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A Word from the President ...

By Claire Siu

Everyone thinks that President is a glorifying position to hold, a position where you get recognized. However, I see it to be more than just that, I see it as a challenge and experience I have not yet faced. I perceived it as the next level of self improvement; I knew that the position would allow me to learn and gain a great deal of knowledge and skills. I had no doubt that my leadership, professional, communication, skills would not enhance if I did not take the opportunity of running for president. If I had forgone this chance to enhance myself, it would have been a great opportunity cost.

What does it mean to become president? I can't just say a president's duty is to preside even though he/she does so. Basically, as president, I act as a facilitator who oversees the pledge class, making sure things run smoothly, in addition to keeping up the morale of the pledge class. I am the main link between the pledge class and the pledge parents. If and when problems arose for a president, and a solution is not apparent, then that is when I had to use my leadership senses to set boundaries, and believe me

it was not easy.

I have held various leadership positions before, but never president, so, I may not have been a perfect president, but I strived to do the best I could. It was not an easy job but it's was a very rewarding experience. Rewarding because I have gained so much. Being president allowed me to work with each one of my pledge brothers intimately, which in return, enabled me to get to know them. I really enjoyed being

our pledge class president. Having such great pledge brothers made it all the more worthwhile. They are often on top of things and when concerns arose, they were quickly resolved. I

can't stress enough the importance of trust, communicating, negotiating, collaborating, and motivating people you work with because it makes the process much more easier and enjoyable. I enjoyed every moment of pledging and have grown so much from it. Now I understand what the brothers mean when they said "pledging is the most memorable moment" because I have been through it and I can speak proudly upon my own experiences.



Go Claire! It's your birthday! Gonna' sip Sprite, cause it's your birthday!

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I'm gonna be a mighty Upsilon, so Brothers, BEWARE!

“Why set boundaries on what you can do when the sky can be your limit?”

Schedule of Events

Feb. 18 – Upsilon Pledging

Ceremony

Feb. 19 – Pledge Party at Chuck E Cheese!

March 1– Fundraiser: Lampost Pizza

March 8– Big Bro/ Lil Bro Revealing

April 3– Brotherhood Games

April 4– Car Wash at Albertson's

April 5– Fundraiser: Magazine Sales begin

April 9– Magazine Sales End

April 9– Fundraiser: Krispy Kremes

April 12– Fundraiser: Lampost Pizza (again)

April 13– Grad School of Management Presentation

April 15– Brother Party

April 17– Picnic Day

April 18– Final Exam

April 24– Western Regional Initiation

May 14– Nu Rho 's Spring Banquet



March 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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The Upsilon Pledge Class

Claire Siu	President
Jeremy Joe	Professional Chair
Alexander Vahdat	Finance Chair
Tesia Bell	Community Service Chair
Eva Klein	Activities Chair
Stephanie Chan	Secretary
Jessica Liu	Treasurer
Karina Huynh, Ceanne Ha	Chancellor
Priscilla Tam	Historian
Ceanne Ha	Newsletter Chair
Jueryll Buan	Pledge Dad
Noreen Chan	Pledge Mom
Joseph Yen	Head Quizmaster
Christopher Wong	Quizmaster
Vicki Wu	Quizmaster



NIA: Newly Initiated Advisor



By Hillary Hoynes

I am very pleased to be a faculty advisor for Delta Sigma Pi. I found out about DSP by getting to know students in my Economic classes. In fact, last fall I was teaching two upper division Economics courses and there was a *huge* block of DSP students taking both classes. I have always been impressed with the DSP brothers—they are smart, motivated and engaged in the material. It is a pleasure. I thought that since I was new to the fraternity, I would take this opportunity to tell you a little bit about me.

I was born in Connecticut but spent most of my childhood in Madison, Wisconsin. I grew up in a university setting—my dad is a professor of Economics (yikes) and my mom (now retired) worked as a statistical programmer. I moved around a bit as a child, spending time in the Philippines, Boston, and Stanford. I spent a lot of time swimming—I was a pretty successful competitive swimmer attending national competitions and even winning a gold medal at the State High School Championships. After high school, I went to Colby College, a small liberal arts college in Maine. A very different setting than UCD! I always liked Math and thought I would be a Math major, but eventually ended up as an Econ/Math major.

After college, I worked for four years in Washington DC at a consulting firm, ICF Incorporated. I loved living in a city for the first time and was in no rush to go to graduate school. But eventually I decided to leave DC and headed out to California to get my PhD in Economics at Stanford University. My first job as a professor was at UC Berkeley. I was there from 1992-2000. I came to Davis as a tenured professor in July 2000. I love it here.

Here at Davis, I am actively engaged in teaching and research. In my research, I am interested in poverty, inequality and especially in welfare policy and government transfer programs. In particular, I study the impacts of labor markets and government programs on family structure, demographics, and living arrangements. Recently I have been analyzing the impacts of federal welfare reform on child well-being including examining impacts on child poverty, family income, and the living arrangements of children.

I am also interested in assisting policy makers in designing public policy. In that capacity, I am a member of the CalWORKS (California's welfare reform program) advisory committee and a member of the research advisory board at the Public Policy Institute of California. I have made a presentation on the Earned Income Tax Credit to staff members in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, and contributed to several GAO reports.

As for my personal life—I am married and have two girls. I met my husband in college and we have been married for almost 15 years. He works in advertising and film production services. My children are 7 and 10 years old and take up lots of my time. As many of you know, I live in Berkeley but am regularly on the UC Davis campus.

Thanks for the opportunity to introduce myself. I look forward to meeting more of you soon.

10 TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL PUBLIC SPEAKING *BROUGHT TO YOU BY* TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL AND FOUND BY JEREMY JOE

Feeling some nervousness before giving a speech is natural and healthy. It shows you care about doing well. But too much nervousness can be detrimental. Here's how you can control your nervousness and make effective memorable presentations:

1. Know the room. Be familiar with the place in which you will speak. Arrive early, walk around the speaking area and practice using the microphone and any visual aids.
2. Know the audience. Greet some of the audience as they arrive. It's easier to speak to a group of friends than to a group of strangers.
3. Know your material. If you're not familiar with your material or uncomfortable with it, your nervousness will increase. Practice your speech and revise it if necessary.
4. Relax. Ease tension by doing exercises.
5. Visualize yourself giving your speech. Imagine yourself speaking. Your voice loud, clear and assured. When you visualize yourself as successful, you will be successful.
6. Realize that people want you to succeed. Audiences want you to be interesting, stimulating, informative and entertaining.
7. Don't apologize. If you mention your nervousness or apologize for any problems you may think you have with your speech, you may be calling the audience's attention to something they hadn't noticed. Keep silent.
8. Concentrate on the message—not the medium. Focus your attention.
9. Turn nervousness into positive energy. Harness your nervous energy and transform it into vitality and enthusiasm.
10. Gain experience. Experience builds confidence, which is the key to effective speaking.

Guess Who?

How well do **you** know the Upsilon's? Match the profiles with their pictures!!



Alex Vadhat



Ceanne Ha



Claire Siu



Eva Klein

- **What "gold" are you reaching for?**

The gold that I am reaching for is attending a good law school, so I can pursue the profession of my dreams.

- **What values and or morals do you hold strongly?**

I value my friends and family very highly. Honesty and integrity are morals that guide me through my day.

- **What is a unique hobby of yours?**

I don't think I have a hobby no one knows about. Although, I follow politics closely.

- **What astrological sign are you?**

I am a Scorpio.

- **What is the most embarrassing moment that has happened to you during pledging?**

At the pledge party when I tapped the wrong person on the shoulder thinking it was Claire.

- **What is the weirdest thing you have eaten?**

Hmm.. I'm a straight shooter when it comes to food, I stick to basics.

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- **What "gold" are you reaching for?**

A successful business woman in the corporate world who enjoys her job and still has time for other things in life.

- **What values and/or morals do you hold strongly?**

Respect for family, especially parents and friendships.

- **What is a unique hobby of yours?**

Making fleece pillows and paper mache boxes

- **What astrological sign are you?**

Aquarius

- **What is the most embarrassing moment that has happened to you during pledging?**

Singing "She Bangs" at the big bro/lil bro revealing.

- **What is the weirdest thing that you have eaten?**

Frog...it tastes like chicken

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- **What "gold" are you reaching for?**

After attaining a B.S. in Man. Econ. I hope to have a job in a management position for a firm, and later attain an MBA at a prestigious grad school.

- **What values and/or morals do you hold strongly?**

Honesty and trust is key to any relationship. Friendship is valued greatly.

- **What is a unique hobby of yours?**

I like to shoot pool, have time alone and play video games.

- **What is your astrological sign?**

Capricorn

- **What is your most embarrassing moment that has happened to you during pledging?**

Randomly tripping when I walk.

- **What is the weirdest thing you have eaten?**

Pig's tongue.

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- **What "gold" are you reaching for?**

I still haven't really figured out what I want to do with my life after college. I am very indecisive, but I do hope to see myself in a CEO position making much mula! \$\$

- **What values and/or morals do you hold strongly?**

I think everyone should always be honest, and respectful. I believe in order to get ahead in life, one should always respect others.

- **What is a unique hobby of yours?**

Nothing really, by looking at me, you could probably tell I am a book worm and a TV-holic.

- **What astrological sign are you?**

I am a Taurus.

- **What is the most embarrassing moment that has happened to you during pledging?**

Hmm. Which story to tell? Just kidding. My impression of Al Keith could be embarrassing, (but it wasn't).

- **What is the weirdest thing you have eaten?**

I got close to eating a cow tongue.

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- **What "gold" are you reaching for?**

My gold is at the end of the rainbow. Where it might lead me I'm not sure yet...I'm just striving for the "impossible" and enjoying the journey!

- **What values and/or morals do you hold strongly?**

On a lighter note, friends don't let friends drive drunk! So hand over the keys—I'm driving!

- **What is a unique hobby of yours?**

I like flowers.

- **What astrological sign are you?**

Cancer

- **What is the most embarrassing moment that has happened to you during pledging?**

My excessive tripping and klutz-like behavior, everywhere, everyday.

- **What is the weirdest thing you have eaten?**

All food is good food!! :9

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"The only way to fail is to not try in the first place"



Jeremy Joe



Jessica Liu



Priscilla Tam



Stephanie Chan



Tesia Bell

- **What "gold" are you reaching for?**

To uphold my parents expectations, and to achieve my dreams: which is becoming a prominent figure in the corporate world.

- **What values and/or morals do you hold strongly?**

Staying true to yourself; and having a good heart.

- **What is a unique hobby of yours?**

Like my big bro, I like listening to gangster rap! =D

- **What astrological sign are you?**

I am a Taurus.

- **What is the most embarrassing moment that has happened to you during pledging?**

Accidentally walking in on a woman in the public restroom during the pledge community service event, she didn't lock her door!!

- **What is the weirdest thing you have eaten?**

Cow brains from a taco truck. I thought it'd make me smarter, it just made me lighter....

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- **What "gold" are you reaching for?**

A successful career in the corporate area and later in the world of international entrepreneurship. I want to bring back the feelings of relaxation and wonderfulness into busy people's lives by introducing different projects for future development.

- **What values and/or morals do you hold strongly?**

Family values, business ethics, friendship, and society morals and values. Honesty and loyalty should also be held.

- **What is a unique hobby of yours?**

I don't think I have one that people wouldn't know by looking at me, but I like to sew.

- **What is your astrological sign?**

I am a Pisces.

- **What is the most embarrassing moment that has happened to you during pledging?**

I am one of the lucky ones who haven't experienced any embarrassing moments

- **What is the weirdest thing you have eaten?**

Alligator, supposedly, it's a herbal medicine to cure asthma.

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- **What "gold" are you reaching for?**

I just want to have some business knowledge and have connections between people because that leads to information.

- **What values and/or morals do you hold strongly?**

I have no morals. Well, except for being ruthless until I get to the top.

- **What is a unique hobby that you have taken up that a person would not know by looking at you?**

I draw whenever I can, it lets me relax and enjoy the nature of life.

- **What astrological sign are you?**

Leo

- **What is the most embarrassing moment that has happened to you during pledging?**

Too much stuff to remember. Everyday I am embarrassing. At least that's what my friends say.

- **What is the weirdest thing you have eaten?**

Chicken feet. I usually won't try something that doesn't have two or four feet.

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- **What "gold" are you reaching for?**

To make sure that I am always challenging myself in new ways.

- **What values and/or morals do you hold strongly?**

Honesty and respect. You can go through life without those.

- **What is a unique hobby that you have taken up that a person would not know by looking at you?**

I knit. I know, I don't always believe it either.

- **What is your astrological sign?**

Scorpio

- **What is the most embarrassing thing that has happened to you during pledging?**

Probably falling in the middle of the quad on my way to class.

- **What is the weirdest thing you have eaten?**

French fries and mayonnaise. It's so good.

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"The early bird may get the worm but the late rising always lives"

Professional Monkey Dancer, No Wait ... I Mean...

Eleven
roses,
counting
Jeremy
makes a
dozen!
; o)



By Jeremy Joe

Obtaining the professional chair for the Upsilon pledge class of Delta Sigma Pi was my first choice upon receiving the honor of being a recruit. This position is one

of the main aspects of the Fraternity because professionalism is an ongoing learning process of how the business world works.

Going into the position after elections, I had many ideas and was very hopeful of the things I wanted to get to my fellow pledge brothers. However, little did I know, my goals and ideas would be crushed by the big ugly monster called Time. With professional events falling through my finger tips left and right, it had me running around frantically like a wild monkey trying to find new events.

As the quarter came to a close and finals week crept up on us, I finally secured a deal with the University of California, Davis Graduate School of Management.

With the event, I'm again in wild monkey dance mode, hoping all will go well. I hope that through out this recruiting process, I was able to bring improvements of my fellow brothers with my handouts on interviewing, resumes, and other resources. It is important to keep learning everyday because knowledge is power and "with great power comes great responsibility" (Uncle Ben from Spiderman). Hopefully I gave you some professional knowledge in my term so you can handle your responsibilities later in life.

Thinking of Graduate School?

By Jeremy Joe

For the first and last professional event of the Upsilon Pledge Class, we had a presentation from the UC, Davis Graduate School of Management (GSM). As myself, Jeremy Joe, was the host. We started our presentation with roughly 20 students eager to learn more about Graduate school, with some exceptions of those that had to be there because they were our mom and dad. Our first speaker was Heather O'Leary who is the Assistant Director of Admissions and Recruitment for the UC, Davis GSM. Informing the audience of basics of admission and classes. The other two speakers were the first year GSM students named Christopher Welsh and Jennifer Argent. They enlightened the group with their experiences such as moving up in the job market

with only an undergraduate degree, liking the classes (unlike undergrads where we all want to get out as quickly as possible) and increasing our admission chances by getting our names out to the admission officers by sending out "thank you" cards to Heather each year.

Although that last one may not be so true, lots of positive feedback was given off from this event. The turn out may not have been very high, but the information received was priceless.

For more information about the UC, Davis GSM, contact:

Heather O'Leary
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Or Visit their website:
www.gsm.ucdavis.edu



Future UC Davis, Graduate School of Management students!



Chris, Heather, Jennifer, and Jeremy

"There is nothing to fear but fear itself"

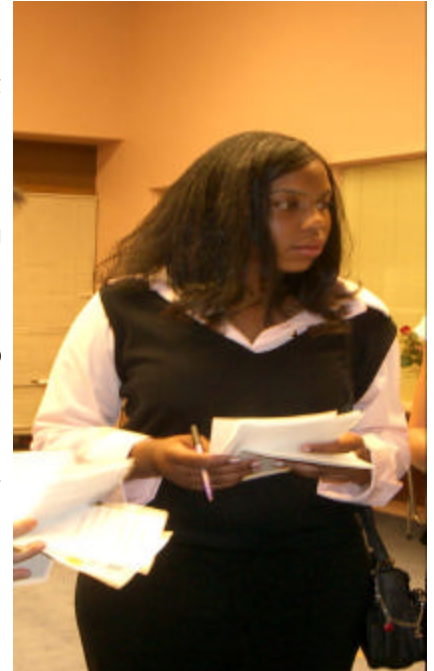
Upsilon s Growing t hrough Community Service

By Tesia Bell

When I first discovered there were elections and positions to run for during the pledging term I immediately wanted to be historian (after looking at the positions in the pledge book of course). I thought, 'hey, here is a job that can expose my creative side, something I can have fun with.' I began to reminisce about the many wonderful and great creative ideas that I could put into this project, if elected. But as I began to think about it and talk to people about the position I wanted to run for, my desired position began to change. I realized I needed to grow a little more, take on a greater responsibility in order to truly benefit from my position. I also wanted to do something that I had been trying to do since I first came to college, volunteer. It was then when I thought that the Community Service Chair would suit me best. Not only would I take on a greater responsibility, but I would be forced to do community service. I know that sounds bad but let me explain. When it becomes a person's responsibly to do something, they usually do it and I knew if elected to Community Service, that it would allow me to definitely do something I love to do and be responsible for it too. Also, community service is a way to give back to the community and possibly make a difference in someone's life. I wanted to be able to do that and I thought it would be cool to have the opportunity of planning events that would allow all my pledge brothers and brothers to participate in.

When I was elected, you can imagine how happy I was because not only did I get my first choice, but I would get to do something I enjoyed. At the same time, I knew this task would not be easy but a challenge that I was ready to face. Planning an event was way beyond my norm. I was use to watching TV, reading books and worrying about me, myself, and I. Not anymore, I suddenly held a position that involved other people and these people were depending on me to pull the event off successfully. But that didn't phase me to much because I knew I could I do it, especially with the support of my pledge brothers, brothers, friends and family. I wanted to make the community service events fun, interesting, and different if possible. I don't know if I necessarily achieved all these things, but I do think that we helped make a difference in someone's life and that it is the most important thing.

My experience as community service chair of the Upsilon pledge class was a rewarding one. I learned how to plan events, work with others, and improve on my public speaking skills. I know I would have took a lot longer before I had the courage to call up a place and randomly ask them to volunteer, it may sound weird, but its true. I am able to do it now because meeting the requirements and not letting my pledge class down was my motivation. I am glad that I had the privilege of holding this position and I wouldn't change it for the world.



**Teisa hard at work.
12, 43, 123, 135...no, no wait, you
need to sort them by buyer! Or
was it number? AHHH!**



**Upsilon s after a night of our
humanitarian accomplishment.**

Helping the Community

By Tesia Bell

Ahhh...community servicea way to give back to the community and find out that there is a generous side to even the meanest people, j/k. But seriously, community service is a way to put a smile on someone's face or to simply help a person in need, even if it is indirectly. This pledging term, the Upsilon s were apart of two community service events. Our first event, March 13th, 2004, was to help out the local Sutter hospital. It was no ordinary community service event because the Upsilon s actually got to take part in an auction, no we were not the items for sale, hehe but we did play an integral part in it. We had the opportunity to engage in what goes on behind the scenes of a silent auction. Us pledges and our pledge dad spent a night figuring out who had the highest bid. There after, we collected money from the highest bidders and gave them their prizes. It was an

interesting night and one where we had the chance to put our communication skills to good use. I won't go into too much detail on everything else we did that night, but for you Upsilon s, do selling raffle tickets ring a bell?

The second community service event occurred on April 16th, 2004, at the Sierra Convalescent Hospital. The requirement of this event was for us to come in the 1940's-1960's attire. Although, some people came in dressed in the wrong decade; there were outfits that looked more like they were from 1970's. Fortunately, I don't think people really noticed. In the end, I had the elderly judge everyone's outfits, and Eva took home the prize in her polka-dot skirt and hat ensemble. That is not all that happened, we also played bingo and a new game called apple to apple with the elderly. The best part about this community service event is that we all put a smile on the elders faces. I hope they enjoyed our company, as much as we enjoyed theirs because that is the real and true reward you can get from this.

“Life can be so eccentric, live it, love it.”

“WHHhaAAAAAt?”

Guess that Phrase!

1.

seeing seeing

2.

OFFICE

3.

hand

4.

dress

How well do you know the purpose of Delta Sigma Pi?

Test your knowledge!

Delta _____ Pi is a professional _____ organized _____ foster the study of _____ in universities; to encourage _____, social activity and the _____ of students for _____ mutual advancement _____ research and practice; to promote closer _____ between _____ commercial world and students of _____, and to further a higher standard _____ commercial ethics _____ culture and the civic and _____ welfare of the community _____

Answers to Guess that Phrase! 1. seeing double, 2. Central Office 3. Invisible Hand 4. Dress Up

~ The Magical Night of Nu Rho ~



It was definitely a magical night for Alex, as Jeremy embraces him for a kiss on the cheek!

By Eva Klein

Much like every other term, we pledges threw the brothers a party in return for their help throughout the pledging process. The theme for this year's Brother Party was "The Magical World of Nu Rho". Held at Putah Creek Lodge, this Disney-oriented party was more than just a blast from the past. Food themes from five different Disney movies created the dinner menu, and games from the all too distant birthday parties filled the nights activities agenda.

Arts and Crafts, pin-the-tail-on-the-donkey, face painting and board games were several of the activities we took part in. And along with a piñata and a toy raffle, brothers and pledges came together to sing their

hearts out to tunes by Britney Spears and favorites from the Grease soundtrack.

Though a large enough mess was created throughout the night, we felt the night was a success in giving everyone a chance to get in touch with the child inside once again.

We hoped this year's theme and activities would remind everyone that although we are beyond the childish years of birthday cakes and goody bags, piñatas, and face-painting, there is always time to relax and have a good time, much like we did as kids. And a little Karaoke never hurts, especially when it involves full-grown men shouting "I'm not a girl...not yet a woman!"



Chris, if only 50 cent could see you now!



I think someone had a little *too much* sparkling cider.

Upsilon's Top Interviewing Tips

Compiled by Jeremy Joe

- Be Prepared for ANYTHING!
- If you mess up, don't let it affect the rest of your interview.
- Answer honestly, don't be afraid to show your genuine self, that will always show the best side of you
- Learn to be less nervous and pressured
- Review any and all information pertinent to any job or back history of it prior to interview as means of preparation, especially when you don't know what is expected at the interview
- Take the time to think answers thoroughly before responding to the questions, so the answers flow and sound more well presented and together
- Be sure you have a smile on your face
- Have confidence in your responses
- Always know the company you are interviewing for inside and out
- Bring a blue or black pen
- Don't stress out the night before, get a good night sleep in order to wake up on time and not have to rush in the morning and forget things
- Don't fidget, it makes you look pretty nervous even though you probably are. Not only does it distract the interviewer, but it is also a little unprofessional.

Lampost made it happen!

By Priscilla Tam

The Upsilon Pledge Class kicked off their pledge term with a fundraiser at Lampost Pizza on Lake Blvd in Davis on Monday, March 1. For a first time, they did a pretty decent job, earning \$158. The fundraising started as early as 4:00 pm as Alex and Claire sat and chatted in the sports themed atmosphere of the pizzeria. Ordering the first pizza for the class, they await the arrival of brothers and the rest of their fellow pledges.

Later that night, the place was packed! For a Monday night, it was a sight to see. The brothers truly supported the pledges by dropping by or ordering food. They also added to the lively atmosphere; thanks again; they appreciated it! The pledges were running back and forth and had a hard time being together in the same place, at the same

time. Many pledges went to make deliveries to friends and floor mates to earn that extra bit of money. When they finally had the chance to, this first fundraiser became the official one for the pledge term. Lampost became a place where the Upsilon's could always fall back on for some extra money to put into the account. Thanks Lampost!



Professionalism at it's finest.

All About the Benjamin's, Baby!!

By Alexander Vadhat

As finance chair, the main thing that I'm in charge of is raising money to fund the events of the pledge class. Events such as the Lamppost Pizza fundraisers, the car wash at Albertson's, and the campusfundraiser.com Magazine Drive, were all planned in order to raise funds to put on all the events that the Upsilon Pledge Class hosted throughout the pledge term. Throughout this pledge term, there have been definite up's and down's.

Another duty as finance chair is to try and make the best of the "down's." When everyone is worrying about the money situation, it is my job to alleviate any worries and work with the pledges to see the best way to go about certain events, so everything can go carefree and smoothly. Although some things go smoothly, others don't.

Taking on the position of finance chair has been one of the toughest, yet most rewarding, jobs for me in my short tenure here in Davis. I have had the great pleasure to work with nine other individuals to plan out effective fundraisers. How else could ten people get together and raise a quick one hundred dollars from Lamppost Pizza fundraiser with three days of preparation?

Working with my pledge



Alex, have you ever thought about professional modeling?

brothers has been one of the best experiences of my life. In addition, to working effectively on finance with my pledge bros, I have also been able to get my feet wet with event planning. This finance position has been the first real experience I've had with event planning. In high school and my first quarter or two in college, I've always helped out at events, but never taken a lead role. So, as finance chair, I have gained valuable experience for the future in event planning. Although I have gained so much from being in charge of planning fundraising events, I have had to take on the stress entailed with event planning.

With any event planning situations, there are some unexpected twists. Safe to say, these unexpected twists occurred during our pledge term. The magazine drive is a great example. I went into damage control. After some quick brainstorming, we

were able to come up with events that would cover the loss, with a Lamppost Pizza Fundraiser, Krispy Kreme fundraising certificate sales, and helping the brothers out on Picnic Day. Due to some quick thinking and planning, the pledge class and I were able to show our resilience with financing. To me in the end, I was the chair of a committee, not a pledge brother in charge and in control of everything.

Toward the end of the pledge term, the pledge class and I started to collaborate a lot more on finance events because of unexpected twists along the road, and the experience has been extremely rewarding. Like I've been trying to say, this position and pledge term has been one of the most memorable experiences of my life, and I'm glad I could have contributed to the Upsilon's in all the ways I have.



What's everyone looking at?

Mission ~~Impossible~~ Possible



Two plus two is eight, no wait...

By Jessica Liu

Your mission, if you choose to accept it, is to uphold the name of Delta Sigma Pi as you prove yourself worthy as a pledge and take on the responsibilities of treasurer.

Who you gonna call? Liu, Jessica Liu.

"Do we have enough money to put on this event?" "How much money do we have in the account?" "I need to give you my receipt!" These were common phrases that I heard throughout my pledging term. Can you guess what position I was?

Yup, that's right, I was the all mighty treasurer. As treasurer I was in charge of opening the pledge class bank account, ordering checkbooks, keeping track of account balances and sending them out regularly and making sure the pledge class had enough money to fund the various events we put on. Being treasurer taught me valuable lessons in handling financial funds as well as organizational skills. I made excel sheets to easily keep track of account balances and make it clear and concise for everyone to understand.

Treasurer is an essential part of the pledging process and of any organization because we are the ones

who keep track of all the account transactions. Every cent that comes in and out will go through us.

I initially ran for treasurer because I wanted to hold an important job that also gave me the chance to get to know my pledge brothers as well as the chapter brothers. I knew that almost all events are revolved around money, and

what better way to have the opportunity to work with them closely than to be the class treasurer? After I got the position, I thoroughly researched my duties as treasurer and quickly began to complete my tasks. Having never held the position of treasurer before, I was not sure what to expect. I mostly thought I just had to keep track of the money coming in and out. I did not realize there were many more behind the scenes jobs installed for me. Keeping track of event budgets was important to make sure there was enough money to fund each affair. I also had to make sure those who spent money would get their money reimbursed; that required me to decide whether the money was necessary to be spent. As treasurer, I realized that paying attention to detail is a strong trait to be successful. Besides conducting finance related responsibilities, I frequently offered to help other officers with their duties and activities as well. Even if I was unable to attend the event, I would always offer to assist in any aspect of the preparation process. As a pledge this quarter, I have been exposed to so many different aspects of the business field. From etiquette to graduate school information. Being a

part of the Upsilon pledge class has been a time I will never forget. We've had our agreements and disagreements as well as various other ups and downs, but nonetheless we have overcome them all during our eight week pledging period. During this time a bond that can not be described as anything but amazing was formed and I can proudly say that these people are my pledge bros.

At the Car Wash...

By Alexander Vadhat

Well, we've had a lot of finance events, and even though these events are extremely important for the pledge class, they have also been extremely fun. The car wash is a prime example. What could be more fun than spraying your fellow pledge brothers with water on a hot day? If I remember correctly, Claire was thoroughly soaked after this finance event. This was probably one of the most memorable events. Although not all the pledge bros could be at the event (there were only six of us), it was still very successful and very fun. A lot of cars came through, and we all had a fun time washing cars, and enjoying each other's company on that hot day. All the people who got their car washed were extremely nice as well. Most of them stood around and talked with us as we washed their cars. It was fun to talk to all the different people. One man had come all the way from Nevada for the UC Davis Pow wow and was heading back to Nevada, which was pretty exciting. Anyway, the point is that the car wash, like most of the other finance events was a lot of fun as we raised money for the pledge class, it didn't even seem like work! I had a great time, but I think I still owe Jeremy a few showers.

Eva Say Relax!



Have no fear, Christopher Robin is here!

By Eva Klein

My name is Eva Klein and I am VP of Activities for my pledge class. One of my responsibilities for this position is to hold various social events throughout the pledging term to help bond the pledge class. Contrary to what I expected, there was not much free time to have these type of events, though we did manage to squeeze a few in here and there. My main responsibility for the pledging term is the Brother Party. Planning the Brother Party is far more stressful than I expected, but at least there will be a fun outcome in the end to reward everyone for their hard efforts. The reason I enjoy this position is because it really requires all the pledges to work together. We all have to contribute and work hard so the Brother Party runs smoothly, and thankfully I have the help and support of an amazing group of people!

Holding this position has taught me a lot about time management, compromising and relaxing. "Relaxing?!?" you may ask. Well yes, if you don't know me yet, I'm a bit of a stress ball. So for me, a huge obstacle I'm learning to overcome is how to relax! Last quarter I learned to juggle a job, 18 units, training for job 2, pledging AND tried to maintain what was left of my social life. OK, some of you may have even more than this going on...and all I have to say is...what is your secret to not

freaking out?!? Luckily, everyone has been really supportive of me throughout this entire process, which includes Brothers, pledges, friends and family. Along with learning to juggle my time, I've learned how to compromise. First I must compromise with my pledge class when

it comes to time conflicts and decision-making for holding social events. Second, I must learn to compromise with myself. I have to prioritize the things in my life and sometimes that means making sacrifices... a.k.a. opportunity costs!!

This position is important for pledging because it teaches everyone how to make compromises, how to be organized and how to meet deadlines, and my favorite, how to be efficient! This position is no one-man job; you need a great team of people to make it run smoothly. And, obviously, you need people to attend the events, otherwise you kind of missed the point. In case anyone is wondering if there are things I wish I would have done differently, I would probably say YES! But, I am also a firm believer that everything happens for a reason, and you can always learn something from the way things occurred. If this position was easy and required little mental stimulation, I wouldn't consider it such an important aspect of pledging!!



That's Mr. Eva to you! (nice moustache!)

What professionalism means to me

By The Upsilon's

Alex: To me, professionalism can be summed up in a couple sentences. Professionalism is conducting one's self in a dignified and organized manner in order to complete all the tasks one needs to complete. In addition, in doing one's tasks in a professional manner, peers would look to that person admirably and as someone who does his or her work well.

Ceanne: It's all about how you conduct yourself. It's important to have confidence in what you do. As well as having respect, and loyalty for everyone around you. Look sharp. Be knowledgeable about what you're doing and why you're doing it.

Claire: Always know how to behave in different situations.

Eva: In any given social situation (be it work, school, family or friends) there is always a certain level of professionalism. The level may vary depending on the situation but it is important to identify that level of professionalism in every social situation you are ever in.

Jeremy: Don't be afraid to go after what you want, if it takes more than one try, more than one phone call, more than one visit, then do whatever it takes. Persistence is the key.

Jessica: Confidence in what you do as well as testing out different things without fear of failing is what will make you successful.

Priscilla: To me, professionalism is not just a way of looking or acting, but also a way of thinking. If you are able to incorporate all these aspects and truly have that consistent mentality, then you are reaching that idea of professionalism.

Stephanie: I think that would be conduct. Whether or not we are in professional attire, as individuals, are always being observed by others, whether it be brothers of the Fraternity, or the public, it is easier for others that do not know us to pass judgment on us. Our demeanor is critical in the way we are perceived at all times, whether we are in suits or in just t-shirts and jeans

Tesia: Communication skills is what it's all about. In everything one does, it is important to collaborate with the people around them, the place, company, etc....I learned you cannot be afraid to do what you need to do.

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"There is a destiny which makes us brothers; none goes his way alone."

iamyourdspbigbro



Who did you think was your big brother?

I thought it was Anu

What clue(s) threw you off?

The clues that threw me off were the whoopee cushion and the bag of coal

What is an interesting fact that you learned about your big brother?

Amber spent a year abroad in West Ghana

Who did you think was your big brother?

I had a hunch it was JT, then Claire threw me off by telling me it was Tiffany!

What clue(s) threw you off?

From Forbes, to foam animals 28 cents, and Marie Claire. I was so lost

What is an interesting fact that you learned about your big brother?

Kevin is a fan of gangster rap. (g-g-g-unit!!)



Who did you think was your big brother?

I thought Wendy at first, but I didn't think it was going to be that obvious.

What clue(s) threw you off?

I got ear plugs and a variety of candy

What is an interesting fact that you learned about your big brother?

My big brother is very specific in the kind of food she likes to eat.

Who did you think was your big brother?

Neha. I just knew

What clue(s) threw you off?

The spider/crab, whatever that thing was

What is an interesting fact that you learned about your big brother?

She is currently the only active/remaining brother from her pledge class



Who did you think was your big brother?

Clay, when it was really JT

What clue(s) threw you off?

Ceanne threw me off!

What is an interesting fact that you learned about your big brother?

He went to my rival high school in the same hillbilly town I came from.



Who did you think was your big brother?

Catherine or Kevin

What clue(s) threw you off?

Boy handwriting.

What is an interesting fact that you learned about your big brother?

She's so hardcore about working out!

Who did you think was your big brother?

Thought I didn't have one

What clue(s) threw you off?

Lip gloss and nail polish??

What is an interesting fact that you learned about your big brother?

He likes to eat his beef stick in the library and say "that's jacked up!"



Who did you think was your big brother?

Vu

What clue(s) threw you off?

The white board, and the gift certificates to Cicolat

What is an interesting fact that you learned about your big brother?

His nickname is "the dirty viet"

Who did you think was your big brother?

Amber or Neha

What clue(s) threw you off?

Princess toys

What is an interesting fact that you learned about your big brother?

She was a contestant for some beauty pageants.



**Big Bros
and
Lil Bros
UNITE!!**

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us."

A New Beginning

By Stephanie Chan

Being the secretary for the Upsilon Pledge Class, I have been given the opportunity for the past eight weeks to learn and grasp what this position entails. I have never held any official position prior to this. I think that is one of the things I missed out in high school, never involving myself with student government or running for positions in clubs. That however, is also due to the fact that I was a shy, self-conscious person. Not until the ending years of my high school career, did I open up, being more sociable, confident, and outspoken. By then, elections have long been over. I see pledging for Delta Sigma Pi as a great opportunity and learning experience. Although I am a first year, the person that first attended college at Davis, or even first began the pledging process has evolved. I originally didn't want to come to school here in Davis; it is boring cow town and it was my back-up school. I didn't hold this particular UC in very high regard because so many of my schoolmates from Lowell are easily accepted here, so I wouldn't be any different. My close friends from high school went down to southern California for school and I felt a bit left out too. During the fall quarter, I enjoyed my independence away from home and my parents, and didn't focus in school. Fall quarter grades roll out and I see the worse grades I would have never imagined for myself.

Already there, I feel guilty and remorse. Deep down inside I know I can do better for myself, but I was not feeling the motivation or inspiration. Luckily, recruitment comes along and Delta Sigma Pi impresses me with their presentation with their first event, "Meet the Chapter." It all seems like yesterday when I was in my room anxiously waiting to see if I receive a bid, yet at the same time that also seems like eons ago. Through out the whole pledging process, I learned self-discipline in addition to time



A picture is indeed worth a thousand words

management and priority. The experience and the people I have met, brother and pledge brothers alike, have influenced me significantly, refocusing my perspective in school and myself as an individual.

For myself to succeed in anything in life, I must be the one to want to do it for myself, and not just because my parents nag me. My diligence in school comes from my wanting to reach my potential and expectations, which I know is quite high. I don't want to cheat myself of any opportunities in life, and fall short of what I can achieve and learn. Delta Sigma Pi has indirectly put that into focus for me, which has a positive impact on my attitude in school and performance. I like school, I like Davis. I like the people, but mostly I am grateful for having received that bid because that sent a domino effect for my motivation and perseverance in school and in life. I owe much to my pledge brothers as well. Although we were ten strangers, whom we all probably would have never received the opportunity to know better, I am

glad pledging united us as a group. As we did become nine Upsilons in the ending eight weeks of pledging, we will stay strong and have no regrets. Conflicts arrive inevitably, challenging us to overcome these obstacles and only grow stronger and closer as the Upsilon Pledge Class of Delta Sigma Pi.



One of the many faces of Stephanie.

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Being the Big Pappa

By Jueryll Buan
Vice President of Pledge Education

I am a very young father, at 22 years of age being the Vice President of Pledge Education I was the "Pledge Dad" or what I like to call the "Big Pappa." I was the go to person for everything that the pledges needed. If they had questions I supplied them the answers. I have been called Pledge Dad, father, or just simply Dad at times and those are very weird words to hear at the vivacious age of 22 and having 18 to 20 year old kids is a very uncommon occurrence, but being the Pledge Dad of the Upsilon class is something that I would never trade for anything in the world.

The duty of the Vice President of Pledge Education is to guide the pledges through the pledging program. Coming into the pledge term I knew what I had to do, but I did not know what to expect and the best thing that I could do was to be prepared for anything. This entire process was not a learning experience for each one of you Upsilon's reading this right now, but believe it or not it was a learning experience for your pledge dad as well. With 10 different people and 10 different personalities I definitely learned a thing or two.

There were some tough times and there were also some great times.

The pledge retreat was the first time that I really got to know my kids. How many bones they have broken, their fabulous talents, and all of their true personalities shined during that time and became even more apparent as the pledge term went along. I have seen all of the pledges, the Upsilon's- my kids- grow in different ways.

Some began pledging very shy and timid and have emerged as assertive individuals. Others I have seen grow into better leaders and I have seen leaders learn how to be great supporters. Team work and support was very

process, and not only did you get through it, but you got through it together. I know that you went through your difficult times, but you all learned to work through them together, to support one another, and get things done. You all made this term all the more worthwhile and I hope that you will never forget your pledging experience.

Do as much as you can and really take advantage of what Delta Sigma Pi has to offer to each of you. The more you put into the fraternity the more that you will get out of it and this is not just a saying because it is true. You will learn so much about the business world, the fraternity, and about yourself that you would not have known before if you really put your heart and efforts into the fraternity. Although the pledging term is over, it does not mean

that your learning about the Fraternity is over. Pledging was only the beginning. There are more goals to reach and things to learn. Learning is a continuous process and I am proud that you all made it this far in your learning process, but in everything that you do always remember to keep reaching for the gold...



Jueryll and Allene lost in the jungle of wild (stuffed) animals

evident in everything that they did and I am very proud of each and every one of them.

Being the Vice President of Pledge Education, the Pledge Dad, the Big Pappa, is probably one of the best experiences ever, something that I would never trade. One is able to give back to the fraternity by shaping the future of its members to carry on the greatness and high standards that we uphold. It is also so rewarding to see individuals grow and to know that you had a little bit to do with it, while at the same time I myself gained greatly from this experience learning from each one of my kids. The pledging process is said to be the greatest and most fun times and it definitely is. **Some parting words from your Pledge Dad:** Upsilon's I am really proud of all of you. You all came in not really knowing one another and not knowing what to expect. 10 different people, with 10 different personalities, but you got through the pledging



Our Pledge Dad! Isn't he Adorable?

"Turn your face towards the sun, and let the shadows fall behind you"

They Call me "Upsie Mama"



Alright, who's little hand is that? JUERYLL!!

By Noreen Chan
Assistant to Vice President of Pledge Education

I am one of those brothers who always say that pledging is and was the most rewarding and most fun part of the Delta Sigma Pi experience. Being from a big family and then being submerged into a pledge class of fifteen people I had never known before, I was extremely elated after initiation and after reading our newsletter because I came to realize how close we all had become and what each and every one of my pledge brothers means to me. I wanted to share this experience and this feeling with another class. I was the quiz-master for the Tau Pledge Class, and realized that I wanted to be a larger presence in another new pledge class's term. So luckily I was given the chance to be the Assistant to the Vice President of Pledge Education, or Pledge Mom. When my pledge bros found out, the nickname "Upsie Mama" was coined.

Recruiting went really well and we extended bids to ten new potential brothers. Jueryll Buan and I had a lot of fun driving all over Davis, looking for apartments that all happen to be hidden from the naked eye.

We finally got all the invitations to pledges for DSP to each person and they all showed up for the pledging ceremony. Next was the fun! The Pledge Party was at Chuck E. Cheese and we all dressed up like kids and had a blast. I got to meet all the kids on a more personal

level and watch them relax a little and have fun. But the work was soon to begin.

Each pledge was brilliant during elections and all had their respective positions and requirements to fulfill. Watching them now, I can say that Jueryll and I are both very proud of the way each and every Upsilon has matured and grown. I also see that Jueryll and I have both grown from this experience. I went through the same pledge process, a year before, so I had a little insight to the experience that the Upsilons would see, but now, I was seeing and supervising as well, from the viewpoint of a Pledge Mom. I had great Pledge Mom role models to look up to- Lindsey Waring, who was always patient and cheerful, experienced in the history and makings of the Fraternity and caring all at the same time; Anu Gill- who was always optimistic and an authority yet a good friend to her kids. I wanted to be able to encompass all these qualities and I hope I did these past couple of months.

Upsilons, I want you all to know that I am very proud of you and have been since the first meeting. Then I was even more surprised after the

first meeting using Robert's Rules, you all soaked everything in and learned quickly. You were also respectful and open-minded throughout this entire experience. I hope you all had as much fun, even through any tough spots, as I did. I also hope that I helped instill the passion, drive and love I have for the Fraternity and that it shows in the years you all have left in the Fraternity. I was proud of you when pledging started, even more proud at initiation at Western Regional Initiation and I will be proud of each of you, no matter what you do is big or small. Always continue to reach for the gold, and remember, you will always continue to learn about the business world, the real world, and most importantly, yourselves.



The awesome Upsie Mama with her kids, plus Aron.



I swear, Jeremy looks so suspicious in almost every picture taken with Noreen. You devious child you.

Upsie Shout outs!

To our kids:

This term turned out to be very challenging, rewarding, and fun, but could not have been done without you Upsilon's. You all made this term excellent with your different personalities really coming together at the end. You all made this a very special experience for both of us as your pledge parents. We are proud of each and every one of you and are even more enthused that you all learned to work as a team putting differences aside. Take what you have learned during this pledging process to the Fraternity and everything else that you do in life because the things you learn here are true life experiences that you will soon have to deal with when you get out in the "real world."

Alex- Since recruiting we can see that you have really learned and grown. You said you never get stressed, but we can all agree that stress does occur. You handled yourself very well during those stressful moments. Take all that you have learned and hold it close as you continue your journey in the Fraternity. Take your time, don't overwhelm yourself and enjoy the rest of your time as a Nu Rho Deltasig. Finance Chair is one of the more difficult positions trying to raise funds for your pledge class, but you have really proved yourself by challenging yourself with such a position and succeeding at it. There are more challenges that lie ahead of you and we are confident that you will be able to handle yourself well and adapt to what ever faces you.

Ceanne- Your radiant attitude is contagious to everyone around you. You started out as a shy, timid pledge and ended up an assertive individual while developing a wonderful newsletter in the process. It has been a great pleasure to have seen you grow into a more confident person and take on challenges in this 8 week period that you knew would help you to improve. You have great drive and ambition that will take you very far in life. We know you will be an asset to the Fraternity, no matter what you do or take on and that success is always going to be in your future.

Claire- You have grown so much in your first leadership role and learned greatly how to deal with different kinds of personalities. You possess great determination and motivation and showed that you really wanted all of your pledge bros. to succeed. Leadership is in you, but you also have the heart and dedication which people see and definitely react to. It is passionate people like you that really help this organization to be the Best in the West and we know that as you continue your journey into the Fraternity that your commitment will really be a great asset to this organization's future and as well as your future because the more you put into the Fraternity the more that you will get out of it.

Eva- Your confidence and positive attitude are great traits that you possessed during pledging. Those qualities really helped in motivating your pledge bros. to really have fun with what they are doing. Although at times you had that face of being overwhelmed and/or confused we have seen you manage to get through it. Your intuition and insightful questions and comments really showed that you were thinking of situations and really helped your pledge bros. to think and learn about how to accomplish tasks with more efficiency. You possess great leadership and insight that you will be able to bring to the Fraternity, but also use this opportunity to challenge yourself and do something that you are not necessarily comfortable with. We know that you will do well at whatever you do whether Fraternity-related or not.

Jeremy- As Professional Chair we really saw that you wanted to expose your pledge bros. to numerous professional tips from handouts to your officer reports. Professionalism is what sets our Fraternity apart from any other organization on campus and you have a true grasp of that differentiation. There are many more professional tips to learn that could not all be covered in the span of 8 weeks, but that is what the Fraternity is here for, to learn these life skills needed for the business world. Take advantage of that and really put in a lot into the Fraternity because you will truly gain from it.

Jessica- As your position does not entail you to be too much in the forefront of pledge meetings and events, your positive attitude, dedication, support, and helpfulness really makes you shine. We saw that you were always one of the first ones to volunteer your time to help out your pledge bros. whenever they needed help. You possess true qualities that will make you an excellent brother. You are a true leader for leaders also know when to be a great supporter and follower. Keep up the great work and with the qualities that you have we are certain that you will succeed in whatever you do.

Priscilla- Your calm and steady enthusiasm for pledging was different compared to your pledge bros. but that is what you will see in the real world- a compilation of different attitudes and paces and you always manage to find yourself amidst all this. You presented new and great innovative ideas such as the video scrapbook and collage for your position and that great thinking-out-of-the-box, so to speak, will prove useful in your future ventures in the Fraternity and in whatever else you do. You have plenty of time in the Fraternity and thus have a lot to contribute, learn, and gain. This will be a time to take chances and challenges.

"Fall eight times, stand up nine"

Stephanie- It was evident that you really wanted this, to be a part of the Fraternity, and you have achieved it. You are a quick learner and know that mistakes will happen and should not happen again. Your timeliness and efficiency with the minutes was superb. Most importantly we felt that you really tried to promote a sense of brotherhood with your attempt to get everyone together for a DC brunch. You had a positive attitude this entire pledging process and have learned so much. The learning process is always happening. Keep up the good work and apply the things that you learn to everything that you do.

Tesia- Seeing you grow into a more confident and assertive person was very rewarding for us. The way that you planned and handled your events was outstanding because you really took charge and emerged as a leader. You amazed us all the time with everything that you do because you went above and beyond our expectations. The sincerity and genuine characteristics that you possess are very hard to come by these days and those qualities help you to really relate to people, which we both felt. The opportunities that you have are endless and we know that with your dedication, commitment, and determination you can achieve whatever you put your heart into.

We would not have traded this experience to be your pledge parents for anything in the world. You kids have been awesome! Continue to achieve your goals and reach for the gold in everything that you do in Fraternity matters and in your own lives. Always remember that the more you put into the Fraternity the more that you will get out of it. Congratulations for all becoming brothers!!

Love, your pledge dad & mom,

Jueryll Buan & Noreen Chan



SOTUC: Songs of the Upsilon Class

- Air Supply– All Out of Love
- Al Green– I'm so in Love
- All 4 One– I Can Love You Like That
- Barry White– Can't Get Enough of Your Love
- Beatles– Can't Buy Me Love
- Boys II Men– I'll Make Love to You
- Celine Dion– Power of Love
- Justin Timberlake– Like I Love You
- Luther Vandross– My Endless Love
- Maroon 5– This Love
- Meatloaf– I Would do Anything for Love
- Nat King Cole– When I Fall in Love
- Night at the Roxbury– What is Love?
- Whitney Huston– I Will Always Love You

L-is for the way you look at me

O-is for the only one I see

V-is very very extra ordinary

E-is even more than anyone that you adore

*and love, is all that i can give to you
love, is more than just a game for two
two in love can make it
take my heart and please don't break it
love, is made for me and you*



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~ Fraternally Yours ~

If there's one thing that I'll take from Delta Sigma Pi, when I leave this campus, it's the relationships. Through all the relationships I've built with every single brother, I truly believe that I have learned the proper skills to work with others well and to be able to understand different people's opinions and viewpoints. I haven't even been a brother for a month, and I feel as though I have already gained so much from the Fraternity. Thanks Delta Sigma Pi for everything, hopefully I can give back as much as I've received.

Alex P.

I never thought I'd see myself seeking to become a brother of a fraternity. After watching Hollywood's rendition of fraternity life (in *Old School*, to be more specific) I really did not know what to expect. However, somehow, I found myself going to recruiting events for Delta Sigma Pi, and all I have to say is, it was probably one of the best decisions I will have made in my college career. The atmosphere that Delta Sigma Pi upholds is so welcoming and it is a great feeling to be surrounded by such. Each and every brother has become someone for me to look up to. I hope to continuously give to the fraternity as much as it has and will give to me.

Ceanne H.

When I came out for DSP recruitment, I knew that I wanted to be a part of the brotherhood DSP shared and had confident what I was doing. Even though there were hard times of pledging, it never discouraged me to continue on. DSP had taught me so much and now I want to give back to the people who have given me the opportunity to have such a valuable experience. Thank you all for the support and advice you have given me. Even though there is a lot of growing I still have to do and a lot more things I still have to learn, I can tell you that I will try hard to not disappoint you!

Claire S.

Beyond the things I learned from pledging, the Fraternity taught me a lot as well. Brother interviews, professional workshops, formal evaluations and social events all taught me about different levels of professionalism that exist in every social setting. I learned about leadership, teamwork, communicating effectively, study skills and relationship development. Overall, pledging was a fast-paced, high-stress time period, but it was a learning experience I would never give back and chance to build friendships I will never forget.

Eva K..

These last couple of weeks has been the greatest learning experience I've had in such a short amount of time. Even though it was difficult to balance pledging with school work and other outside curricular, I have matured because of this experience. As a pledge, seeing the accomplishments of the Fraternity is even greater than I expected. Being able to see such qualified, young students prepare themselves for the business world together is such a motivator. Seeing everyone working so well together and in such efficient and productive ways makes me want to be a part of the organization more and more each day. I admire how everyone is very professional and responsible, but I look up to even more the friendships that have been made through the Fraternity. Brotherhood has been a common answer for what is the most important aspect of being a part of Delta Sigma Pi. I value friendships and hope to keep and maintain all the friendships I have made this pledge term. Many of these people I would

Never have made this pledge term. Many of these people I would never have met and I thank the Fraternity for this opportunity.

Jessica L..

Wow, pledging went by so quickly, but it was fun. At times it seemed impossible to get through, so I was pulling out my hair from left and right, and to make it worse, it was armpit hair! But all in all I had a great time learning, and I hope that this learning process only increases exponentially. When I went into this Jr. year, I didn't even know professional fraternities existed. I thought they were all like *Old School* with partying and tying concrete bricks to sensitive body parts. I soon learned that Delta Sigma Pi may be just what I was looking for. I have made great bonds, life long friendships and major learning curves, but in the end I would not have changed a thing. Now I have experience and professional abilities that will carry me through the rest of life.

Jeremy J.

PLEDGING was definitely an experience. I felt myself tackle priorities, set goals, and time manage like I have never before. I was given the chance to exceed my limits and to be prepared for anything. It has encouraged me to do everything to the best of my abilities as well as to support EACH OTHER in the process. I did NOT see pledging as a stressful period of my life, but rather a very rewarding and memorable time spent getting to know nine other really GREAT people and thirty-nine OUTSTANDING brothers. Overall, pledging has been a huge learning process for me – in more ways than one. I've learned to deal with deadlines, COMPROMISE, do my part AND help anyone and everyone if needed, and most importantly... have fun!! And really, it's been FUN and I'd do it again if I could. So thank you PLEDGE PARENTS and DELTA SIGMA PI – NU RHO for everything.

Priscilla T.

Being a pledge for Delta Sigma Pi for the past two months has allowed me to grow and develop as a person. I entered the pledge term without much knowledge of the Fraternity's expectations, the challenges that will arise, or the memories I now hold dear to me. I have learned about the Fraternity's history through the weekly quizzes, the procedure and conduct of the Fraternity through general meetings and events, and the meaning of brotherhood in Delta Sigma Pi through the brothers of the Nu Rho Chapter. But mostly, I learned I must always keep challenging myself and extending my boundaries to keep growing as an individual to better myself personally and professionally, and set myself apart from the competition that I will encounter in the business world in the future.

Stephanie C.

Through pledging, I have met 8 other people that I would have never really known existed, although many of the brothers are in my classes. I am glad that I have been given the opportunity to interact with these people and find out what great people they truly are. The friendships I have gained not only from my pledge bros, but from all the brothers, it is a phenomenon, and I wouldn't trade them from the world. I know one aspect of Delta Sigma Pi is the brotherhood and friendship and I definitely feel that. Everyone has been so welcoming and sweet and I value what I have gained. So I just want to say Thank you, Delta Sigma Pi and more specifically, the Nu Rho Chapter, for giving me this experience to better myself personally, professionally and fraternally. I know I have grown a lot, but, I still have a lot more growing to do and with this Fraternity, I know I can grow closer to my full potential.

Tesia B

"I think we should follow one simple rule: if we can take the worst, take the risk."

There is a place where the newsletter Ends...



Meet Superman (my computer), aka my new best friend.

By Ceanne Ha

Wow! I cannot believe that the newsletter is finally complete. As I scroll through the newsletter on my computer, I was heartfelt to see how much us Upsilon's have accomplished within these past nine weeks. (Technically eight if you take out spring break.) We've all come a long way, but we've finally made it, together.

I can still remember the beginning of pledging as if it had just started yesterday. Soon after the Upsilon's were acquainted with one another, we all swatted screen names and got to know each other a little better through aim. We also talked a little bit about what positions we

were going to run for, for our pledge class, and I had sensed some tough competition on the rise. At the time, I had the desire to be either president or professional chair. Newsletter Chair was my back up.

Finally on election day, I ran for my desired positions, and obviously, I did not win. I kept thinking to myself, gosh, I've run for two positions already and have been shot down. I started think that my pledge class did not like me, because Newsletter Chair was the last position to run for, and I was the only person running. I have to admit, initially, I was a tiny bit bummed to have been stuck with my back up choice. However, now that I look back, I am really glad to have been selected newsletter chair because I have gained so much from it, probably more so than I would have with any other position for our pledge term.

The role of newsletter chair gave me the opportunity to learn about the other positions there were, as well as being able to work closely with each of my pledge brothers through the articles they contributed to the Upsilon Times. In addition to that, I have learned to become assertive and definitely more organized; both essential traits a person must have to get a newsletter done. Had I been a passive, and messy Newsletter Chair, chances are, my pledge brothers would not have taken me seriously, and the newsletter would be a collection of everyone's thoughts jumbled up in an incoherent muddle of papers. That would not be very good now would it?

Well, I hope you enjoyed reading this newsletter as much as I have enjoyed putting it together. And for those of you who did not like this newsletter, come talk to me, and we shall go dish it out at the cement slide. Just kidding.

Pop Quiz

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| 1) How many Upsilon's are there?
a) 15
b) 13
c) 9
d) I don't know | 4) What is the Upsilon's goal?
a) Obtaining the Gold
b) Make a Goal
c) Reach for the Gold
d) What is Gold? |
| 2) When was Nu Rho founded?
a) January, 2003
b) February, 1990
c) December, 1994
d) I don't know | 5) What class are the quizmasters from?
a) Rho
b) Alpha
c) Sigma
d) Nu |
| 3) What is the Full name of the VPPE of the Upsilon Class?
a) Jueryll N. Buan
b) Noreen Chan
c) Jueryll Normand Buan | 6) How many quizmasters did the Upsilon Class have?
a) 1
b) 2
c) 3 |

A huge thank you to our quizmasters!



Joseph Yen



Chris Wong



Vicki Wu

...and a new journey for the upsilons begin.

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