

The Delta Chi Gator

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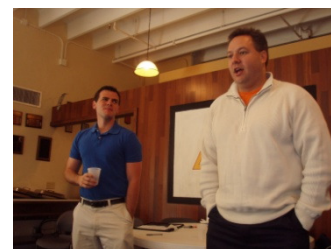
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Florida Chapter Welcomes Alumni

On February 20-21, 2009, the Florida Chapter hosted its annual Founders Day weekend to celebrate the 1926 founding at the University of Florida. The alumni weekend began with a meet-and-greet for alumni and the brothers. On Saturday morning, the chapter held a wide-ranging discussion led by "A" Michael Garitty and alumnus Todd Caraway ('94). The discussion focused on recruitment, living in the house, academics, traditions, and a few funny stories from the past. One of the highlights of the

weekend was the return of Lieutenant Colonel Robert Allen ('50), U.S. Air Force (Ret.) for his first visit since graduation. Lieutenant Colonel Allen shared countless stories about his time at the University of Florida when it was a male only campus, as well as his service in the Air Force. The weekend culminated with the Founders Day Banquet with history displays, slideshows, a history reading by Russ Driscoll ('57, Order of the White Carnation), the announcement by "D" Daniel Thompson that the chapter will host the

2010 Region VII Leadership Conference, the presentation of a National Championship skin by Oklahoma "BB" Patrick Weber, and a keynote speech by William Merlin ('80). The event was a great success and we look forward to hosting it for years to come.



"A" Mike Garitty and alumnus Todd Caraway host group discussions.



Above: The Chapter poses with a National Championship skin presented by Oklahoma "BB" Patrick Weber.

Right: Alumni share stories over lunch.

Far Right: Chapter Advisor John Denny presents the John L. Mica Scholarships to brothers Wiggernhorn, Janusz, and Smith.



What's Up with the Florida Chapter?

The kitchen is complete! Thank you all for your time and effort in helping out with the renovation project and feel free to stop by for dinner anytime.

This year, brother Kyle Robisch was elected

Student Senator for the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, brother Robert Wiggernhorn served as the Student Government Director of Technology, and "D" Daniel Thompson served on the Student Government Election

Commission.

The Chapter has been active with community service, including the upcoming Greek Week, Dance Marathon at UF, and 1st Place overall in Phi Mu's Home Run Derby.

As you can see, the chapter is quickly making its way back to the Delta Chi of old. If you would like to get involved in any way feel free to e-mail me at floridadeltachie@yahoo.com.

In The Bond,
Antonio Renda. "E"