



# The Alpha Delt

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This month's newsletter was compiled and edited by Br. Wang, Vice-President, and Br. Sam Bantock, Secretary.

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## From the Office of the President

### Xaipe Brothers,

My name is Rohail Tanoli and I am currently the Active Chapter President for the 2011-2012 Academic Year. I am enrolled at St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto, and study International Relations and Political Science at the Munk School of Global Affairs.

Born in Pakistan and raised in Kuwait, my experience at Alpha Delta Phi thus far has certainly helped me acclimatize to Canadian culture and better prepared me for working in this country. Moving forward, I am proud to lead our society into another successful year, building upon the hardwork of my predecessor and improving all facets of fraternity life.

Last year our Chapter initiated six new Brothers and this fall we are prepared for up to eleven. With almost a dozen young men dedicated and ready to join this fraternity, it allows for the Chapter to pursue exciting opportunities hitherto considered impossible.

I encourage any alumni visiting Toronto to drop by the Chapter House whenever they can. Dinners and meetings are on Mondays, so please drop by and say hello.

Fraternally,

Rohail Tanoli, 1T3  
President, 2011 - 2012

## Annual Banquet - November 11

This year's ANNUAL BANQUET will be taking place on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> in the Alumni Hall at Victoria College. We shall be walking over to the venue from the Chapter House at exactly 18:32 hours (that's 6:32 PM). The formal initiation ceremony will be occurring beforehand, with the Covenant, Charge, and Symbols expected to be delivered between 5:30 and 6:00 PM. Speaking will be Gr. Br. Justin Bahl 0T0, an internationally recognized researcher in the field of infectious diseases.

**RSVP** to Br. Adam T. Wang at [adamwangca@gmail.com](mailto:adamwangca@gmail.com), or write to 94 Prince Arthur Avenue, Toronto, ON, M5R1B6.

# 2011 Rush Report

by Br. Adam T. Wang

Following an aggressive Fall Rush, the Toronto Chapter of the Alpha Delta Phi extended the offer to pledge our illustrious fraternity to thirteen young men. Coming from around the world and persuing a variety of degrees, their diversity does not dilute the quality nor dedication of each individual. Their details:

|                    |                       |                              |          |
|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|----------|
| Eden Hughes        | George Brown College  | Hospitality                  | 1st Year |
| Nicholas McKinstry | Ryerson University    | Aerospace Engineering        | 1st Year |
| Simon Jackson      | Ryerson University    | Film Studies                 | 1st Year |
| Nathaniel Paty     | St. Michael's College | Undeclared Major             | 1st Year |
| David Savage       | St. Michael's College | Rotman Commerce              | 1st Year |
| Luke Spooner       | St. Michael's College | Pharmacy                     | 3rd Year |
| Thurstian Tsui     | New College           | Rotman Commerce              | 1st Year |
| Alexander Valtsev  | UTM                   | Commerce and Accounting      | 2nd Year |
| Hoichi Yeung       | New College           | Psychology Major             | 1st Year |
| Kirill Charintsev  | York University       | Specialized Hnrs. in Finance | 3rd Year |
| Matthew Pisichko   | York University       | Criminology                  | 1st Year |

## Additional Distinctions:

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| Eden Hughes        | Currently Pledge Captain for the 2011 Fall Rush<br>Legacy: Cousin of Gr. Br. Mathew Humphreys 0T2                              |
| Nicholas McKinstry | Legacy: Son of Gr. Br. David McKinstry 7T7   |
| David Savage       | Legacy: Son of Gr. Br. Kent Savage 8T4   |
| Luke Spooner       | Varsity Waterpolo Player   |
| Mihir Vaidya       | University of Toronto Scholar with perfect GPA   |
| Thurstian Tsui     | Div. 1 Intramural Basketball Player for Chestnut and New College<br>First Year Intern at Rotman Commerce Marketing Association |



Alpha Delta Mob: Brothers and Rush

## Many thanks Gr. Br. McKinstry! by Br. Adam T. Wang

The Active Chapter would like to thank Gr. Br. David McKinstry 7T7 for his continued aid this summer and fall. Besides donating a pool table in the spring, Br. McKinstry also paid for and helped plant a new cedar hedge along the front of the house, as well as numerous smaller shrubs and flowers. Despite our snazzy new in-ground sprinkler system, the outside of Alpha Delta Phi Toronto could not look as fresh as it does without Br. Mckinstry's time and energy. Having put in more than twenty hours of work in August, he has also helped plan and cook meals before meetings on Mondays, and graciously hosted the Active Chapter and Pledges for the 2011 Pledge Trip. Again, many thanks Br. McKinstry; we look forward to seeing you and your son this year at banquet.

## A SELEF Winner! by Br. Sam Bantock



Congratulations to Br. Adam T. Wang, Vice-President for placing second in the photography category of the 2011 SELEF Competitions. An avid photographer, Br. Wang usually shoots all the events at the House. His winning entry is entitled "Late Night Snack", and depicts a street-food vendor in Lishui, China. Each skewer costs about 16 cents CDN and is deep fried and basted in the sauces and powders of your choice. Delicious.

Active Brothers are once again encouraged and reminded to submit entries to the next SELEF competition. Given the few entrants each year, it is not too difficult to place in any of the five categories.

# Packed Social Calendar this Fall

by Br. Sam Bantock

The Alpha Delta Phi social itinerary began with a strong start with a highly successful Cigar and Scotch Night at the Chapter House. Hosting Alpha Omicron Pi and Gamma Phi Beta, the house was packed with sorority sisters, alumni, pledges, and rush. Continuing our trend of building better relations with the sororities, the Actives and Pledges enjoyed a classy and fun exchange with AOII later in October. We aimed to improve the social calendar from efforts in previous years, and clearly Alpha Delta Phi is back on track to being a formidable presence among the Greek houses.

Furthermore, the Chapter's literary program opened with a moving address by Gr. Br. David McKinstry 7T7 regarding the role of the brotherhood in terms of maturing as an individual and building lifelong ties. He was followed by a debate by the pledges; the topic was mandatory military service. In October, Br. Adam T. Wang spoke on the history of the Chapter House at 94 Prince Arthur prior to a business case presentation by the pledges. Pledges Hughes, Savage, and Paty offered the assembled Actives and Alumni a proposal about moving a NHL hockey team to Quebec City. In November, the entire Chapter is looking forward to hosting Br. George Pepall 6T7 who will be speaking on the works of Br. Thornton Wilder, Yale 1920, using selection of his plays interactively.

## Successful Thanksgiving Dinner

by Br. Sam Bantock

The Toronto Chapter once again hosted its annual Thanksgiving Dinner for those students in the community without a loving family to return to. Given the international nature of our Active Chapter, attendance was high. Also in attendance were numerous ladies from Gamma Phi Beta Sorority. Many thanks to Gr. Br. David McKinstry 7T7 for donating a turkey to the house. In total we consumed (or tried to consume):

- 3 turkeys
- 10 lbs of vegetables
- 2L of gravy and butter
- 10 pies and cakes
- 2L of whisky
- 3 lbs of potatoes

Many thanks to Br's Wang, Khayoon, Godin BC'12, and Caicedo BC'12 for cooking all day! Personally, I cannot wait for Christmas dinner!

## Upcoming Events

### October:

Hades 2011

Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011

### November:

Work Weekend 2011

November 4<sup>th</sup> - November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Banquet

November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Lit. Night: Br. Pepall 6T7

November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011

### December:

Christmas Party for Kids

December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011

# Renewal Plan Phase Two

by Gr. Br. Leon Broad 7T5

In 2010 the Brothers of Alpha Delta Phi embarked on a Renewal Plan for the Toronto Chapter which had three major elements:

1. A phased renovation program for the Chapter House
2. A strong annual Rush program and high quality Pledge Classes
3. Renewed engagement between Graduate Brothers and Undergraduate Brothers

In Phase One, with the generous support of 27 Graduate Brothers, we raised over \$47,000 and completed a number of renovation projects in the summer of 2010, of which the most significant was the restoration of the main staircase and repairs to the front porch. The 2010 Rush Program was successful and in November 2010 six new Brothers were initiated. Communications with Graduate Brothers have been enhanced with a revised website and a new format for email updates. Over 75 Graduate Brothers attended the 2010 Annual Banquet and unanimously agreed that Phase One of the Renewal Plan was a success and that we should proceed with the next phase.

We had intended to move ahead with plans for Phase Two of the Renewal Plan early in 2011. However, the various manoeuvres by the City of Toronto Councillor for Trinity-Spadina to have all fraternity and sorority houses licensed as rooming houses had the very real potential to force the closure of all fraternity and sorority houses in the next few years. That immediate threat subsided in June 2011 with the City staff report which concluded that the City had no authority to license fraternities and sororities either as businesses or as rooming houses. While this issue remained uncertain in the first half of 2011, the Board of Directors of the Alpha Delta Phi House of Toronto (the House Company) thought it would be prudent to defer launching a second fund raising campaign or doing any further renovation work.

Brothers attending the Annual General Meeting in May 2011, agreed that the Board's decision to defer action was appropriate. With the licensing threat fading, the Brothers at the AGM directed the Board to proceed with the planning for Phase Two of the Renewal Plan and to present the plans at the next Banquet.

I am pleased to announce that we intend to launch Phase Two at the Annual Banquet on November 11, 2011. We will present an outline of the renovations that need to be carried out and the range of options Brothers will have to provide their financial support for these projects which we would like to begin to carry out in the summer of 2012.

With the 2011 Rush Program being the most successful since the early 2000s and the continued engagement of Graduate Brothers with Undergraduate Brothers, elements number two and three of the Renewal Plan continue to be achieved and demonstrate that Alpha Delta Phi remains a viable fraternity at the University of Toronto. Now is the time to move ahead with the next phase of element number one, that is the continuation of the phased renovation of the Chapter House.

# **ΑΔΦ Philanthropic Endeavours** by Gr.Br. John Fortney 8T5

Over the past few years I have been privileged to work with the Active Chapter on a variety of projects, and I have to say the brothers have done us proud!

As Chair of the Youth and Children's Committee at the Rotary Club of Toronto three and four years ago I asked the active house if they would consider helping us sell 50/50 tickets at Toronto Argonaut football games. In return for their help I would try to get them a honouraium towards their planned Christmas party for disadvantaged children. The guys, along with a number of women from a woman's house, showed up and enthusiastically sold tickets alongside Rotarians and other volunteers. The first two years I was able to get them a \$500 donation towards their party and last year I was able to get them \$750.

Their charity of choice from their own research was The St. Felix Centre. I received a beautiful note from the nun that runs St. Felix Centre. She was very impressed with the active chapter, their initiative and the great way that they had with the kids. I forwarded the note on to The Rotary Club of Toronto and they also were impressed. They had enough money left over from the party this year to organize a skating party for the kids from St. Felix Centre at Nathan Philips Square.

I was fortunate enough to be invited to this past winter's Christmas party and I have to say the Alpha Delt not only threw a great party for the kids, but much more importantly, they were absolutely amazing with the kids. It was great to see a beautiful Christmas tree and the sight of screaming kids having fun with construction paper, glitter, popcorn strings and most importantly, Santa Claus! Kids on AD shoulders decorating the tree and the actives and Fraternity women engaged in games with the kids was magic. The kids had a ball.

I hope we have the opportunity again this year, I know we have two more games with the Argos this fall (3, if we make it to the play-offs). I was also asked by the house 2 years ago to M.C. an evening they were hosting for Rethink Breast Cancer. Again they invited women from all the houses and Alumnae and their wives or girlfriends. Before we started I had the opportunity to speak with the founders of Rethink Breast Cancer and they told me that they were very apprehensive of presenting at a Men's Fraternity house, but, that they were impressed by the guy's sincerity and professionalism and the event was a big success.

The house also provided volunteers to my event for Princess Margaret Hospital last year at the ROM. As always the active brothers of our Fraternity have shown themselves willing to help and do great job and have fun doing it. I want to thank the brothers for their various involvements in Philanthropy that I was included in, I am sure there were others, and to encourage them to continue as they are very good at it and in doing so they greatly contribute to the good name of Alpha delta Phi and are leaving their own impressive mark and legacy on the house.

## **Sorority and Fraternity Housing Associations Come Together**

by Br. Leon Broad 7T5

The inaugural meeting of SoFra was held on September 21, 2011. SoFra is composed of the Alumni Associations of a number of Sororities and Fraternities which own houses around the University of Toronto.

The purpose of creating SoFra is to provide a forum for all Sorority and Fraternity Housing Associations in proximity to the University of Toronto in which they can exchange experiences and ideas of mutual interest and benefit that are either directly or indirectly applicable to housing issues. The forum will also provide a cohesive voice to the community including residents and city services such as police and fire; and will be utilized to coordinate and publicize SoFra events within the community.

The structure of SoFra will be kept informal, with a steering committee of four to five alumni which will rotate every year or two. We agreed to a voluntary annual membership contribution of \$100. Meetings will



# Alumni News

## Congratulations:

To Br. Nathan Greene and his wife Susie, celebrating the arrival of their first son this fall. The Active Chapter looks forward to rushing Mr. Hudson Greene ~18 years from now!

To Br. Matt Humphreys and his wife Heidi, celebrating the arrival of their first son shortly after Br. Greene. Again, the Chapter looks forward to another legacy of Matthew Humphreys: his son Jackson

To Br. Aaron Clark and his wife Audrey, celebrating the birth of their second daughter, Maite.

To Br. Ian Cox for announcing his engagement to Miss Sarah Stovold. The Active Chapter wishes them all the best, and many, many sons in the years to come.

To Br. Andrew Broad for marrying his fiance Sarah. The Active Chapter wishes them a wonderful life together and hopes Br. Broad A still can find time away from producing sons to visit us.

To Br. Chris Graham for marrying his fiance Amy. Best of luck in the years to come!

We hope that Br. Greene and Br. Humphreys enjoy the embroidered one-piece baby clothes the Actives so thoughtfully gave to their sons as presents. Perhaps this shall encourage them to push their boys to attend the University of Toronto.



Alpha Delt Legacy with an Alpha Delt babysuit



Prohibition themed mixer with AOII