Frat Helps Coed

Delta Chi fraternity takes a coed confined to a wheelchair to and from classes each day.

Juli Cochran, a junior in speech and hearing therapy, is taken to Derby Hall, where all her classes are, each morning at 10 o'clock. She is taken back to her apartment on West Lane Avenue at 4 p.m. The Delta Chi's must carry Miss Cochran up to the third floor of Derby Hall since there is no elevator.

Delta's Chi's Great

Miss Cochran said, "The Delta Chi's are great to me most of the time, and they're dependable. I haven't missed a class yet." She added jokingly, "Sometimes if I get smart with them, they threaten to set me down on the steps and leave me there. But they haven't done it yet."

Miss Cochran lost the use of her legs at 14 when she suffered a severe case of polio.

She attended the Mansfield Branch for three years on both a part and full time basis. The Mansfield Branch buildings had elevators to facilitate movement between classes for her.

Campus Lacks Elevators

Miss Cochran was preparing to move to the Columbus campus when she found that not all the buildings were equipped with elevators. A friend suggested she ask the fraternities to help her.

Miss Cochran contacted the Council of Fraternity Presidents and William Harlor, a Delta Chi and vice president of CFP, volunteered his fraternity's help.
Campus fraternity recognizes outstanding sorority member

By Pam Dobles
Lantern staff writer

Natalie Clippard of Delta Delta Delta Sorority was honored as the 1993 Sorority Woman of the Year Sunday by Delta Chi Fraternity.

Delta Delta Delta President Meredith Cleverley accepted on behalf of Clippard, who was out of town.

“She is an outstanding individual who is very involved in the community,” Cleverley said of Clippard. She added that she was very pleased to see Clippard recognized in such a positive way.

Greek life is more than just parties, said Felix Alonso, a senior and member of Delta Chi. That is why the fraternity presented the 4th Annual Sorority Woman of the Year Award, he said.

“We want to recognize these women for their service to the community and their academic achievement,” Alonso said.

The men of Delta Chi and the 10 finalists for the award are to be commended for what they are doing for greek life and the community in general, said Richard A. Hollingsworth, OSU Dean of Student Life.

The greek system has taken many “hits on the chin” lately, Hollingsworth added.

“I don’t think the solution, though, is to throw the baby out with the bath water,” he said. There are many positive things going on in the greek community, he said.

All sororities registered with the Women’s Panhellenic Association were asked to choose five representatives to compete for the award, said Stan Gajda, a member of Delta Chi and coordinator of this year’s competition.

Those women submitted applications, which were reviewed by three fraternity members who organized the judges for the program. That committee selected ten finalists, he said.

Alonso said the ten finalists were interviewed by a four-member panel, which included Beverly Uhlenhake, a junior from St. Henry; Paul Bohlman, a 1970 alumnus and national fraternity officer; Susan Neff, vice president of marketing for EPCON Company; and Bill Wahl, director of the OSU Parents Association.

Clippard will receive a trophy, which her sorority will keep for a year, Gajda said.

Alonso said each of the 10 finalists received a plaque and gifts from some of the event’s 23 sponsors.

Delta Chi arranged for the finalists to arrive by limousine at Sunday’s reception at the Delta Chi house, which was catered by Marriott, Gajda said.

The Sorority Woman of the Year Award was started by Delta Chi in the 1960s and then discontinued, said fraternity member Dave Keber. Four years ago, an alumnus sent a check and asked that the award be re-established, Keber said.
Slippery when wet

On any sunny day Ryan Zinn can be seen slippin' and slidin' with his buddies in front of the Delta Chi fraternity house. The slides get so much use that the fraternity has already worn out three this year.
Delta Chis saved by alert neighbors

By Saundra Schultz
Lantern staff writer

Residents of a house across the street from the Delta Chi fraternity might have averted a disaster when they spotted a fire at the fraternity house and woke up its members early Friday morning.

"They broke the front door down and got all of us out of the house," said Steve Reynard, a member of the Delta Chi fraternity. "If it wasn't for them, we might not have gotten out of the house in time."

Seven fraternity members were sleeping when the fire started at the house at 191 East 15th Ave. None of the members heard the smoke alarm going off until the neighbors roused them.

Chief Mark DeVine, Columbus Fire Department, Battalion 3, said the alarms were in working condition at the time of the fire.

The cause of the fire is still being investigated, but fire officials have ruled out arson and electrical problems as possible causes.

Scott Kpling, a Delta Chi member, said the fire might have been sparked by a candle in a second floor room.

Firefighters arrived at the scene of the fire at 3:07 a.m. and had it under control by 3:10 a.m., according to the Columbus Fire Department.

There were no injuries reported, but the fire department did have to rescue fraternity-member Matt Haske from an upstairs window. The other men in the house at the time of the fire escaped by the back stairs.

The fire destroyed the second floor of the fraternity house. Damages are estimated at $100,000.

Rebuilding might start as early as this week, Kpling said.

Firefighters called the Red Cross to house the students temporarily.

Ed Schirzing, president of the House Corporation for the fraternity, is asking for donations of clothing, money and places for the fraternity members to stay for the summer.

Most of the members who are staying in the house for the summer lost all of their personal belongings, clothing and money.

The Chi Phi, Phi Kappa Si and Delta Upsilon fraternities and the Delta Zeta sorority donated food, clothing and other items.
MOTHER NATURE CONTRIBUTED, TOO, WITH PLENTY OF RAIN

At left, members of the Phi Mu sorority at Ohio State University slip and slide during a game of Earth Ball for the benefit of Children's Hospital. Teams from the sorority and the Delta Chi fraternity paid $35 each to play. Above, OSU senior Esther Holmes is muddy but happy at game's end.
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Delta Chi fraternity chapter closed
Judicial panel rules organization violated hazing policy

COLUMBUS – The University Judicial Panel has revoked Delta Chi Fraternity’s status as a student organization at The Ohio State University for at least five years, ruling that the chapter violated five provisions of the Code of Student Conduct. The panel, which comprises students, faculty and staff, found the chapter guilty of two charges of hazing, two of endangering health and safety and one of alcohol violations. Delta Chi will not be permitted to reapply for recognition before Autumn 2008.

The chapter was notified Thursday (7/31) of the ruling and has until Aug. 11 to appeal the decision to Vice President for Student Affairs William H. Hall.

The chapter had been on temporary suspension since May 1, when allegations of hazing in conjunction with new-member induction were reported to university officials. The allegations included providing alcohol to underage persons, creating situations that encouraged consumption of dangerous amounts of alcohol and “ditching,” in which members were abducted, had their hands bound, were forced into vehicles and held in an off-campus location for a period of time.

This is the second time in recent years that Delta Chi Fraternity has been sanctioned for hazing. The chapter was placed on a one-year probation in 2001 for similar violations.

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