on February 6th at Connolly's Pub & Restaurant on 45th Street in Manhattan. More than 75 brothers spanning 50 years of charge history attended this bi-annual banquet.

#### Rho Triton Alumni Association (Virginia Commonwealth University)

Rho Triton alumni continue our spirited pursuit of re-chartering the "Fine Southern Charge of Theta Delta Chi" at Virginia Commonwealth University with our sights on colonizing Fall 2016. In 2013 we strengthened our rapport with VCU's administration, many of whom were guests at our Founders' Day reception. Rho Triton also carried on our strong social tradition with huge turnouts for the annual Family Pool Party and Brotherhood Thanksgiving. March 13-16 Rho Triton alumni stormed Brooklyn, NY yet again for the Atlantic 10 Basketball Championships!

#### Sigma Deuteron (University of Wisconsin)

It's an exciting time for the Sigma Deuteron charge here at Wisconsin. After several strong periods of recruitment and pledging, the charge stands at around 40 members. Spring rush is currently underway with over ten events planned, and a goal for 6-8 new members. Recently we sent several members to the Preamble Institute, where they got a chance to meet other Theta Delts from around the country, and learn a myriad of leadership techniques and strategies.

This past October we celebrated homecoming with a large contingency of active members and alumni. It was at that time that the Alumni board voted on a large scale re-model of our house, located at 144 Langdon St, with plans to re-open in the fall of 2015. Sustained growth, good leadership, and a renovated house will ensure the continued endurance of Theta Delta Chi at Wisconsin, continuing our legacy as the oldest continuously active fraternity at UW-Madison.

### Sigma Triton House Corporation (Pennsylvania State University)

With our House turning 90 in 2013, our Alumni Board is conducting a top-to-bottom evaluation, and making plans to be sure our home at 305 East Prospect Avenue is ready for the next 90 years of brothers passing through our halls. In 2013, we launched a new e-Newsletter to inform our entire brotherhood (over 800 alumni and actives of Sigma Triton) on the happenings within our charge. Our outreach efforts included our first-ever "Offsite" House Corporation meeting on February 8th, in Philadelphia. Our Undergraduate Brothers are taking a pro-active role in House maintenance, including weekly, full-house inspections through a property maintenance program with our fraternity purchasing co-op. All of these efforts have reinforced our view that as we've grown older and moved away from the charge, our bonds of Brotherhood remain as strong as they were the day we were initiated.

### Upsilon Deuteron Alumni Association (Wabash College)

The Alumni Association of Upsilon Deuteron has officially created an Educational Foundation now known as Wabash Aegis Foundation, led by Kyle O'Keefe '08 and is awaiting a decision on 501(c)(3) status (visit us at www.wabashaegisfoundation.org). The undergraduates are flourishing on campus with our Brothers as President of Student Senate Zach Boston '15 and President of the Sphinx Club (Wabash's spirit and leadership organization) Ian Baumgardner '14. Organization has begun on planning an event in the coming spring or fall, specifically for the Midwest Charges of Theta Delta Chi and tentatively dubbed Midwest Founder's Society.

#### Upsilon Triton (Indiana University)

Upsilon Triton Charge has made strides to create further growth. One of our main goals over the past year has been expansion. We have been able to double our numbers last fall and look forward to doubling our numbers again in the spring. We have been very adamant about instilling our sense of pride in our brotherhood and looking for committed, hard-working members to help us further expand for a better future. Our other goal is working on getting a centralized location between some of the brothers that will help us in the future. We are also still awaiting the results from a Greek assessment from the University, which we believe we performed very well in. Overall I believe that we are moving in the path of success and that Upsilon Triton can have a prosperous future.

#### Psi Deuteron Alumni Association (University of California, Los Angeles)

Psi Deuteron is currently undergoing a re-organization. With Hasan Piker (Lambda Triton '13) at the helm, Psi Deuteron has recruited 25 new members. These members recently attended Preamble Institute in Scottsdale, AZ and will be attendance for the 167th Convention in New York this August. The alumni are excited about the new members and are confident they will again establish a vibrant Charge at UCLA. Psi Deuteron will also be hosting the annual Ken Millar Fiesta in Rancho Mirage, CA May 2-4, 2014, at the Westin Mission Mills Resort (events include cocktail mixer, golf tournament, & dinner banquet).

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