

THE ALPHA DELT

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Message from the President

Fellow Brothers,

As summer approaches, the time has come to welcome a new executive team and reflect upon the improvements and successes of the Active Chapter. Over the past several years, our Chapter has worked tirelessly to establish a sustainable and successful rush strategy and this year we once again attained a superb new class of brothers, bringing the Active Chapter to a total of 35 brothers.

Thanks to your generous support and the hard work of House Company, the Chapter House has received several much needed improvements, most notably: a brand new kitchen and a new pillar for our Brothers in Arms statue. This year also brought about significant changes to the financial structure of our Chapter, with the Actives once again taking full responsibility of operating expenses and revenues for the house. Additionally, the brothers continued the tradition of weekly literary presentations, while also meeting mandatory philanthropy hours each semester.

Although I graduate from the fraternity this year, with the rest of the class of 1T5, I'm excited for the future of our beloved fraternity. With a committed Active Chapter, a proven rush strategy and the significant improvements made to our Chapter House, I firmly believe that the upcoming year will only see further success. As always feel free to stop by the Chapter House at any point this summer to see some of the improvements and hopefully I'll see many of you at our spring barbecue on the 13th of June.

Xaipe, David Savage 1T5 Active Chapter President 2014-15

Rush Report

The 2014 Rush program was by and large a great success. This year we have welcomed a group of 10 young and well-rounded men into the Alpha Delta Phi, bringing our Active Chapter membership to 35 for the 2014-15 school year.

<u>Pledge Class of 1T8:</u>

William Deane ¹	First Year, Psychology Specialist, University of Toronto
Aidan Bull	First Year, General Arts and Sciences, University of Toronto
Anthony Skrinjar	Second Year, Book and Media Studies, University of Toronto
Frank Fu	First Year, Rotman Commerce, University of Toronto
David Parsons	First Year, Rotman Commerce, University of Toronto
Anthony Pantaleo	Second Year, English and Political Science, University of Toronto
Willie Willson ²	First Year, General Arts and Sciences, University of Toronto
Austin McCarley ³	Second Year, Film and Television Production, Humber College
Liam MacLeod	First Year, History and Political Science, University of Toronto
Behnam Nadimfard	Second Year, Ted Rogers School of Management, Ryerson University
¹ Pledge Captain	² Legacy of Doug Willson 8T4 ³ Legacy of McKenzie McCarley 1T4

Distinctions: Aidan Bull (Varsity Basketball), William Deane (Varisty Rugby), Anthony Skrinjar (Canadian Forces Army Reserves)

Rush Chair, Thurstian Tsui 1T5

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 2014 Pledge Trip in October and again in February. We look forward to seeing you at the June BBQ!

House Manager's Report

This past year has marked one of our most productive in recent Chapter history with regards to the capital and aesthetic improvement of the house. The Chapter began the year in June with the excavation and installation of 3 new window wells around the outside perimeter of the house, improving drainage from the yard and putting an end to basement flooding from heavy rain and snow melt. The Active Chapter would like to thank Graduate Brothers Chris Graham, Adam Blizzard and Matthew Stesco for their help organizing and completing this project alongside our Active body.

Moving forward, towards the end of the summer the Active Chapter decided to fund and complete a painting project of the lobby, updating and refining the look of the entrance of our house. Following the lobby painting, at the beginning of the academic year the west half of the basement was repaired and painted. The rest of the work is slated to be done this upcoming summer.

After the completion of the basement work, three brand new toilets were installed in the two second floor washrooms, and one in the third floor washroom. The second floor washroom on the west side of the house also received a brand new counter top, with a new porcelain sink and faucet, as well as a fresh coat of paint.

Throughout the year, 12 new light fixtures were purchased and installed throughout the house, including washroom lights, hallway lights, as well as a new front porch light and motion sensing light over the parking lot. We hope to install motion sensing lights over the yard and down the back alley this upcoming year to increase security.

The Fraternity Library was the last project of the year. The work included repairing any damaged walls, sanding down of the previous paint, applying a brand new coat of paint, and was finished with the installation of a new chandelier. The library now looks refreshed and worthy of a Literary Society.

With the completion of the 2014/2015 school year, the house stands significantly improved and membership is stronger than ever. As a healthy Active Chapter, we hope to keep the momentum going and to bring in further improvements in the upcoming year.

House Manager, Matthew Murphy 1T6

Philanthropy Report

Greetings Brothers,

As in past years, our major event was the annual Christmas party with the St. Felix Centre's after-school program for underprivileged kids. With the help of the wonderful ladies of Kappa Kappa Gamma, we were able to once again throw a highly successful event complete with gifts for all of the children and a special visit from Santa Claus himself (played by Gr. Br. Kent Savage 8T4). We would like to particularly thank Gr. Br. John Fortney 8T4 for his crucial contributions. Gr. Br. Fortney once again went to great lengths in aiding us to secure a sizeable donation from the Rotary Club, one that was crucial to the success of the event and made a special day that much better. Also vital to the event was our continued relationship with the sisters of Kappa Gamma. In addition to once again helping with the event itself, the sisters decided to throw a philanthropy event in the first semester, with the proceeds in turn being put towards our Christmas party. For that we thank them and look forward to continuing our close friendship with their house.

Aside from the annual party, the program also experienced significant growth in two areas. The first was participation in Greek-community philanthropy. This year, an average of 15-20 brothers attended each philanthropy event thrown by other Greek-letter organizations and showed considerable support for a variety of causes in the process. Second was the implementation of a mandatory service hours program, which we are pleased to report that the entirety of the active chapter completed.

On a more important note, with the passing of Br. William Deane 1T8, there has been increased interest in mental health within the chapter. As



those who attended the funeral may know, the Deane family has asked that the brotherhood support the Jack.org foundation, an organization dedicated to mental health research and awareness. Many of the brothers are in fact taking part in a 50 km bike ride to benefit the foundation on May 22nd. Any Graduate Brothers interested in donating to the charity or signing up for the bike ride can contact Br. Vice President Connor Savage for more information at alphadeltaphitorontochapter@gmail.com.

Philanthropy Chair, Benjamin Falconer 1T7

Sorority Chair Report

This past year we 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 year!

Sorority Chair, Nathaniel Paty 1T5

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, Treasurer of House Company, for contributing his time and energy to help us implement our new financial system.

Treasurer, Steven Shi 1T7

Return of the Brothers-in-Arms Statue

A brand new pedestal was commissioned to be made for our Brothers-in-Arms statue. The work was completed in early November and has brought new life to this cherished piece of our House. We would like to thank Gr. Br. Blizzard for coming to help us secure the statue to the new pedestal permanently.

Website

We will be launching a freshly renovated website for the Toronto Chapter in early May. The overhaul of the website will bring it a new look, and more importantly, provide 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. Connor Savage 1T7 and Gr. Br. Cam MacNeish 8T1 for their time and effort in helping with this project. Please visit the new website at <u>www.alphadeltaphitoronto.org</u> this May!



Literary Report

Since the publication of our last newsletter, the Toronto Chapter has focused on enhancing our literary program in several ways. Our primary achivement 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 cirriculum.

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. 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, Stefan Mijovic 1T6

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."

Looking Forward

As we look forward to the 2015-16 Academic Year, the Active Chapter has some goals which we hope to achieve in the coming months. First, our annual Rush program has once again started. We are looking to get 10-15 men from post-secondary institutions in Toronto. If you know of a relative, or friend's son who will be attending University this Fall, and would like to recommend them for membership, please contact our Rush Chair, Asher Wilson, at the following email: alphadeltaphitorontochapter@gmail.com.

Looking Forward (cont'd)

The House is also looking into hiring a chef for the upcoming year. Many alumni have vehemently expressed the importance of having a chef in the House so as to increase time for the Actives to spend together and strengthen bonds over meals. Provided that a chef is financially feasible, we will construct a shortlist of candidates and conduct interviews over the summer so that we can have a chef at the beginning of the school year.

In strengthening the literary aspect of the Fraternity, we hope to expand our Literary Nights to alumni. Currently, a member of the Active Chapter prepares literary presentations every Monday night to be delivered after our weekly meetings. In the past we have had Br. Matt Stesco 0T6 and Br. Robert Pilon 8T3 present for us. We hope to reach out to more alumni to give presentations in the future.

Alumni News

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

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

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 engagement Miss Courtney Morris!

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

Banquet Recap

We held our Annual Alumni Banquet November 14th, 2014 at Alumni Hall of Victoria College. The Banquet was attended by over 80 Brothers, Alumni and Active. Gr. Br. Doug Willson 8T4 was keynote speaker and delivered an address on his time at as an Active and the impact it had

on his life. We'd like to thank Gr. Br. Pilon 8T3 for singing Danny Boy once again this year, we look forward to hopefully hearing it once more at this year's Banquet. This year's Banquet is scheduled for November 13th, 2015.



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



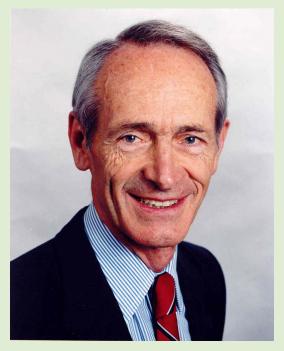
In Memoriam (cont'd)

Br. John Robert Evans 4T0

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. Douglas Colton Matthews 4T6

On January 11th, 2014, Gr. Br. Douglas Colton Matthews 4T6 passed away at the age of 89. Br. Matthews was a student at Trinity College at the University of Toronto before joining the Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve. Following the war, he returned to school graduating from Trinity College with a degree in Political Science and Economics. He went on to attend Harvard Business School, graduating with an MBA in 1950. He began his business career at consulting firm Woods Gordon, then set out on a lifetime of entrepreneurship. His business interests included metal fabricating, oil and gas, electronics, plastics, life insurance, mining, engineering products and real estate development.



Br. Evans



Br. Matthews

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

<u>Middle Row:</u> Simon Jackson, Nathaniel Paty, Adrian Cheung, HoiChi Yeung, Thurstian Tsui, Stefan Mijovic, Victor Baciu, William Hardings, Matthew Heisie <u>Front Row:</u> Matthew Murphy, Matthew Pisichko, David Savage, Steven Shi, Connor Savage Sitting: Frank Fu, Austin McCarley, Willie Willson, David Parsons <u>In Absentia:</u> Jeyan Thangaraj, Vladislav Malinov, Eden Hughes

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