Mike Barrow, a member of Delta Psi Delta, graduated from Linfield in 1968. He was killed in the Viet Nam War.

Growing up in Prineville, Or., Mike excelled in sports, playing varsity football, basketball and baseball at Crook County High. "(He) was one of the best all-around athletes I ever coached," said Wayne Lunde, a teacher and coach at the high school.

Wanting to continue to play sports after his graduation from high school in 1963 and get the education he needed to become a high school teacher and coach, Mike realized that he would fit in best at a small college. He chose Linfield College because of his small physical stature knowing that he would have a much better chance to excel in athletics than he would at a division one university. Also, he was the son of a Baptist Minister, and Linfield’s Baptist affiliation made this a natural fit.

Mike was slightly built, 145 pounds on a 5-foot-9 inch frame. But as his teammates will attest, he ‘played bigger’ than his size. Paul Durham, football coach during Mike’s time at Linfield, said, “he was a ‘little guy,’ but he had the heart of a giant in athletic competition.” Brian Peterson, who played center on the football team with Mike, said, “Whenever Mike entered the foray he gave us the lift we needed with his confidence, his attitude and leadership ability.”

Football was Mike’s primary sport at Linfield, and he lettered in 1964, 1965 and 1967. He was the quarterback for the 1967 football team, (Continued on page 2)
Mike Barrow

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which upset the University of Hawaii 15-13 in front of 20,000 people, the largest crowd ever to see a Linfield game.

Mike also contributed in significant ways to Linfield’s baseball team. In a letter sent to Mike’s parents in 1969, Linfield baseball Coach Roy Helser wrote, “I’ve thought quite a bit about Mike since his death, how much he did for Linfield, how he matured that last year when responsibility was thrown at him as quarterback of the football team, and then again when he played baseball for me his senior year. Mike was a real leader and a boy that the coaches like to have around. He was small in size, but a giant at heart. I, for one, will always remember Mike and I’m proud to have been one of his coaches.”

Delta Psi Delta member Tom Taylor ’68, roomed with Mike for two years. Tom remembers Mike as a guy who lived life to its fullest. Whatever activity he was in, whether it was athletics, his classwork or his social life, he gave it his all. In fact, on occasion his social life added some spice to his resume, but his intentions were always good and his associates knew that.

Tom also remembers Mike as one who “loved Linfield. He thrived on the opportunity of being at Linfield. It gave him the chance to develop the tools and skills to become a teacher and coach. He made good friends in the fraternity, and outside of it.”

Mike completed his coursework and earned his Bachelor of Science Degree. He did his student teaching in the Newberg School District and received an Oregon teacher’s certificate.

After graduation, with his student deferment

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gone, Mike was drafted into the Army. Tom Taylor’s father, a retired Army Col., was strongly opposed to the war and told Mike that if he wanted to go to Canada to avoid the draft he would support him financially. But Mike felt his obligation was to his country and declined the offer.

While at Linfield, Mike developed a very special relationship with Janet Gerfen, who was from Redwood City in the San Francisco Bay Area. At their last meeting just before Mike shipped out for Viet Nam, he gave her an engagement ring.

Also, Mike was scheduled to be Tom Taylor’s best man in his wedding on July 5, 1969 in Hawaii. Mike didn’t make it. He died 15 days prior to the wedding from multiple wounds due to bomb fragments.

*Thanks to Tim Marsh and Rick Pullen for their assistance on this story.*

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### Class Notes

**Mike Okura ’68**

He has been in and out of the hospital in Southern California due to heart issues. His pacemaker/defibrillator started to "burp" immediately so on Wed. we had to go back to the doctors office to have it adjusted. He continues to be in minor heart failure so is on fluid restriction and increased diuretics for a short time. He is getting stronger everyday. Please keep Mike in your thoughts.

Linsey Hinand ’64

Sends greetings and tells about his trip with his sister this past summer to Norway and Sweden. Touring from July 19th to August 1st.

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**SAVE THE DATE**

108th Anniversary of Delta Psi Delta

Reunion Dinner

**Where:** Michelbook Country Club

**When:** Friday, October 12, 2012

6:30 p.m. Cocktails

7:00 p.m. Dinner

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Got News??? Have you changed jobs? Received a promotion? Returned to school? Received another degree? Started a business? Did you get married or have a child in the last 12 months? If you have news for your Delta brothers send it to us and we will post it in The Skull ‘Class Notes’.

Send all News to skull@deltapsidelta.org
Delta Psi Delta Education Foundation

What is the Foundation?
The Delta Psi Delta Educational Foundation was officially started on Jan. 23rd, 2010. The mission of the Delta Psi Delta Educational Foundation is to assist the Fraternity in promoting scholarship, building character, and strengthening leadership skills among Delta Psi Delta members.

Why is it important?
With the rising costs of education it is becoming increasingly important to provide assistance to our members. Did you know that tuition for the 2011/2012 school years is $31,200 not including room and board?

Who can support the education foundation?
Anyone can contribute to the Foundation including alumni, undergraduates, friends and members parents. In addition, many employers offer a matching program for employees making charitable contributions.

What is the Plank Holder program?
To begin building the foundation endowment we are asking alumni to plan their giving with ongoing donations. Plank Holders will receive a customized plank commemorating their initial gifts to the foundation. A special plaque with their names engraved on it will also be placed in the trophy case at the house. We are requesting donations of $500 or more per year for five years to receive this award.

Can I give other amounts?
Of course! Anything helps; even a gift of $5 is greatly appreciated. We are also offering two other levels of planned giving to be commemorated on the plaque with Plank Holders. Level two will be the silver level with a donation of $300 a year for five years and level three will be the bronze level with a donation of $200 a year for five years. Click here to access Pledge Card.

Are donations to the foundation tax deductible?
Yes, we currently have temporary 501c3 status from the IRS and have filed for permanent status which is pending review.

Will I receive confirmation of my donation?
Yes! The foundation sends out letters which have all relevant tax information for your deduction. The letters are typically sent out within the first two weeks of January.

Where should I send checks?
Checks should be made out to:
Delta Psi Delta Education Foundation
PO Box 1252
McMinnville, OR 97128

If you have any questions or would like more information feel free to contact us. We appreciate your support and look forward to it for years to come!

Kevin Chase
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Homecoming Lost and Found

The night of the Delta Homecoming Banquet at Michelbook Country Club someone mistakenly took a coat that belonged to a Mr. Nash. The coat is light brown and a size small. If you found that you ended up with this coat would you call Mr. Nash at 503-435-0832
Where did they go?

We have had numerous and wonderful stories of brothers graduating and going to the furthest corners of the globe to make their mark. It’s nice to find a Delta who has been very successful while staying close to home. And, as Dan said when I asked him to be the next subject for the “Where Did They Go Column”, “But John, I didn’t go anywhere!”

Dan Preston, born and raised in Lewistown, Montana, graduated from Linfield in 1983 with a degree in Creative Writing and went to work for Linfield College as an Admission Counselor. Since that time he has been an Asst. Dean of Admissions, Financial Aid Counselor, Associate Director of Financial Aid, Director of Financial Aid, Dean of Enrollment/Director of Financial Aid, Dean of Enrollment Services, and currently the Vice President of Enrollment Management at Linfield. (what about janitor?)

In his current position, Dan works on branding, marketing and institutional image, helps with a variety of programs that enhance the student experience, and tries to find ways to improve the college. Taking a year away from Linfield in 1989, he attended Western Washington Univ. where he completed a Master of Education in Student Personnel Administration.

Dan was introduced to his wife, Jayne, in 1986 by Jay Locey, former Linfield faculty member and football coach. The couple were married in 1987 and have two children. Kyle is a junior at Concordia in Portland and his daughter, Alexis, is a freshman at Linfield. After their marriage, Jayne went on to attend Oregon College of Education, obtaining an elementary education teaching degree and has worked in the Newberg, Or., School District for 31 years. During this time she achieved her Master of Education at Linfield.

Keeping busy in his off time, Dan plays golf as often as possible. He claims that he learned golf from his fraternity brothers and it has taken a LONG time to unlearn some of the horrible habits formed from their instruction.

Other activities Dan has participated in away from work include a variety of roles for the state financial aid organization, where he was recognized for his Distinguished Service in 2003 - 2004. He recently attended a two week Institute for Educational Management program at Harvard, a very competitive program in which to be enrolled. This program had attendees from Haiti, New Zealand, Sweden, England, South Africa and most of the 50 states.

“I have lots of great memories,” Dan says. “From crashes off the old house porch to sunburns at the coast to some pretty outrageous times on Saturday Nights at the house, but I always tell others about playing Risk in the old house on Sundays, with Randy Drake insisting on being the pink army so he could commission General Pinky to stand watch over the proceedings as we went to dinner at Dragon Gate and came back to finish the game. My daughter is pretty convinced that it’s one of the nerdiest things she has ever heard.”

Dan has stayed in touch with Randy Drake and John Murray over the years. These two brothers were in his wedding, apparently wearing white socks?
The purpose of the alumni association of Delta Psi Delta fraternity is four dimensional.

- Support the current brotherhood in the day to day operation of the fraternity.
- Preserve and protect the long term assets of the fraternity
- Provide a means of communication with the alumni.
- Provide educational support with scholarship funds.

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