



Kappa Clippings

Presidential Report from Julius Goertzen

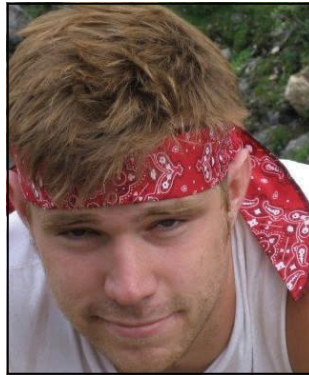
Just a year ago, 33 men risked their own reputations by joining an unknown brotherhood. The initials DTD meant nothing to me because we had yet to prove to the campus, other Greeks, and even ourselves that we were a legitimate organization. Our reputation rested on every action and choice we were to make thenceforth. Only with time did we slowly construct the image that others now hold of us and to a certain extent the image that we hold of ourselves. However, I now have pride in the identity Kappa's members have given to Kappa Colony.

Despite a few growing pains, Kappa Colony has far more than exceeded my expected rate of progress thanks to the initiative and dedication the men showed in achieving our ambitious goals. Built on the belief that a Fraternity could still fulfill its original purposes of accountability, service, and leadership, and its commitment to transform

boys into gentlemen, I agreed to fulfill the office of Kappa's founding president. I committed myself to Kappa Colony and to the effort that was required to ensure the generational civility of its members and its future organizational stability.

With the aid of my co-founders, I believe we have succeeded in setting that precedent. Only its future members can ensure that Kappa exists for the mutual benefit of all that join and to the betterment of Hillsdale's campus. Personally, I know that Kappa Colony has given me more than I could have ever given her. I now step down and know that her direction is in good hands and I am excited to watch and participate in her future growth. Thank you all who have made it a cherished experience I can take with me for the rest of my life.

I especially want to thank



Outgoing President Julius Goertzen

Trevor Shunk, Paul Mueller, and Sam Russell for all their encouragement and help this last year. In addition I want to thank the alumni for their unwavering support through it all.

In closing, let no one forget the intent with which Kappa was re-colonized and the responsibility each member has to uphold her honor.

Delta Tau Delta Kappa Crescent Colony

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**Incoming President
Trevor Shunk**

An Address from Incoming President Trevor Shunk

After the privilege of serving Delta Tau Delta – Kappa Colony as vice president, I am thrilled to step into the role as president of this great fraternity. I hope to build upon President Julius Goertzen’s tradition of excellence as I incorporate my own experience to make our colony the best in the nation.

Kappa colony has set lofty goals for 2009. Immediately following Christmas break, the fraternity will begin vigorously recruiting an outstanding spring pledge class. As a brotherhood striving for lives of excellence, we are recruiting the best men on the Hillsdale campus; individuals striving for excellence in every area of life, including academics, leadership, and community

service. With a lot of hard work and determination, I am confident that we will have a phenomenal recruitment season.

Following recruitment, Kappa colony will set our sights on installation as a national chapter. This will involve achieving our goal of a colony average of a 3.4 GPA (Dean’s List), revamping our involvement with Davis Middle School through Adopt-a-School, plugging more Delts into the most prestigious leadership positions around campus, and furthering our friendships with the rest of the student body and faculty. In attaining these goals, Kappa colony will be well on its way to once again becoming Kappa chapter.

Perhaps most of all, Kappa colony aims to in-

crease our alumni support from across the country. We deeply appreciate the alumni who have already generously gave their time and talents to bring this fraternity back to Hillsdale College. However, for Kappa colony to continue on its path of excellence, your involvement is crucial. Whether through encouragement, time, or financial assistance, I ask that you to consider new ways that you can help our fraternity in its formative years. Your support will make the difference in determining the future of Kappa colony.

2009 will be a special year for Delta Tau Delta -- Kappa colony. We look forward to seeing what the future holds for our fraternity. In the mean time, our men wish your family the best of luck in 2009.

Kappa Colony News from Public Relations Chairman Michael Sessions

Please enjoy our third edition of the Delta Tau Delta Kappa Crescent Colony Clippings 2008—2009 school year. In this month’s newsletter, we were honored to be joined by John Benzing, who shares with us lessons that he learned as a Delt and his experiences at Hillsdale College.

Further in this edition you will be able to read articles written by both the outgoing and incoming Presidents for Delta Tau Delta Kappa Crescent Colony.

We are excited to see what the fraternity becomes after our first turn over of Executive board officers.

Along with that, we had a very exciting first semester. The first semester brought about several firsts for the fraternity. In mentioning firsts, it was the first time that we held a date party and formal. In which both of these events were huge successes.

Along with formal, it was

the first time we have held a Christmas Party for the whole campus. In addition to the Christmas Party, it was the first time we have had Thanksgiving together, which was titled Delts-giving.

In all, the first semester was great for our fraternity and we look forward to another excellent semester.

With that, please enjoy our third edition of Kappa Clippings.

Delta Tau Delta Officers for the Spring Semester

Executive Board
 President—Trevor Shunk
 Vice President—Ben Shelton
 Secretary—Ralph Biddle
 Treasurer—Chris Andriesen
 Risk Manager—Rick ‘Risk’ Hecker
 New Member Educator—Mitch Klingenberg
 Sergeant of Arms—Mitch Roman
 Academic Affairs—Josh Trojinak
 Guide—Taylor Gage

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 Social and Public Relations—Michael Sessions
 Alumni Relations—Julius Goertzen
 Points—Danny Wright
 Brotherhood—Robby Colgan
 Athletics—Tyler Sharette
 Recruitment—Jon Gregg
 Historian—Zach Miller
 Community Service—Tom Sawyer
 Philanthropy—John Ward



**Public Relations Chairman
Michael Sessions**

John Benzing: “Delta Tau Delta gave me an additional sense of identity, lots of good friends and much to aspire to.”

We are grateful to feature an article on John Benzing. Mr. Benzing is part of the Delta Tau Delta alumni advisory team. Our alumni advisory team has been a huge part of our success so far. Once again we are honored to be joined by Mr. Benzing.

What was your major and your current career? Also, describe your after college life briefly.

I majored in Sociology with minors in Psychology and English. I have recently retired from Brazeway, Inc. after over twenty years where I was the Group Vice President of Refrigeration Products.

I married shortly after graduation in 1968, and began teaching in Greenville, Michigan. My career changed to business and manufacturing after a few years, and I worked at Jonesville Products and Triple A Tube while living in Hillsdale before joining Braze-way. I've helped raise two sons, and now have three grandchildren. We've spent a lot of time together playing golf, skiing, hunting and fishing. I've been fortunate enough to have traveled all around the world for many

years, and have developed many good business opportunities and friendships.

How did DTD change your college life?

Delta Tau Delta gave me an additional sense of identity, lots of good friends and much to aspire to. My relationships certainly helped me graduate from Hillsdale, and enriched my life immeasurably.

What did DTD do for enhancing your after college life?

Reflecting on the Delt Creed, and the moral compass that was influenced by reading our Purple Book while at Hillsdale, and while serving as the Chapter advisor a few times, has certainly had a positive impact on me as a human being. The friendships that are renewed from time to time always bring about joy, and my continuing relationship with the College is positive. It was a sad day when the Chapter was closed and thrown off of campus, but today the men of the Colony are doing a terrific job at everything that they involve themselves in, and

have more than rekindled my enthusiasm for Delta Tau Delta.....it's been a real pleasure to have been associated with you again!

What was your best DTD memory?

There were really many more than I can remember, but every rush was fun, and we always had great celebrations with our new pledges; being a pledge with a great pledge class was a blast; our House finding the Jug at the Jug Hunt; winning the I.M. football championship; having George Romney ride on our fire engine while campaigning for the office of Governor of Michigan in Hillsdale; playing on the golf team with several brothers; hill parties that lasted all weekend; card games in the "ice palace", and just hanging out with the brothers doing just about anything....especially sitting on our front porch in the big black chairs watching everyone walk by the House.



John Benzing

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- John Benzing



Outgoing Delta Tau President Julius Goertzen dressed as Delta Claus

Julius Goertzen: “Building lifetime friendships with people that I would missed out on had I not joined.”

We are honored to have Julius Goertzen as our Delt Spotlight for January. As you may know, Julius served as the first President of Delta Tau Delta. We are very thankful for his leadership and we know his work will forever be remembered. Please enjoy this short interview.

Tell us a little bit about yourself.

I was born in Aurora, Nebraska. My major at Hillsdale College is history and a minor in classics. I chose to major in history because I wanted to learn about the past and what not

to do in the future. It’s always said that those who do not learn from the past tend to repeat their mistakes.

Why did you pledge Delta Tau Delta?

It was really two parts. I wanted the opportunity to start something new and I wanted to challenge the current fraternal models.

What has been your best experience as a Delt?

Building lifetime friendships with people that I would have missed out on had I not joined.

What are your future goals and aspirations?

I am returning home to Nebraska to take over a 1700 acre farm and perhaps teach some as well. I aspire to get a masters degree, dominate agriculture, and become involved in my local community and church. The only success I desire in my lifetime is hearing, "well done good and faithful servant."

An Update from New Member Educator Paul Mueller



New Member Educator Paul Mueller

As New Member Educator, I am proud to report that the Hillsdale Kappa Colony has initiated two outstanding men this Fall. Carl Avery and Zachary Miller went through seven weeks of new member education.

We looked at the Delt Creed in detail and talked about the symbolism of Delta Tau Delta as a temple of brotherhood and how that relates specifically to Kappa Colony. We went through the Delt Handbook and looked at the history of the fraternity

and the mechanics of how it operates. The pledges attended study tables and NME meetings for at least ten hours every week during their pledgship.

Another important part of our curriculum was studying the nature and importance of leadership. We discussed the characteristics of various leaders throughout time, what made them successful, and in what ways we can apply these lessons to ourselves and our chapter.

Initiation week involved a variety of events every day

from capture the pumpkin (which doubled as a recruitment event) to our first Formal. The week culminated in the initiation ceremony, where we accepted them as fellow brothers.

I will be handing off the NME responsibilities to Mitchell Klingenberg for next semester. I am sure he will do an outstanding job with our potentially huge Spring pledge class.



Brother Casey Cheney dressed as an Elf with Brother Mitch Roman



Delt's Dancing at the Delta Tau Delta Formal



Brothers (left to right) Michael Sessions, Julius Goertzen, and Mitch Roman speak with WCSR Personality Mike Flynn about Delta Tau Delta Community Service



Brother Julius Goertzen dressed as Delta Claus with four beautiful ladies



Delt's (left to right) Zach Miller, Michael Sessions, Julius Goertzen, and Mitch Roman at the Christmas Party



Brother John Ward with Chi Omega member Naomi Johnson pose with stockings from the joint Chi O—Delt philanthropy event

Report from Community Service Chairman Mitch Roman

The Delts wrapped up a very hardworking productive semester in the community service and philanthropy fields. We have furthered our efforts with Davis Middle School by helping with their Science Olympiad program. Further, we have teamed up with the Chi Omega sorority and sold candy canes for their Make a Wish Foundation. In all, we have been plugged in all over the Hillsdale community, while we still take our weekly shifts with the Meals on Wheels program. We have also continued to unload the monthly food deposits at the Salvation

Army. Along with the activities that the fraternity provides, our members have 300 additional hours of involvement in programs of their choose. This includes programs such as: Youth Group, Crossroads, Boy Scouts, Big Brother Big Sisters, volunteering at the hospital, and hosting tutoring sessions for groups and other students around campus.

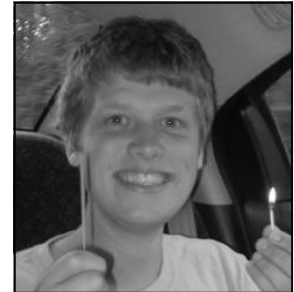
In total, we have logged more than 450 community service. We have been told by those that we help that we have been a blessing to them.

As for philanthropy, our

very own senior and newly appointed Philanthropy Chair, John Ward, organized the first annual "Buy Yo' Crush a Candy Cane" drive with the lovely women of the Chi Omega sorority. Together, we raised over \$200 for the Chi O's "Make a Wish" philanthropy. There will surely be more fun and beneficial philanthropy events in our future.

As the 2008 fall semester comes to a close, the Delta Tau Delta's involvement on campus and in the community does not, and we are looking for another exceptional semester for the Delts in the spring.

**Delta Tau Delta
Kappa Crescent
Colony**



Community Service Chairman Mitch Roman

Donations Welcome!

One of the key aspects required for Kappa Colony to become Kappa Chapter is a solid financial foundation. Brothers are working on the operating budget aspects, while the Alumni Advisory Team (AAT) is working on longer term finances.

Your donations will be very welcome at this point to help build the resources for the new chapter to thrive. We have built on the success of the initial

recruiting process and wish to continue in all aspects of the Colony's goals.

If you wish to make a contribution to Kappa Colony please make your check payable to Hillsdale College and in the Memo portion of the check or separate note dedicate your personal check to Delta Tau Delta Kappa Colony. The donation must be mailed to:

Hillsdale College
33 E. College St,
Hillsdale, MI 49242

Additionally, please check with your company to see if it will match your donation through its matching gift program. Generosity is always rewarded! Many thanks!

Sandy MacMachan '61
(AAT)

If you have any questions about Delta Tau Delta Kappa Crescent Colony or anything pertaining to the Colony, please contact Michael Sessions – Public Relations Chair – at msessions@hillsdale.edu

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