

Chicago Chapter



As Delta Upsilon Chicago begins another year on campus at the University of Chicago, their 105th year to be exact, they would like to keep all of you up to date on the state of the chapter and how they are building for the future.

In recent years, DU has continued to invite men of unmatched character and ambition into their ranks, and at an increased rate. DU has seen near unparalleled growth in the last three years, and this autumn's pledge class alone, numbering nine fine young men, accounts for nearly a quarter of the chapter. Never straying from DU ideals, each of these young men will spend their pledge process embracing and learning to embody the Four Founding Principles: the Promotion of Friendship, the Development of Character, the Diffusion of Liberal Culture, and the Advancement of Justice. Through projects, including refurbishing the house library and volunteering at the local Boys & Girls Club, and through brotherhood involvement, these men are quickly learning what it means to be a DU and the responsibilities that come with membership.

Dedicated and responsible brothers are nothing new as can be seen clearly in the current Executive Council. With two fourth year, three third year (including the president), and three second year men, including one holding

two positions, the leadership of the chapter is decidedly young, strong, and ambitious. Each passing quarter has produced brothers who are dedicated to being an active part of the chapter and to fulfilling their responsibilities to Delta Upsilon Chicago, knowing still that what they will gain in return is far greater than whatever they can give. With brothers such as these, the chapter is making sure DU's foundation remains stable, promising many more years of prosperity.

The chapter house, 5714 S. Woodlawn Ave., is the physical foundation of the chapter, and, despite the wear and tear of over a hundred years of existence and 76 years as a fraternity house, it continues to be the chapter's center of activity. The house remains a place for brothers to come to study, eat, live, and, of course, have fun. Those brothers that live in the house can attest to what a rewarding experience it is, and the continuous desire of younger members to move into the house should always keep the chapter alive. In the last six months, the chapter house has undergone a facelift, receiving new ceramic tiles in the kitchen, new carpeting throughout the common areas, and having the hardwood floors repaired and refinished. In the early spring, the backyard will receive a makeover, as a concrete patio will be poured over a

third of the yard and a wrought iron fence will surround the entire yard. All improvements and maintenance are the result of the desires of the undergraduate chapter and the tireless efforts of George Kotnour, the chapter property manager, whose dedication to keeping the house running and looking good has been invaluable to the chapter. Without George, the chapter house would likely be in a sorry state and great thanks are due to him from all brothers, past and present.

DU has a strong and positive presence on campus, due to the actions as a fraternity and the efforts of the individual brothers, as they pursue a plenitude of activities. From fine arts to student government to athletics, the brothers are involved and recognized across the University. The varied interests and pursuits of all brothers continue to emphasize what makes Delta Upsilon Chicago so special, which is that they are a group of exceptional young men who define DU as they define themselves, rather than allowing themselves to be defined by misguided stereotypes. The diversity within the chapter today is important to keeping DU Chicago a unique and strong brotherhood.

Houston Chapter

The Houston Chapter had an outstanding fall semester. The chapter held its annual philanthropy "Pushball" on September 30 and was able to raise over \$600 for the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Houston. Other than participating in their own philanthropy, the Houston Chapter took part in the Zeta Tau Alpha's Battle of the Sexes at which they won 1st place in the men's category and swam their way to 2nd place at Delta Gamma's Anchor Splash. Both these events



raised money for their respective charities. By far one of the greatest achievements for the fall was the Homecoming competition that took place the week of October 30. Homecoming is comprised of 5 events: nominations for Homecoming King and Queen, Paint the UC, Banner Competition,

Strut Your Stuff, Golf Cart Parade, and participation in the events during homecoming week. This year DU was honored that both their nominees made it to the homecoming court, Brother Rey Rodriguez '08 and Jennifer Blome, president of Delta Gamma, Gamma Sigma Chapter. The Houston Chapter won 3rd place in the Strut Your Stuff competition which is comprised of a scripted dance routine incorporating the theme of homecoming, and took 2nd place in both the Banner Competition and the Golf Cart Parade. The Houston Chapter was excited that they had again won Homecoming for the 5th consecutive year.