



April 2008

## DUs Strongest Showing at Greek Formal

Edmonton's Sutton Place Hotel played host to the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Greek Formal. This event was put on by the University of Alberta's Order of Omega and Inter-Fraternal and Pan-Hellenic Councils.

While members of each fraternity and sorority were in attendance, it was clear to everyone that this year was different than last year. Last year's Greek Formal saw only two Delta Upsilon brothers in attendance; this year, over half of the active chapter made an appearance, including four alumni. This meant that Delta Upsilon had a higher attendance percentage than any other fraternity or sorority.

In addition, one of the guest speakers, Ellen Schoeck, author of "I Was There", quizzed those in attendance about the history of the University of Alberta. Brothers Salim Rajwani ('06), Muntaka Shah ('11), Robert Rigby ('07), and Shad Thevenaz ('08) answered most of the trivia questions correctly and were awarded autographed copies of her book.

In the years to come, the gentlemen of Delta Upsilon will continue to be a strong presence at inter-fraternal events.

## Message from the President

This past year has certainly been a crazy ride. We pledged six amazing guys back in September, all of whom have gone above and beyond the call of duty, including holding positions of the our Executive Council. I couldn't ask for a better group of guys.

Back in February, Justin Kirk, the executive director of Delta Upsilon International, came up to Alberta and conducted a review of the entire chapter and was very impressed. While there are areas that we are currently improving, he was blown away by the level of commitment that our associate members have towards the building of better men and our four founding principles; Justice, Character, Culture, and Friendship.

I am sad to see some of our members graduate this year. They have given much to this fraternity and they will not soon be forgotten. Now, our future lies in the hands of our new guys. I can say with no reservation of mind whatsoever that our future has never been brighter.

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Mark Parsons ('08)  
Active President  
Delta Upsilon Alberta Chapter

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*Mark Parsons - (President)  
concerning DU's new membership*

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## Leadership Institute 2008 - Houston

This year, the brothers of Delta Upsilon will be traveling down to Houston, Texas for the annual Leadership Institute, one of the greatest benefits Delta Upsilon offers to its members is.

The Leadership Institute is made up of the educational session, Undergraduate Convention, alumni Assembly of Trustees, meetings of the DU Educational Foundation, social events, and a community service event. Undergraduates and alumni have a great opportunity to get acquainted, work together, and develop relationships for the future.

The Leadership Institute is a great opportunity and benefit to alumni also. A chance to get to know new people, lend advice and expertise to the growth of tomorrow's leaders, and a tremendous brotherhood experience with those who share the same principles are awaiting all who attend.

The 2008 Leadership Institute will be held at the Hilton Americas in Houston, Texas from July 31, 2008– August 3, 2008.

## Annual Philanthropy Event Update

Summer Solstice, an annual summer highlight for everyone who's cool, is being shaping up to be even bigger and better than last year. A little breakdown: Solstice happens every year on the Saturday closest to the actual summer solstice. The event is a beach volleyball tournament held at the Garneau Beach Volleyball Courts. There are up to 100 people watching and playing in the volleyball action. There is a BBQ with post-tournament celebrations at the DU House. The chosen charity this year is the Boys and Girls Club of Edmonton. We are pleased to boast alumni involvement at Solstice and are looking forward to challenging the alumni teams. This is a great event for all DU's and non-DU's of any age. We'd love to see your team out so here's a little more info: The registration is \$60 for a team of 4, or \$15 as a free agent. T-shirts are an additional \$20 and we have both men's and women's styles.

For registration or more information please e-mail Jonathan Gietz at [jonathanxl@gmail.com](mailto:jonathanxl@gmail.com) or Bilal Abdu at [b\\_a15@hotmail.com](mailto:b_a15@hotmail.com).

## Notice to Alumni and Parents

This year marks the 73<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of Delta Upsilon at the University of Alberta campus. While our active members are on the frontlines of our fraternity, recruiting and promoting our ideals, our Alumni and parents are the lifeblood. Your continual financial and emotional support to our chapter and its members are what has kept this fraternity alive on campus. We've had 73 amazing years and we're looking forward to many, many more. We encourage all Alumni to keep in touch with their roots and all parents to take the time to learn more about your son's fraternity.

~The Gentlemen of Delta Upsilon



*The Delta Upsilon/Delta Gamma volleyball team practising their skills during an intramural match.*



## Delta Upsilon in the Community

Delta Upsilon has been a prominent organization on campus this year in a number of ways. This year, our Executive Vice President Mike Marsiglio ('09) was accepted into the Program for Research and Management Excellence (PRIME) in the Faculty of Business at the University of Alberta. PRIME is a student-run investment program that manages a fund worth over C\$1,200,000, and focuses on the Canadian equity market. Only 8-10 applicants are accepted each year and DU is proud that the University chose Mike as one of them.

Leadership roles aside, DU has been dominating at campus competitions. We placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Delta Gamma's AnchorSplash and a very close 3<sup>rd</sup> in the IFC/NPC Greek Week. Our proudest achievement this year, however, was our landslide victory in the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Pi Beta Phi Battle of the Imitation Bands. This event was in support of literacy in Edmonton and to Victoria Composite High School, who lost most of their library in a fire. The event consisted of teams forming an "air band" and imitated their song and band of choice through lip syncing and playing "air instruments". Mark Parsons ('08) teamed up with three members of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and preformed "Through the Fire and Flames" by DragonForce. That song was chosen for its relevant lyrics and high-energy guitar riffs. When the song was over, the audience roared their approval and the judges agreed. Each team scored points for stage performance as well as monetary and book donations and our team won by over 300 points.

All in all, this year the words "Delta Upsilon" have become synonymous with determination, hard work, and success on the U of A campus. From prominent leaders to campus successes, Delta Upsilon is definitely turning heads at the U of A.



*Mike Marsiglio (pictured fifth from the right) with the rest of the PRIME team.*

## Delta Upsilon Awards 2008

Every year at our Formal, the members of Delta Upsilon nominate and vote select members to win our annual awards. The winners were:

Pledge of the Year	Muntaka Shah
Active of the Year	Mark Parsons
Grad of the Year	Jeff Fillmore
Alumni of the Year	Mike Spelliscy
Gentleman of the Year	Shad Thevenaz
Athlete of the Year	Shad Thevenaz
Hardest Work, Least Recognition	Shad Thevenaz
Pledge Party Animal	Graeme Stout
DU Duck Girl	Maria Chen

Once again, congratulations to this year's recipients!



*Delta Upsilon's 2008 Formal Award winners celebrate their wins.*



## Birthdays

Jeff Fillmore	April 4 (23)
Jonathon Gietz	May 14 (23)
Graeme Stout	May 22 (19)
Mike Johnson	June 14 (23)
Chris Greenough	July 11 (23)
Brendan Clauson	August 13 (22)
Mark Tanasichuk	August 30 (23)

## Upcoming Events

<b>Day of Silence</b>	April 2
<b>Thinking God: My Climate, Your Climate, Our Change</b>	April 3
<b>DU Date Auction</b>	April 7
<b>IFC Olympics</b>	April 9
<b>Mads Fundraiser Pub Crawl</b>	April 11
<b>James Bond Party</b>	April 12
<b>May Long Camptacular</b>	May 15-19
<b>DU Summer Solstice Charity Beach Volley Tournament</b>	June 28
<b>48 Hour Film Festival (Screening)</b>	June 21
<b>Leadership Institute</b>	July 31-Aug 3

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