

Kimball's Quarterly

WINTER 2011-2012

Letter from the Outgoing 'A', Kevin Cogan

Brothers,

As we turn the page on another year, we look ahead to the next one. To recap on 2011, it was another successful year for Pitt Delta Chi. We brought in quality classes of new members in the Spring and Fall semesters, improved our collective GPA, and became much more involved on campus. And of course, it wouldn't be another year for our chapter without winning both the Cathedral Cup and President's Cup (for the fourth consecutive year).

Many traditions have continued with the chapter, including going to nearby YMCA camps for community service and brotherhood retreats, philanthropic events like pie-a-thon, and our proudest tradition: academic excellence.

There is a lot to look forward to from the chapter in 2012. A strong new executive board and relatively young chapter looks very motivated to make our chapter even better for the future. Also, the Delta Chi International Convention will be in Pittsburgh in August! Many of our undergraduate brothers plan on going, and it would be great to have a strong showing from our alumni brothers as well.

Happy New Year!

In the Bond,

Kevin Cogan



Kevin Cogan
Former A

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Meet the Pi Class

My name is Sho Sugimoto. I'm from Pittsburgh. I am a sophomore and currently studying archi-



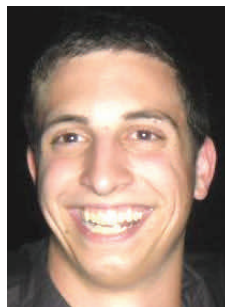
tecture. I was born in Japan on February 13, 1992 and then moved to Thailand when I was three and went back to Japan when I was six. I moved to Pittsburgh in 2003 and since then I have been living in Mt. Lebanon. I swam for 13 years of my life but after freshman year of University I decided to quit swimming.

My name is Andrew Coxon. I was born in Natick, MA, lived there for 4.5 years. I then lived in Rhode Island for



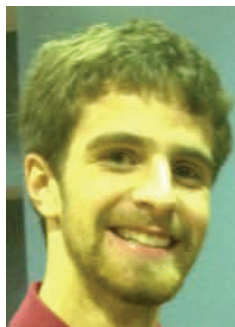
just under a year, and then moved to San Francisco, CA, where I have lived until coming to Pitt. I went to high school at St. Ignatius College Preparatory. I was heavily involved in volunteer work at the SF Veteran's Affairs hospital. Currently, I am a freshman pre-med student intending to major in Neuroscience with a Computer Science minor. After undergrad, I intend to go on to medical school and possibly pursue an MD/PhD and/or join the Medical Corps.

My name is Brian Sperling. I was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



I grew up in the Philadelphia Suburb of Lower Merion where I graduated from Harriton Senior High School. I am currently a Freshman with an intended double major of History and Political Science. My hobbies include practicing martial arts and playing guitar and bass.

My name is Nate Orenstein and I was born August 2nd 1993 in Silver Spring Maryland. I grew up in Maryland as a kid. I finished growing up there as a teenager. I went to the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School for 12.5 years. The last half of senior year, the whole class spent two weeks in Poland and the Czech Republic to see all of the camps from the Holocaust, and then spent the next three months in Israel. In the summer before senior year, I got certified as an EMT and currently volunteer at the fire department as an officer on the ambulance. In addition to that, I work at a summer camp as a counselor over the summer. Currently I am studying Biology as a Pre-Med student, and I plan on joining the Israeli army after senior year of college to hopefully work as a combat medic before going to medical school

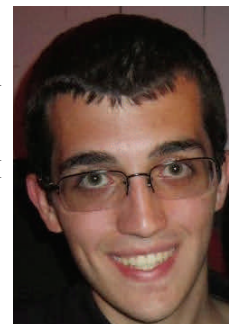


My name is Peter Dimitrion. I was raised on Oahu, an island in the Hawaiian Island Chain. My major is Athletic Training, and I am on a



Pre-Med track. I graduated from Punahou High School where I wrestled and played football. I didn't plan on playing sports in college but I do continue to workout. I keep myself disciplined and motivated through the gym and everything I make it.

My name is Phil Thompson and I'm from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I went to Taylor Alderdice High School. I'm currently a



sophomore with a computer science and economics double major. In the summers I work as a coxswain for the Three Rivers Rowing Association corporate rowing program.

A Letter from the 'A' of the Pi Class, Phil Thompson

Hello,

I'm Philip Thompson and I was elected "A" of my associate member class. We were a relatively small class, but our six guys were really involved. We designed and nearly completely filled out an elaborate matrix board. The members of the Pi class were always around the house and really made their presence felt in the chapter. For our house improvement project we built a bench for the front porch. To save money and to make the project more interesting, we built the bench from scratch. We cut and carved the plywood in two man shifts over the course of a month. Then we came together as a group to assemble the

final product. It took longer than the usual house improvement project, but the finished product looks great. Over the course of this semester, I was able to get to know everyone in the Pi class really well. I only became more impressed with the passion and dedication that they applied to everything. I can't wait to see how the Pi class grows within the brotherhood.



In the Bond,
Phil

Fall 2011 Graduating Senior and Outgoing 'E', Adam Cetra

Fellow Alumni,

It has really been a pleasure serving you and this Chapter as "E". When I joined this Fraternity as a Junior back in the Fall of 2009, I didn't think I would have time to take on any kind of leadership role. I also honestly had never really seen myself as the type for an Executive Board position. But after taking on a few chair positions and tacking on an extra semester, the opportunity was there as a I entered the second semester of my Senior year. With a little encouragement from Tim Pennington, I took that step and ran for "E". The last year went by quickly. (Too quickly, it feels right now.) But here I am over two years removed from that fateful day when Alex Ireland convinced me to "just check it out," a year removed from the day Ian Wolff shook my hand and said "Congratulations," and just a few weeks removed from my final days as an undergraduate, seeing myself finally in a whole new light.

I learned so much about myself and what I'm capable of, and I owe it all to my experience as a brother of Delta Chi.

As for what my plan is from here, I want to go to law school within the next few years. I intend to put those Environmental Studies and English Writing degrees to good use with an eventual career in Environmental Law. But first, I intend to take some time to finally get away from Pittsburgh and act out that old cliché of "finding myself", possibly through Teach for America or a similar program. If all goes as planned it will be as a Leadership Consultant for Delta Chi. It's the natural next step. I'm someone people look to for guidance. I guess I'm what you'd call a leader. I learned that from a few guys in a house over on Dithridge Street.

In the Bond, always,
Adam Cetra
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\$500,000 UPCI Pledge Completed!

By Kevin Cogan

In 2005, Pitt Fraternity and Sorority Life signed a contract with The University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute to raise \$500,000 to go toward lung and thoracic cancer research. The pledge was completed this December and reached over \$519,000. A ceremony was held on December 8th to congratulate and thank all Greeks for their hard work in completing the pledge. Many speakers including Chancellor Nordenberg, Jack Hill, MD and Lung Cancer Advocate, and Dean of Students Kathy Humphrey thanked the Greeks in attendance. Humphrey remarked, "I am so proud of our fraternities and sororities for their dedication to this cause. Each one of our organizations contributed to achieving this very ambitious goal. It's truly an amazing accomplishment because the vision was established in 2005 before the current students were even on campus, and the new students em-

braced the challenge and worked enthusiastically to help make it happen." The donation contributed to developing new methods to diagnose, prevent, treat, and ultimately eliminate lung cancer. Most of the money raised came from events like Greek Sing, Pitt Dance Marathon, "canning" at Pittsburgh athletic events, and more.

Delta Chi chapters around the country are closing in on a pledge of \$150,000 by Convention in 2012 to The V Foundation for Cancer Research. You can donate to The V Foundation online by visiting <http://jimmyv.convio.net/deltachi>. Please remember to include the Pittsburgh Chapter name at the bottom of the page.



For regular Chapter updates, check out:
[Facebook.com/pittdeltachi](https://www.facebook.com/pittdeltachi)

Look out for our
monthly podcast,
starting February 2012!

Turkey Pizza, A New Pittsburgh Delta Chi Tradition

By Mark Zielinski

Last fall, Adam Cetra, Demetrius Johnson, and myself created a non-traditional take on a traditional Thanksgiving meal just before Thanksgiving break in anticipation of the holiday. The pizza was a crescent roll crust, topped with a mashed potato based, shredded turkey, gravy, corn, and stuffing. We made 4 pizzas and served them with cranberry relish as a dipping sauce, and the event was an overwhelming success. For this past Thanksgiving, a few more aspiring chefs decided to aid us in creating another Thanksgiving feast on a pizza. Eric Marksz and Ari Hamilton helped us make six, 12 inch pizzas to feed a hungry brotherhood. This year, we even stuffed the crescent roll crust with sweet potatoes to make every bite delicious.

The idea for the meal developed from a discussion on the Pitt Delta Chi forums, with all ideas eventually becoming what will hopefully become a long-standing tradition for our chapter. So next Thanksgiving, be on the look out for when we will be making Turkey Pizza and be sure to swing by for a slice!



CDDP With a Twist

By Clay Hessler

I am sure you all remember Christmas Dinner Date Party (CDDP) as a wonderful event that celebrated the end of another successful semester. This year in the name of cost effectiveness, we decided to hold it at the Fraternity house. Not only did this save us the cost of a venue but also it required us to update many of our Holiday decorations. As the title alluded, this year's CDDP had a twist. After many discussions between the Executive Committee, the Chapter

and our Advisors, it was decided that this year the event would be catered. Not only was this "twist" more cost effective but it reduced the responsibility of worrying about the food to one person, me. As the retiring Social Chairman who watched this plan unfold, I think that it had benefits for all! The food was delivered, hot, tasted amazing and was ready to be served when everyone arrived. It is always unfortunate to change a tradition but we

felt that this allowed all members to enjoy an evening that they deserved. After months of negotiations, wrestling the decorations out of the attic, and the trimming of our new Christmas tree, the event finally went off on Friday, December 2 to spectacular results and rave reviews. I also wanted to thank all alumni who attended, and hope more can attend in the future!



Delta Chi and the V Foundation

After the International Convention that was held in Cleveland, Ohio, Delta Chi partnered with The V Foundation to help fight cancer. Delta Chi pledged to donate \$130,000 at the convention in New Orleans, LA, and the Fraternity succeeded in meeting that goal. To further our commitment to the V Foundation, the Fraternity has pledged to raise another \$150,000 for cancer research next convention in Pittsburgh in 2012, including a pledge of \$4,000 from the Pittsburgh Chapter. The V Foundation was founded by Jim Valvano in 1993 at the inaugural ESPY awards, which are hosted annually by ESPN. Jim Valvano was the coach of NC State basketball and a well known ESPN announcer. In his speech he proclaimed “Don’t give up...Don’t ever give up,” which has become the motto of the Foundation. Unfortunately Jim passed away from metastatic cancer shortly after the 1993 ESPY awards.



The Foundation’s goal is to save lives by helping to find a cure for cancer. They seek to make a difference by generating broad-based support for cancer research and by creating an urgent awareness among all Americans of the importance of the war against cancer. The Foundation performs these dual roles through advocacy, education, fundraising, and philanthropy. With your help, the chapter would love to add to the growing contribution that is being sent to the Foundation at the end of the semester.

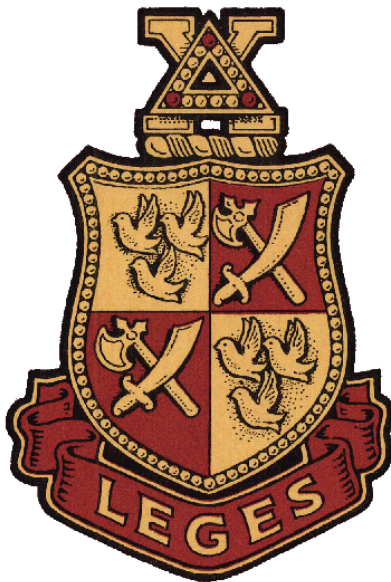
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A Thank You from Robert Snyder, Recruitment Chair

Dear alumni,

I am incredibly proud to announce that we have pinned 30 AMs as of last night, January 23rd. Throughout Rush, we have been able to count upon your support and attendance; our alumni presence was certainly augmented the efforts on the parts of brothers to ensure a successful Rush just when success was needed most. I am proud to be a part of an organization that can count on its alumni, both local and distant, when we desperately need financial assistance; even more, I am honored to be a member of an organization whose alumni assist not only pecuniarily but vocally. In total, I just want to thank you all for your support in our rush and can't wait for you all to meet the new guys!



ItB,
Robert Snyder

A Message from the 'E'

Thank all of you for reading this edition of Kimball's Quarterly. The chapter has a lot in store for this semester, including another brotherhood weekend, alumni events, Greek Sing, and teaching a thirty man AM class what it means to be a Delta Chi! It is a very exciting time for us, especially because Convention is in Pittsburgh this summer. We look forward to making a good showing at convention. Our new class is a testament of our chapter's continued dedication to improvement and excellence.

Because I don't know all of you very well, I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Mark Zielinski, and I am currently a junior. I am in the pharmacy school, so despite being a junior I actually have four years left at Pitt (class of 2015). I was initiated in the Spring of 2010 with the Nu class, and was webmaster all of last year, plus the fall semester of this year. Other than Delta Chi, I am also involved with the American Pharmacists Association, Academy of Student Pharmacists here at Pitt.

I would also like to say that thus far, it has been an absolute pleasure getting to work with our alumni. So many of you have given me great advice and have reached out to help the chapter, confirming my beliefs that our young chapter has some of the best alumni around. I really look forward to getting to know all of you even more this summer at convention and from various events. I also want to stress that if anyone has any questions or concerns at all, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Finally, I am working on updating the alumni database, so if you have not been receiving emails from me, please let me know. Be on the lookout for updates on alumni events and our new podcast, and I hope everyone has a great winter.

In the Bond,
Mark Zielinski