

## REPORT OF THE PHI ACTIVE CHAPTER

### I. MEMBERSHIP

	Fall 1999	Spring 2000	Fall 2000	Spring 2001
Number Rushed	7	3	8	3
Number Pledged	3	1	6	0
Number Initiated	3	1	4	0
Number of Active Members	18	15	17	17
Number of Faculty Members	2	2	2	2

### II. RUSHING AND PLEDGING

In the past year we have made efforts to make rush an integral and very important event in the chapter as a whole. We have had many functions in an effort to allow students to become familiar with the men and benefits of Sigma Phi Delta. The events we have had include: football, sledding, bowling, movie night and chili feed. We as a fraternity found it to be very beneficial and successful to approach students on a one on one basis and encourage them to make efforts to become more knowledgeable of our organization. Through this one on one interaction it was easier for us to instill upon our fellow students the ideals and benefits of Sigma Phi Delta.

Pledging methods have not changed in the last year dramatically, we are still following standard procedures outlined the pledge manual. We do feel this is very important so that the Pledges are properly educated before they make the commitment that is necessary to become a member of Sigma Phi Delta.

The problems associated with losing pledges are the same as always, money. A typical pledge period is two to three months. We feel confident though that after the pledges become full members they will realize that it is a small price to pay for the benefits they receive from Sigma Phi Delta. This past spring Phi chapter had no pledges. The rushees did not meet our scholastic standards and we as a whole felt they were not worthy of becoming brothers. We are confident that the fall rush in 2001 will bear more fruit.

### III. MEMBERSHIP

Our membership attitude toward rushing was vastly improved this semester. Although we are extremely busy with our class loads and extra curricular activities everyone has realized the importance of rush for the expansion of our chapter. As for school we are happy to report that every member has made great efforts to enhance our image to our faculty and the campus as a whole by applying ourselves to all of our classes and professional societies. As for national and our alumni, we are trying to become as involved as possible but the constraints associated with school and work makes these efforts difficult. Also, with Phi chapter's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, great strides have been made in the area of alumni relations.

### IV. FINANCES

See Rent sheet for typical house bill. The budget for Spring 2001 is also included.

The Phi chapter of Sigma Phi Delta does have a building fund. It is rather limited but it is used to pay for small bills around the fraternity house. The chapter retains full responsibility for the expenditures of this account. A portion of the dues is applied to the fund. The fund is also use to cover utilities occasionally during the summer months. We currently do not use promissory notes for members who are delinquent in payment of rent. We do however have each new member sign a contract stating that he will pay all debts occurred while being a member of the fraternity. One de-activated member has been quite delinquent on his payments. Steps have been made to alleviate the problem. Additional payments are anticipated. Some alumni also have outstanding

debts. Again, steps have been made to receive payments from these individuals. We are confident that all money owed will be paid to Phi chapter. Most active members do have good financial standing with the fraternity.

Our current book keeping system has changed quite a bit over the last year, now we use QuickBooks Pro as our accounting program and it seems to work very well. We still use Microsoft excel to do the rent sheet but that is the only thing we use it for, our books are now easier to keep as well as more accurate. At the end of every month a fee is assigned to those outstanding rent accounts, as there is a 30% fine if not paid within 10 days of it being due.

## V. HOUSING

Our current house is located at 812 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue. It is located next to Crothers Engineering Hall and Harding hall. These two buildings hold the majority of our engineering classes. The house is currently rented. There are seven bedrooms.

Our policy toward controlled substances is that they are not allowed and any member caught transporting illegal contraband into our castle will be duly punished to the full extent of our capabilities. All members of the house accept visitation by women as long as it does not interfere with the daily tasks we set for ourselves. Only the members living at the fraternity house are required to sign the lease. The house is rented from a private landlord.

Quiet hours were instituted to allow the members living at the house to be able to study more effectively and improve our grades. Since we are in close proximity to campus, the house was painted in order to make Sigma Phi Delta more appealing aesthetically.

## VI. RISK REDUCTION

Through the Greek Council and our chapter meetings all members are very conscientious of our policies and the implications associated with the ignorance of these policies and the associated penalties. Smoke alarms are placed strategically within the house. Since the chapter was punished accordingly for the social event in March 2000, Sigma Phi Delta has regained standing with the university administration. The house is completely dry. There have been no additional violations. The chapter is trying to improve the image of Sigma Phi Delta and we are succeeding.

## VII. SCHOLARSHIP

	Chapter GPA	College GPA
Spring 1999	2.788	2.874
Fall 1999	2.552	2.777
Spring 2000	2.586	2.873
Fall 2000	2.601	2.787

As a fraternity we believe that the scholastics is a very important part of our growth as engineers, in association with these beliefs we keep extensive test files and run tutor groups. As individual members we keep all of our files very diligently throughout our academic careers, at the culmination of our time we donate our files to the house files. The scholastic chairman organizes the donated files. These files are categorized by major and class by the scholastic chairman. Grades are still very important to all members, through the utilization of the files and the utilities listed above we are making the greatest possible effort to enhance our academic progression.

Our scholastic performance has been disappointing. Scholastic achievement is highly stressed. The chapter does have a scholastic chairman. The current chairman required all members to submit a list of all classes the members are currently enrolled in. This policy was instituted in the

spring of 2001. Hopefully this will stimulate improved academic achievement among the members.

#### VIII. GENERAL

Our Organization continues to have a large part in the presentation of the Engineering Exploration Days. We have set up and torn down for this fair for many years now and it serves as our largest fundraiser. The objective of this program is to promote the engineering college here at SDSU and to attract students to our program.

The Sigma Phi Delta chapter also builds and coordinates the Brookings Community Haunted House. This has by far been our most important tool for improving our standing among the community. It requires a great deal of time by each individual member. It is a fantastic event and is greatly appreciated by the patrons. Our Philanthropy chair has been in charge of coordinating this event for the past few years. We also have an intramural football team and partake in the annual engineering college volleyball tournament each spring. This past year, relations between the neighboring sororities and other fraternities on campus have improved.

The Phi chapter plans on using a painted engine block as our rip-off trophy. We do not have any trophies from another chapter.

We would appreciate more frequent visits from the national officers to our chapters in order to get more familiar with them. The Central Province Councilor made several visits to our chapter and that was greatly appreciated.

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