

# KAPPA KLIPPINGS

The Monthly Newsletter of Delta Tau Delta's Kappa Chapter, Hillsdale College



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SCHOLARSHIP  
CUP, PLACES  
SECOND IN  
GREEK WEEK!**



## Senior Reflection: Trevor Shunk



My journey with Kappa Chapter commenced in October of 2008 with Sam Russell on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Lane classroom buildings. Sam had just learned that a national fraternity called Delta Tau Delta hoped to re-colonize on the Hillsdale College campus after a five-year absence. Immediately impressed by the mission and core values of the national fraternity, a radical

idea popped into our heads: 'What if we founded a fraternity that wasn't like other fraternities? What if we founded a fraternity that sought to revive the classical understanding of fraternity: a band of brothers united by common aims and irrevocably dedicated to the shared pursuit of virtue? What if we founded a fraternity that embraced the mission of Hillsdale College and raised the bar for Greek life both on campus and for the nation? What if?'

Two and a half years after Sam and I began asking these questions, I find myself in a brotherhood that has exceeded all of my expectations for what a fraternity could possibly be. I am filled with wonder as I reflect on how far we have come in so short a time. It was a pleasure to be a founder, vice-president, and president, and contribute to the formation of our fraternity in these ways; but perhaps my greatest enjoyment as a Hillsdale Delt has come this spring, as I have stepped away from active leadership and watched the organization turn beautifully without me. With the initiation of our spring pledge class – certainly our best yet – I will be able to walk across the graduation podium and leave this place with every confidence that for at least four more years, this fraternity will be strong. This is because our current pledges are people of great character, and they will not allow things to happen any differently.

But this brings me to what I would like to say, and, I suppose, the last thing I will say to my Kappa brothers and any alumni reading this newsletter before I leave. Anyone who has studied well at Hillsdale College has cultivated an appreciation for good foundations, yet a corresponding realization that these things eventually tend to turn out very badly. The founding of Rome and the founding of the United States of America are the two that come to my mind: both of which began in pursuit of high and beautiful ideals, both of which enjoyed several centuries of flourishing, both of which either ended in tyranny or looked to be heading that way. Therefore, this is my admonition to all of you: never relax. Never be content. Never be finished. Never think you have arrived, or believe you have completed a job well done. Never forget why we began or fail to remember where we are still need to go. Never settle for mediocrity or anything less than the best. As Winston Churchill urged the students of Harrow School in 1941, 'Never give in.'

If any one of you ever does any one of these things, Kappa Chapter will surely fail. It will begin with little things that seem irrelevant, trivial, or absurd objects of scrupulosity. It will then snowball into one great mistake that will incite the national fraternity to yank Kappa's charter; and all of the college administration, professors, alumni, parents and friends, and whoever else supported us, will hang their heads in shame. It will be a horrible day, far worse than what happened seven years ago, and – in my judgment – a great tragedy in the history of this college.

In four weeks, I will be an alumnus of this place and our fraternity. Though I will do my part to stay involved and support Kappa, the responsibility of preserving the ideals of our chapter and moving it forward belongs to the active members, to you. I ask you to acknowledge the seriousness of this task and the importance of your role. And I know you will.

Carry the torch. Make us proud.

# HILLSDALE DELTICS

By Nathan McClallen, Gamma Pledge Class and Collegian Sports Editor



Przemek Grzesiak

Kappa Chapter has one of the most talented intramural basketball teams at Hillsdale College. Inspired by the legendary Boston Celtics of the NBA, the team named the squad the “Deltics,” and purchased matching green and white jerseys for the team. This ensures that every time the team steps on the court, they’re going to look the part, they’re going to play the part, and they’re not going to back down.

This year, the Deltics had a disappointing season, given their high expectations going into the year. Although they finished with a 6-4 record, the team did not finish in the top eight teams, and was forced to watch the playoffs from the sidelines.

New addition and current athletics chair Przemek Grzesiak had a positive impact, as his size and strength in the paint proved vital to the team’s success. Seniors Tyler Sharette, Mitch Klingenberg, and Trevor Shunk were important contributors as well, and will be sorely missed next season. Kappa President Zach Miller got in on the action, leading the team in three pointers made.

To begin the season, the Deltics were matched up against a Faculty team – the reigning IM champions. The Deltics led most of the game, but watched their lead slip away to the bigger, more experienced team in the closing minutes, and lost by four points. In the four losses on the year, the Deltics never were down by more than 6 points.

The final game of the season ended on a more positive note. Matched up against rival Sigma Chi, the Deltics used tenacious defense and superior passing to grind out a win. Junior Brian Steadman was the defensive MVP, after holding the Sigma Chi’s best player to his lowest point total all season. In the post-game huddle, the cry of “Delta Tau Delta” echoed throughout the gym as the defeated opponents watched in silence. Next year, the teams may be different, but the results will be the same.

# Spring Break!

*Four Kappa Delts take a road trip along the East Coast, with much adventure and brotherhood to be had along the way.*

**Day 1:** Brief stay in Port Huron MI at the home of brother Robbie Colgan, then traveling through Canada en route to Niagara Falls, NY

**Day 2:** Sightseeing in Niagara, followed by an overnight visit at the home of brother Carl Avery in Syracuse, NY

**Day 3:** Arrive in Boston and greeted by torrential downpours. Tour Harvard University and spend the night at Beta Nu Chapter at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

**Day 4:** Rendezvous with a Clint's cousin for a personal tour of the city and where to find a bowl of authentic New England-style clam chowder. Overnight pitstop in Brookfield, CT at the home of brother Chris Waters.

**Day 5:** Ventured into New York City to see the Statue of Liberty, walk through Central Park and Time Square, and then proceeded to Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, New Jersey--with NYC directly across the Hudson--to meet the men of Rho Chapter and spend the night.

**Day 6:** Departed for Philadelphia, PA. Saw the Liberty Bell and enjoyed authentic Philly Cheesesteaks, finishing off the day in Chinatown with the purchase of freshly caught mussels, striped bass, and eel. Cooked and prepared the delicious meal at the home of Sam Russell, a Kappa chapter alum, in Baltimore, MD. Spent the night at the house.

**Day 7:** Drove to Washington D.C. to pick-up brother Ben Shelton from the Heritage Foundation and then traveled to Annapolis for an afternoon of sailing on the Chesapeake with Hillsdale College friend Mel Caton.

**Day 8:** Spent the day back in Washington D.C., walking the mall and monuments among the thousands enjoying the cherry blossoms.



**Day 9:** Woke up early and attended Easter Sunday service at the National Cathedral. Shortly after, the long journey home commenced, but not before stopping in Pittsburgh, PA to visit the Duquesne Incline. After entering Michigan once more, brother Johnny Burtka's hot-tub became a welcome and much needed finish to our road-trip.



## Upcoming ΔΤΔ Events:

**April 30: Club Euro, Campus Wide Philanthropic Event**

**November 6th: Homecoming**

All the activity makes November 6 a not-to-miss day on campus! Start planning your visit today! The current brothers of Kappa Chapter would love to meet you! For more information, please visit:

<http://www.hillsdale.edu/support/alumni/events/homecoming.asp>

Check out our newly designed website: [www.hillsdaleelts.org](http://www.hillsdaleelts.org)





## In Memory of Martin G. Atkins, Class of '44. (1922-2010)

On April, 10, 2010, Martin "Bumpy" Atkins, former President of Kappa Chapter, passed away peacefully at 87 years of age in Bridgeport, MI. Following his service in U.S. Army during WWII, Marty earned his Master's degree at St. Lawrence University in New York and soon became the superintendent for Carson City, MI School District.

An innovator in education, Time Magazine recognized him as an influential force in the open classroom concept. In 1979, the city of Bridgeport, MI named him the city's Most Distinguished Citizen and renamed the local elementary school in his honor in 2007, located in the district where he dedicated 15 years of service.

In addition to his career in education, he served as a Lieutenant for the Saginaw County Sheriff's Department for many years. Marty enjoyed many pleasures during his long life: his cottage on Sage Lake, his horses and many other animals on his 10 acres ranch, affectionately known as "A" Bar Ranch.

Cards may be sent to the following recipient:

Mrs. Martin Atkins  
4906 Riverview Dr.  
Bridgeport, MI 48722

### Mission Statement of Delta Tau Delta Kappa Chapter

Kappa Chapter aims to cultivate Gentlemen of noble character.

To attain this end, we pledge to turn our minds toward Truth, foster a spirit of courage and faith, and thereby empower ourselves to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly.

We dwell in the unity of this common purpose, and evince this aim through the brotherhood of true friendship, the enrichment of our liberal education, service to our fellow man, and obedience to Almighty God.

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