

# Kappa Klippings

The Monthly Newsletter of Delta Tau Delta's Kappa Chapter

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*Kappa Chapter aims to cultivate gentlemen of noble character.*

*To attain this end, we pledge to turn our minds towards 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.*

*Featured This Month:*

**Meet Zeta:  
The New Pledges**



# Meet the Pledges



Name: Scott Rode

Year: Sophomore

Hometown: Linden, MI

Academic Concentration(s): English & Biology, Pre-Med

What do you think you will bring to the Fraternity?

In all aspects of my life, I strive to live by St. Francis' wisdom: "Preach the Gospel, if necessary use words." As a result, I feel that simply because I strive to do that does not in any way make me perfect (or even close), but it does show that I continue to try and make myself better in all aspects: academics, extra-curriculars, and spiritual growth. In this way, I feel that I can continue to uphold the good name of the fraternity by striving to live by example.



Name: Jordan Adams

Year: Sophomore

Hometown: Highland, MI

Academic Concentration(s):  
Political Economy



Why did you join Delta Tau Delta?

I joined Delta Tau Delta, first and foremost, because I hoped that it would help build me into a better man. I hope to build and strengthen my virtues and try to eliminate my vices. I want to be solidly resolute, and yet yielding in the appropriate circumstances, and I believed that in addition to my faith, my family, and Hillsdale College, Delta Tau Delta will further instill these character traits in me. Furthermore, I recognize that Delta Tau Delta is a brotherhood where men of common beliefs work together and I feel that Delta Tau Delta will assist me in areas where I am lacking confidence, such as public speaking, group work, and projects. Kappa Chapter would also provide me with more opportunities to give to others simply as an organized avenue to helping in the community.



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Name: Brad Francis

Year: Sophomore

Hometown: Marine City, MI

Academic Concentration(s): Psychology,  
Spanish, Chemistry, & Biology

What is the purpose of Delta Tau Delta?

The purpose of Delta Tau Delta is to teach its members what it means to be a man: to "cultivate Gentleman of noble character." I believe the men of Delta Tau Delta achieve this end by bettering themselves and their brothers through mutual encouragement and accountability: pushing and motivating each other through their actions. These actions may be related to philanthropy, leadership, or accountability, but, in all cases, I believe the men of Delta Tau Delta exemplify the things I value most in my life: trust (the ability to be trusted and to trust others), friendship (the ability to develop and value many close relationships between brothers), and the active humility (the ability to be strong yet modest and respectful around others). Immersion in an atmosphere that constantly provides positive influences causes a chain reaction and leaves only men who better themselves and their brothers as a result.

# Brotherhood and Karaoke



Clint Westbrook, Carl Avery, Zack Miller, Alessandro Pia, Zach King, Mitch Roman

Sometime in mid October, Hillsdale College releases her students from their studies and commitments for a reprieve known as Fall Break. Setting ridiculously lofty goals for myself, I always plans to write papers or read weighty works. Of course, none of these expectations are ever fulfilled—Fall Break is rather a great time of relaxation; a time to recharge the batteries before end of semester exams and papers come raining down like some apocalyptic judgment.

Resigning myself to a completely unproductive break, I had the privilege of accompanying some of my Delt Brothers to Hillsdale’s Biological Station—a cross between an ecological preserve and a retreat center. So on Friday morning we drove almost four hours north to the rural town of Luther, Michigan. Along the way we stocked up on food from Meijer, a superstore which could merit its own zip code. The breadth of products sold and strange sub-stores within this humongous complex makes me

wonder when the company execs will install a hospital, chapel, and funeral home for the ultimate all-in-one shopping experience. After picking up tons of fatty and soon to be fried foods (read bacon) we soon arrive at the “Bio” Station.

In this nature preserve, brilliant yellow, orange, and red leaves contrast with the dull brown undergrowth and deep navy lake. The silence is surprising. You quickly realize just how busy even the tiny town of Hillsdale can be. This absence of background noise has an alien quality for us modern men, so used to the urban and suburban buzz—or at least the familiar sound of eighteen wheelers downshifting nearby.



Mitch Roman, Carl Avery



Carl Avery, Zack Miller

As we lose ourselves in these remote environs during a walk around the lake, we toss the football, climb trees, and jokingly debate the merits of throwing brother Fink into the lake. Dinner is a joint effort, and as we digest the delicious chicken cooked by Drew French, we start playing a ridiculous card game called “Munchkin” late into the night.

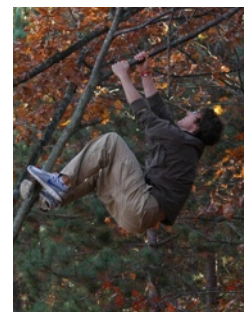
Saturday is a day of laziness, fried food, and college football. When we finally get up, we cook our breakfast in bacon grease and enjoy even more cards. During the afternoon, Alessandro Pia and myself decide to brave the rain for a trail run. However, what was intended as a

twenty minute jaunt becomes a fifty minute death march when we found the trail maps to be incomprehensible. Fortunately, Pia is a veteran runner who keeps me from succumbing to despair and (miraculously) finds our way back to the cabin. Glad to have escaped hypothermia, I celebrate modern water heating afterwards with a scalding shower.

As night falls, the upperclassmen introduce us to local Michigan culture by taking us to the “Logger’s Landing” bar. It has all the trappings of a classic rural establishment, complete with a menu of greasy foods, a floor of peanut shells, and

a complete karaoke set up. We, of course, were the only ones using the karaoke apparatus. Yet, we braved the stares of locals (and periodic boos as certain brothers attempt “Beauty and the Beast”) while performing (mostly terrible) renditions of popular (or not so popular, considering the composition of the audience) songs.

As the weekend drew to a close, I realized how blessed I am to share brotherhood with the fine men of Kappa Chapter. Are they a little bit odd? Perhaps. Crazy at times? Certainly. But I hold them all in the highest regard.



Alessandro Pia

# Homecoming 2010

## Friday, November 5:

- 7:00 pm Volleyball vs. Northern Michigan
- 8:00 pm Concert featuring Sam Johnson and Drew French
- 9:00 pm Student Activities Board Homecoming Bonfire and Fireworks Show

## Saturday, November 6:

- 10:00 am Hillsdale College hosts 2010 GLIAC Cross Country Championships
- 10:00 am Alumni Chapter Meeting
- 11:00 am Women's Swimming vs. Findlay and Alma
- 11:30 am At the corner of College and Union, Bratwurst and Pledge Class Chili Cook-Off
- 1:30 pm Homecoming Parade
- 2:30 pm Football vs. University of Findlay
- Halftime Cheer on Jon Gregg, our nomination for Homecoming King, during halftime.

## Sunday, November 7:

- 2:00 pm Volleyball vs. Michigan Tech

Return to your alma mater to cheer the Hillsdale Chargers on to victory, and reunite with alumni and actives of Kappa Chapter!



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