



KNIGHTLY NEWS

Sigma Nu - Lambda Delta, Mankato

*“Three men decided
on a fateful night...”*

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An Alumni Update

My name is DJ Earls. It is my senior year and I ran for this position with the goal of ensuring that our 25th year university is everything it can be. I have a committee of 6 good men that are already thinking about our 25 year celebration. Putting together events are my passion and it's what I do best.

We are working on putting a stage in the parking lot (Live band) and allow it for presentation throughout the duration. This of course will require city permits which we will be able to take care of. I am in contact with HQ and will be requesting High Council members to be present as well. The event is going to be family orientated, with events for your wives, girlfriends, children, etc.

I am also in contact with Brother McCully, Sigma Nu's current Grand Historian. For those of you that aren't aware, Brother McCully was apart of making our chapter of Sigma Nu. I had some interesting talks with him at Grand Chapter this past summer in Boston!

Keep an eye out for this new e-newsletter, after sending our last newsletter in mail form we got over 50 returned pieces of mail so we are going to be keeping it to an electronic form. It will be posted to this group, emailed to emails that have been supplied from HQ and posted on our chapter's website.

Feel free to send me an email or give me a call if you have any suggestions for our 25th or any ideas at what you would like to see of myself for my upcoming term.

Fraternally,
DJ Earls

Fall 2010 Recap

1. We won homecoming with Phi Delta Theta
2. Our Members achieved a 2.91 GPA
3. 16 new members were initiated in December

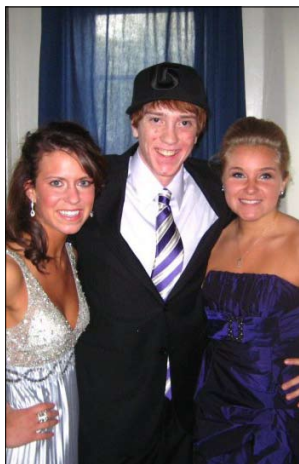
From the Commander's Desk

My name is Christopher James Collins and I am the newly elected Eminent Commander of the Lambda Delta Chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity. The purpose of this letter is to inform, and involve you in what we are going to do this upcoming semester.

Our biggest focus is getting Leadership, Ethics, Achievement, and Development (LEAD) up and running smoothly. We have Elected Tyler Schrandt and Shane Maki, to figure out, implement, and push LEAD to where it needs to be. It is our goal to build better men, and shape gentlemen. It also should help deliver a Sigma Nu experience that is unique and powerful.



Creating strong and lasting bonds within the Greek community has become another strong priority of this chapter. We are having socials and exchanges tentatively scheduled twice a month. Micheal Do has been elected to schedule and create these events.



Additionally, we are looking forward to Greek Week! We are going to work hard to win Greek Week, as we did Homecoming. Fortunately, most of the events that incorporate Greek Week qualify us for majority of Pursuit of Excellence. Pursuit of Excellence is a packet that allows a chapter to obtain "Rock Chapter Status". Becoming a Rock Chapter is still a driving goal for Lambda Delta Chapter.

Lastly, campus involvement is on the rise! We have several members on IFC and Minnesota State Student Association. Lambda Delta Chapter is following through with having each member active in one other recognized student organization.

Thank you for your time and attention and I look forward to seeing most of you at Don Ho and at future events. While this letter was not long hopefully it gave you some insight of what direction your chapter is taking.

Fraternally,

Christopher James Collins

From One Alumni To Another

An Open Letter to the Alumni of LD #234:

Sigma Nu has long been a presence on the campus of Mankato State (aka Minnesota State - Mankato). The Men of Sigma Nu have joined Lambda Delta, grown up as candidates, have solidified their bond as brothers, have gone on to graduate and then start to carry on their lives post active chapter as alumni.

During this time, our chapter has gone up and down, dealt with good and the bad, seen the loss of brothers and the rebirth of the chapter. All along, Sigma Nu has been part of the campus as well as in our hearts and minds for nearly 25 years.

Our current active chapter has among the finest collection of leaders our chapter has ever seen and while we're doing well as an active chapter, we can do better as a whole chapter (alumni and active) and the next phase of growth will come from past leaders of our chapter. Keep this in mind as we move toward a crucial milestone in the history of the chapter - our 25th anniversary. We're all busy - several of us have jobs that take up vast amounts of time, kids that run us ragged, travel that pulls us in many different directions - this list can go on and on. I would challenge the Alumni of #234 of Sigma Nu to find one day each year to return to the chapter. Give a few hours to the actives, perhaps provide experience in solving a problem they're facing - ask yourself how great would it have been to have someone do that for you when you were Rush Chair, Alumni Chair, a brother struggling with grades, an exec? Money is not what I'm advocating we donate to the chapter. More simply, I'm personally asking for your time. We will all find excuses to not go to the chapter, we will find conflicts that keep us anchored, but



the chapter will stay at status quo or possibly slide backwards without your investment of time. Note: I still pay for house projects out of the TR Garrett Alumnus Account if you do wish to donate to the active chapter, but you would like to have an alumnus be the steward of the donations.

This is the most successful chapter we've had in many years regarding growth, grade points and standing on campus. It is when this chapter is at the apex that the chapter needs the alumni the most - fearing a fall without us. Reach out to the chapter and to go a meeting, go to an event, set up time to teach them how you handled issues when you were active or how you fixed things around the house. Most simply share your time with them and they'll respond like we did when the alumni would come back to visit us. Do you remember how good that felt?

Reach out to someone in your candidate class and find a day that works, check out coming events with the chapter (email/Facebook) and let them know your coming. Attend a meeting, an initiation, a candidate ceremony, the 25th Anniversary or start a game of Cinch [FYI - the current active chapter DOES NOT know how to play Cinch].

I would challenge everyone that reads this to pass it on to other brothers and then make every effort to get to the chapter. Share your knowledge or simply share your time. Either way, the chapter would be thankful and far better off because of you.

Fraternally,

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A Letter From the Editor

Having been an active member of this chapter since spring of 2007, there have been over 60 young men initiated into our chapter prior to my own initiation.

I have seen the power that Sigma Nu has on these young men, and during my time here, I have watched this chapter mold some of the finest gentlemen I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. The support system that Lambda Delta offers is unmatched by any other, and has undoubtedly had a lifelong impact on these men just as it has for myself.

We have recently initiated our candidates from fall semester, and let me assure you, our chapter is going to be in the hands of fine young gentlemen. I hope to see you all at Don Ho this semester so that you may have the opportunity to see the future potential that is the Lambda Delta chapter.

I hope you enjoyed the new edition of Knightly News! It is our goal to keep our alumni up-to-date with the happenings of the Lambda Delta chapter of Sigma Nu. If there is anything that YOU would like to see in the next edition of Knightly News, let us know! You can contact myself directly at nick.armbrust@gmail.com with any questions or comments, or reach any other of the active brothers with the contact information listed below.

Fraternally,

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