



THE ALPHA DELT



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Message from the President

Fellow Brothers,

With the help of House Company, our Chapter continues its positive momentum into the winter semester. After an exciting rush season, we proudly welcome a group of eleven bright and talented individuals to the class of 1T9, bringing the Active Chapter to a total of 36 Brothers.

Thanks to the generous support of the Alumni body and the hard work from House Company, we are able to pursue new opportunities that were previously not available to us. In addition to introducing a chef for biweekly meals, the Brothers have taken on initiatives to explore new avenues for literary, philanthropic, and social events, elaborated in their respective reports.

Of course there is much more to be done, but I am truly inspired by the level of energy and motivation the Brothers demonstrate every day. We are focused on providing memorable and valuable collegiate experiences for our Actives while also looking towards a bright future of continued improvement.

Xaipe,

Steven Shi 1T7

Active Chapter President 2015-16

Rush Report

The 2015 Rush program was by and large a great success. This year we have welcomed a group of 11 young and well-rounded men into the Alpha Delta Phi, bringing our Active Chapter membership to 36 for the 2015-16 school year.

Pledge Class of 1T9:

Michael Stephens ¹	First Year, Ethics, Law and Society, University of Toronto
Ty Wilson	First Year, Rotman Commerce, University of Toronto
Kelvin Shi ²	First Year, Computer Science and Economics, UTM
Jackson Binnendyk ³	First Year, Computer Science, UTM
Nicholas Sullivan	First Year, Screenwriting, York University
Tom Yanovski	Second Year, Ethics, Law and Society, University of Toronto
Saif Khayoon ⁴	First Year, Computer Science, York University
Joe Manchia	First Year, Rotman Commerce, University of Toronto
Jonfranco Monaco	First Year, History and Political Science, University of Toronto
Connor Lloyd Leggatt	First Year, Computer Science, University of Toronto
Ben Hanley	First Year, Physics and Philosophy, University of Toronto

¹ Pledge Captain ² Legacy of Steven Shi 1T7 ³ Legacy of Chris & Paul Binnendyk 9T1

⁴ Legacy of Hussien Khayoon 1T3

Rush Chair,
Asher Wilson 1T7

Trip to Gr. Br. McKinstry's

The Active Chapter would like to thank Gr. Br. David McKinstry 7T7 for his continuous support. Gr. Br. McKinstry graciously hosted the Brothers and Pledges for the 2015 Pledge Trip at the beginning of October. He has also generously donated multiple pieces of artwork that decorate the walls of the Chapter House.

House Manager's Report

This past year has marked one of the most productive in recent Chapter history with regards to capital and aesthetic improvements. Many parts of the house has been refinished and updated, while capital improvements continue.

The front porch was noted to have some rotting boards, while others were damaged. Brothers helped to replace the old boards, sanded down the entire deck, and a new darker green color was added, along with water resistant sealant, to prolong its longevity.

The Second floor was our next big project, where the battered walls were patched and smoothed, the door frames caulked and fixed, where we then painted the trim a traditional white, and the walls an appropriate color for a home. The ceiling was patched as well, skimmed, and painted by the Brothers.

The library was our next project. Over the years, the floor was damaged beyond repair. We have replaced the floor with hardwood with a twenty-five year guarantee, as well as painted the balcony, which extends out of the library. A new bookshelf has been added to hold our ever-growing literary collection.

Electrical work was done around the house, and all outlets now work without a problem. All wiring that was not up to code has been fixed and is now deemed safe. Fire inspection was a success, with updates including carbon monoxide detectors and new heat sensors.

The boiler has been fixed and updated. It now runs on a sensor, which measures the temperature of outside. As soon as it is necessary, it turns on automatically, and shuts as the house reached a comfortable temperature. It no longer runs 24/7, saving us money on our bills.

Our new project as an active chapter is to update the windows in the entire house. We began with the first floor, installing three new windows, which are both non-drafty, and energy efficient. We hope as an active chapter that we can raise the funds ourselves to outfit the first floor with new windows by this years end.

Some capital improvements, however, we may need help on. The roof, which overhangs the porch, is damaged, and water leaks into the dining room walls, causing continual damage. A few of the support beams are rotten, one being completely detached. We hope that we can raise money to fix this hastily.



House Manager,
Anthony Pantaleo 1T8

Philanthropy Report

Greetings Brothers,

As the Philanthropy Chair of the active chapter, I am striving to maintain the current standard of philanthropy that the brothers hold, but also to add more charity events to our roster. So far this year we have consistently shown great attendance and interest to the University of Toronto's sorority's philanthropy nights as well as a blood drive hosted by the ladies of Alpha Gamma Delta. This year we are planning a Christmas Party for the children of the St. Felix Centre, a local organization that cares to a wide range of at-risk clients. We are further planning a head-shaving event with Childhood Cancer Canada and St. Baldrick's Foundation to raise money for childhood cancer research.

Philanthropy Chair,
Anthony Skrinjar 1T8

Sorority Chair Report

So far this year we have hosted several successful mixers with Sororities from the UofT Panhellenic Council, including the ladies of Alpha Gamma Delta, Alpha Phi, Gamma Phi Beta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and Pi Beta Phi. We look forward to planning mixers in the future with them next semester!

Sorority Chair,
Tyler Tillmann 1T7

Financial Report

The financial standing for the Active Chapter is stronger than it has been in years. With help from House Company, we updated the House's financial structure to include a sinking fund account and a maintenance account. The Active Chapter would like to extend our appreciation to Gr. Br. Matthew Stesco 0T6 and Gr. Br. Cam MacNeish 8T1, for contributing their time and energy to help us implement our new financial system.

Treasurer,
Aamir Dawood 1T7

Brotherhood Report

Coming into this year the Brotherhood Chair was the only new position in the house, which meant not having any expectations to live up to but also the responsibility of setting the precedent of what this chair is supposed to be. Originally the idea behind the position was simply to have a Brother who would focus on bringing the Actives closer together. Although a little vague, this gave me free reign to make the chair what I wanted. I've implemented a number of brotherhood building endeavors towards this point. A couple of examples include joining the intramural basketball league, in which our team remains undefeated; starting up church club, with which brothers can gather to experience different faiths worship bi-monthly; and different special events, including a cottage trip and an afternoon of axe throwing. More importantly than these however, and what I've tried to stress as the real meaning of my position, is the idea that if any brother at any time needs to talk about anything my door will always be open.

Going forward with the position I want to keep the bond between the brothers as strong as it is now and work on introducing our new members into the climate of the house. Other than that I'm excited to see this position expand in the future with new chairs bringing new ideas and hope I'm doing a decent enough job figuring out what the Brotherhood Chair should be.

Literary Report

Since the publication of our last newsletter, the Toronto Chapter has focused on enhancing our literary program in several ways. Our primary achievement has been to adopt the practice of hearing one book report per week in addition to our weekly literary presentation. This practice has helped to build our library and encourage recreational reading as part of the Fraternity's curriculum.

In addition to weekly book reports, the literary committee is proud to announce the introduction of a yearly book drive to collect books for under-privileged children. We firmly believe that this will encourage brothers' philanthropic drive while simultaneously advocating for literacy in our local community. The Active Chapter is also looking forward to hosting a career panel event in the second semester with the help of many alumni who have offered their time and services for the event. We would like to extend an invitation to all readers to come enjoy the freshly painted and fully stocked library at the House.

Literary Chair,
Willie Willson 1T8

Website

We have launched a freshly renovated website for the Toronto Chapter. The overhaul of the website has brought it a new look, and more importantly, provides more relevant and current news about the status of the House, and news regarded the Active Chapter and Alumni. Thank you to Br. Aamir Dawood 1T7, Br. Steven Shi 1T7, Br. and Gr. Br. Cam MacNeish 8T1 for their time and effort in helping with this project. Please visit the new website at www.alphadeltaphitoronto.org!

Class of 1T5 Graduates

We would like to extend our congratulations to the Class of 1T5 for graduating from the Fraternity this year. After four great years we are saddened to see them move on but look forward to working with them in their new capacities as alumni. Best wishes to Br. David Savage, Br. Matthew Pisichko, Br. Thurstian Tsui, Br. Nate Paty, Br. Simon Jackson, Br. Eden Hughes, Br. Nicholas McKinstry, Br. Kirill Charintsev and Br. HoiChi Yeung.

SELEF Award Sweep!

Congratulations to Br. Adrian Cheung 1T6 for placing first, second, and third in the Samuel Eells Literary and Educational Fund's Awards for Photography. The first place prize went to his film "Real Hero"; second place went to his film "April 17th"; and third place to his film "Night and Day."

Alumni News

Congratulations to Gr. Br. Gus Skarlataakis 0T2, and his wife Christine on the birth of their second son, Luca!

Congratulations to Gr. Br. Nigel Denham 9T9, and his wife Nikkie on the birth of their son Lennon!

Congratulations to Gr. Br. Paul Howard 8T4 on his appointment to the Ontario Superior Court of Justice!

Congratulations to Gr. Br. Paul Forma 9T7 on his marriage to Miss Courtney Morris!

Congratulations to Gr. Br. Nicolas Moussios 0T5 on his marriage to Anastasia Gorshechnikova!

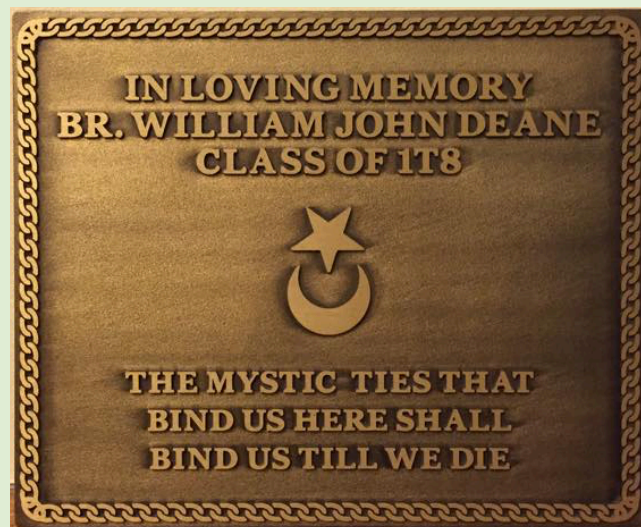
In Memoriam

On February 25th, Br. William John Deane 1T8, was taken from us long before his time. The one overarching trait to describe Will was empathetic. He could almost effortlessly understand the motives and perspectives of others, which was one of the main reasons he was such an exemplary brother. This lead to him being incredibly social, but rather than trying to have a good time himself, Will was always far more concerned with ensuring one for those around him. He would happily spend half his night trying to cheer someone up if it meant that he could get just one sheepish grin out of them, as he couldn't stand to see someone else having a bad time. Will's father described him as a bridge builder, connecting the extroverts he knew and pulling introverts out of their shell so that they could become part of the network as well.

Yet Will was far from one dimensional; the fact that he was hypersocial simply masked his intellectual side. The only way to describe his appetite for knowledge was voracious. To help satiate this hunger he became an avid reader, which one quickly found out when they entered into a debate with him. There was nothing Will loved more than a good discussion. Many hours were spent talking with him about life, morality and countless other topics which he could always somehow connect back to philosophy, in part because of his ability to take on a multitude of perspectives. In short, William truly was a shining example of what an Alpha Delt should be: the whole man, socially, morally and philosophically.

Of course the chapter was devastated by the loss of our brother, however some rays of sunshine have pierced through the darkness. The process of grieving has brought all of our brothers closer, and the fraternity is now stronger than ever because of this. A memorial plaque has been commissioned and will be mounted in the house to commemorate William and the good times he had at this house which he loved so much. The active brothers would like to express our gratitude to the alumni body for the outpouring of guidance and support we have received, which played no small part in helping us through our time of need. It has never been more clear than in this most dark of nights just how strong the ties of brotherhood truly are.

Jason Ruggeberg 1T7
William's Big Brother



In Memoriam (cont'd)

Br. John Robert Evans 5T0

On February 13th, Gr. Br. John Robert Evans 5T0 passed away at the age of 85. Br. Evans had an illustrious career in medicine, academia, business, and civil service. While at the University of Toronto he captained the Varsity Football squad, and received a Rhodes Scholarship. After specializing in cardiology at Oxford University, he founded the McMaster Faculty of Health, served as President of the University of Toronto from 1972-1978, and served as founding Director at the World Bank's Health and Nutrition Department in Washington D.C., as well as helping create and chair the MaRS Discovery District.

Br. Ronald Lampman Watts 5T2

On October 9th, 2015, Gr. Br. Ronald Lampman Watts passed away at the age of 86. Br. Watts was a student at Trinity College at the University of Toronto. He then attended Oxford University on a Rhodes Scholarship where he completed another bachelor's degree, a master's degree and a PhD. He arrived at Queen's University in 1955 as a lecturer in philosophy, but moved to the Department of Political and Economic Science in 1961. He was appointed Dean of Arts and Science in 1969 before becoming principal five years later. At 45, he was the youngest principal since George Monro Grant assumed the office nearly 100 years earlier. Br. Watts received five honorary degrees and became an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1979 and a Companion in 2000.



Br. Evans



Br. Watts

Message from House Company

Greetings Brothers.

At our Annual General Meeting earlier this year, we discussed a number of initiatives to maintain and grow our fraternity, that we group by relevance to our membership, our finances and our facility; following and expanding from our renewal plan executed previously. In this context, I am pleased to share news with you about our progress to-date and the direction in which we are heading.

On our membership initiatives, this year will see the addition of two social events for alumni including a summer picnic and a fall golf gathering as we strive to present our membership with additional opportunity to network and reconnect. As well, and perhaps more from a marketing perspective, significant effort to better inform our membership of fraternity news and upcoming events is also well underway. This includes primarily an updated dynamic content driven website and regular email correspondence that we are working to integrate with more traditional mail and social media news circulation approaches.

On our financial matters, we are currently transitioning our Treasurer role, the result of which will more clearly delineate our Active Chapter and House Company budgets, following our recent shift of operational accountabilities from our House Company to our Active Chapter. As part of this transition, we are also implanting accounting software that will ease the management and reporting of our funds, consistently for generations to come. Next on our plate in this capacity, is the promotion of fundraising initiatives, such as our 1893 Club of monthly donations through PayPal and other larger campaigns associated with specific capital renovation projects.

And on our facility front, our priorities at the moment involve the restoration of our porch structural members and preliminary scoping and budgeting of major projects that require focused fundraising, such as the restoration of our basement area and the installation of double pane windows.

So stay tuned. We look forward to sharing more new with you during the course of the next few months and of course, don't hesitate to let us know if you have any comments or if you wish to contribute otherwise.

Xaipe,
Br. Plonka



Back Row: Jason Ruggeberg, Alex De Sousa, Liam MacLeod, Behnam Nadimfard, Aamir Dawood, Cyrus Harandi, Aidan Bull, Ben Falconer, Anthony Skrinjar, Soroush Rezaei, Tyler Tillmann, Anthony Pantaleo, Asher Wilson

Middle Row: Simon Jackson, Nathaniel Paty, Adrian Cheung, HoiChi Yeung, Thurstian Tsui, Stefan Mijovic, Victor Baci, William Hardings, Matthew Heisie

Front Row: Matthew Murphy, Matthew Pisichko, David Savage, Steven Shi, Connor Savage

Sitting: Frank Fu, Austin McCarley, Willie Willson, David Parsons

In Absentia: Jeyan Thangaraj, Vladislav Malinov, Eden Hughes

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