

NORTH CAROLINA DELTA NEWS

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North Carolina Delta Chapter of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity at
North Carolina State University

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House Improvement

A hard-wired fire alarm system has been installed (with the help of a \$10,000 grant from Phi Delt's national housing endowment). NC Delta Foundation funds paid the remaining \$16,000, and we'll cover ongoing monitoring fees. We've also replaced all 55 windows in the House.

A huge thanks to outgoing Alumni House Manager **Steve Wade** (*Eta*) for overseeing these projects.

2006 Homecoming

Homecoming Game is Saturday, November 4, 2006 vs. Georgia Tech. A Friday night alumni party will be held at **Hi-5** Restaurant/Bar on Glenwood Avenue - details at www.ncdelta.com.

Chapter Newsbriefs

- Φ The Chapter's Spring '06 GPA (3.11) was #2 (Delta Upsilon was #1 at 3.4). The All-Student GPA was 2.92, and the All-Greek GPA was 2.88. **And – 40% of our brothers made Dean's List.**
- Φ New alum **Patrick Cleary** (*Alpha Epsilon*) has received a Phi Delta Theta Educational Foundation Graduate Fellowship. Patrick is enrolled in Law School at UNC.
- Φ The 2006 **Lee Fowler Celebrity Golf Classic** raised \$26,000 for the local ALS Chapter. The brothers also raised \$1100+ in a "Walk to d'Feet ALS" (photo below).



"...Not Only, Not Less, but Greater than it was Transmitted to Me"

One thing every NC Delta alumnus has in common is our oath to transmit the fraternity stronger than we found it. Some of us are in a position to contribute our time and talents, but all of us have the opportunity to contribute our financial resources at some level.

The 2006 Alumni Campaign is now underway – a donation form has been enclosed with the mailed copy of this newsletter. How much to give? An amount that is generous for **you**. Examples of what your gift can help achieve:

- \$1,000** pays for two replacement windows at the Chapter House
- \$ 500** pays for one newsletter mailing
- \$ 250** pays for half of the "Mix & Mingle" Rush event held each semester
- \$ 100** pays for one month's phone bill associated with our new fire alarm system
- \$ 50** is contributed by each undergraduate brother annually

Our website www.ncdelta.com now features a secure online donation option – no need for a PayPal account, etc. You can also pay via credit card by filling out a donor form and mailing it in (see enclosed form, also available on the website).

Our past record for contributions during the annual campaign is just over \$10,300. The Foundation has stepped up its financial support of the Chapter, as you'll read elsewhere in this newsletter – so our alumni need to help by stepping up as well.

The Foundation's Board members have contributed a combined \$1,000 to kick off the campaign – thank you for making a point to participate too! See Page 4 for more details.

Foundation Partners with Chapter for Recruitment Boost



Chapter Advisor Bobby Thekkendaram (*Tau*) speaks to Rushees at the Fall Mix & Mingle event.

As previously announced, the Chapter and the NC Delta Foundation entered into a partnership this year to pilot a new effort to increase Phi Delt's exposure to new male students.

With Rush numbers declining across the Fraternity system, and the addition of several new fraternities since Phi Delt arrived on campus in 1988, we recognized the need to reach out to potential members early.

Incoming male freshmen (and transfer students) were targeted by mail and other media, introducing them to the Greek System and to Phi Delta Theta. They were invited to visit the Chapter's website, to inquire with University officials as to our reputation on campus, and to attend an informal welcoming dessert reception hosted by our alumni.

Attendance at this Fall's Rush events was strong, and 11 men accepted bids to form Pledge Class Alpha Nu. Thanks to all Foundation contributors for helping to make our support possible.

ALUMNI UPDATES

Danny Adams (*Eta*) and Sarah Dian are moving back to Raleigh in October after 10 years of living in DC. He is joining an RTP-based architecture firm, the Freelon Group.

Frank Alford (*Xi*) is an Assistant Director with Camp Flintlock based out of Four Oaks, NC. It's a colonial period living history summer camp that will also do about 80 field trips for schools this year and many weekend encampments for scout groups.

Lance Benson (*Nu*) will be honored in New York on November 1 as Achilles Track Club's Athlete of the Year. He is honored along side the Corporate Honoree of the Year, Martin J. Sullivan, President & CEO of American International Group, Inc. (AIG). Lance is also competing in his seventh marathon on the preceding Sunday with Achilles, which is a worldwide organization represented in sixty countries. Its mission is "to enable people with all types of disabilities to participate in mainstream athletics, to promote personal achievement, enhanced self esteem, and the lowering of barriers between people." Learn more at www.achillestrackclub.org.

Tad Berube (*Eta*), who is already a National Board Certified Teacher, earned his Masters in School Administration last year.

Jeff Cherry (*Founder*) is now Associate Director of Public Affairs for Alliance of AIDS Services – Carolina.

Brett Claywell (*Tau*) finished his third season on the cast of the television show *One Tree Hill*. He filmed his first movie in November, a teen comedy with Haylie Duff and Tom Green, and is doing a high school baseball movie in June called *The Final Season* in Iowa with Sean Astin, etc.

Eric Coates (*Theta*) and family have moved from Winston-Salem, NC to Lexington, SC. Eric is now a Neonatal Intensive Care Physician at Palmetto Baptist Hospital in Columbia, SC.

Brent Covington (*Xi*) graduated with a Masters in Architecture from NC State in December, 2005, and is working for PBC+L Architecture in downtown Raleigh (along with fellow Phi alumni Matt Konar and David Hill).

John Daughtry (*Rho*) completed his MS in Information Sciences and Technology at Penn State University in August.

Jimmy Harvest (*Upsilon*) has been promoted to Process Sustaining Engineer with Cree, Inc.

Tim Holbrook (*Gamma*) was named Associate Director of the Program in Intellectual Property Law at Chicago-Kent College of Law.

Matt Hong (*Theta*) left AOL in January after 6+ years and moved to Farmington Hills, MI to join Thomson Learning, part of The Thomson Corporation. He is now Vice President & General Manager of Open Web Markets, focusing on the consumer Internet initiatives for Thomson Learning.

Matt Konar (*Nu*) passed his Architectural Registration Exams and now is a Registered Architect in the State of North Carolina. For the past 5 years, he has worked at Pearce Brinkley Cease + Lee in downtown Raleigh and is currently designing the addition and renovation of the North Carolina Museum of Art.

Andy Lacky (*Founder*) is a Senior Account Executive with The Hartford in Charlotte.

David O'Neal (*Zeta*) is Service Center Manager for Merchants Metals (wholesale fence distributor).

Michael O'Sullivan (*Iota*) is becoming quite the entrepreneur. He is a successful real estate investor, becoming a student to niche marketing, and is making good returns in real estate for his private money lenders. Quite a different path from civil engineering, but he loves what he does and gets some extra free time with his family due to his lifestyle choices. He is always looking for more private money to do more deals and can be contacted via osullys@mindspring.com.

Brooks Raiford (*Founder*) is Director of Business Development with Centex Construction's Southeastern US division, with additional responsibility for government relations and community affairs. Centex is the largest US-based general contractor (its sister company is Centex Homes), and has built or renovated a significant number of buildings at NC State in recent years.

Taylor Raiford (*Gamma*) has been named Zone Director for the Northeast with Shire Pharmaceuticals. He has been with the company for eleven years.

Dirk Selland (*Alpha*) is now Supervisory General Attorney in San Francisco OGC of the Social Security Administration. He served as a Naval Officer for six years, and he worked in OGC's Office of Program Law for four years, where he was responsible for litigation arising under Titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act. He served as the Coordinator of OGC's nationwide Equal Access to Justice Act Workgroup and helped draft OGC's first comprehensive "Nuts and Bolts Guide to EAJA." He helped create OGC's employee orientation program, along with a number of other assignments within the organization.

In August 2003, Dirk transferred to the Office of General Law, where he advised senior agency officials on personnel and labor relations issues, and worked on cases involving the Freedom of Information Act, the Privacy Act, the Federal Tort Claims Act, and civil rights. Dirk has received several prestigious awards, including a Congressman's Medal of Merit, the National Defense Service Medal, and General Counsel Citations.

Brent Shorter (*Omicron*) has completed his MBA at the Jones School at Rice University and is now an Associate Consultant at Purvin & Gertz, Inc., which is an independent international energy consulting firm for the downstream petroleum industry. After eight years in the industry as a Chemical Engineer in Refining and Chemicals with Exxon and Shell, Brent was ready to try something more entrepreneurial. The new job is in downtown Houston, and he invites visitors to contact him.

Chad Tesh (*Omicron*) has moved to the Triad and teaches Honors and Standard World History at Mt. Tabor High School, where he also coaches Varsity Football and Baseball.

Chris Tonelli (*Mu*) has poems forthcoming in the anthologies *The Bedside Guide to No Tell Motel* and *Outside Voices 2008 Anthology of Younger Poets*, as well as the journals *Good Foot*, *Kulture Vulture*, *Half Drunk Muse*, *Typo*, and *Word For/Word*.

Andy Willis (*Beta*) has been named Vice President for Government Affairs for the UNC System after serving for the past three years as Assistant to the Chancellor for External Affairs at NC State.

Matt Zembrzuski (*Omicron*) received his M.Ed. from George Mason University in August.

INTERNATIONAL REPORT

Below are updates from several of our overseas Phis:

Brian Hennessy (*Epsilon*): "I am beginning my fifth year in Rome and, hopefully, the final year of my doctorate. I hope to defend my dissertation in Canon Law in June, 2007. Rome is a beautiful city where history and tradition surround you. And, the food isn't too bad either. I live with 75 American priests in the historical center, just a short distance from the Trevi Fountain and the Pantheon. It has been an experience I will never forget. If anyone is passing through, please let me know."

Patrick Minton (*Sigma*): "I live in Dresden, Germany with my wife Annette and infant son Christophe, and work as a Process Engineer at Qimonda (www.qimonda.com). I've had about 10 Phis come through and stay with me/us in the 3 and a half years since I've lived here. More are welcome!"

Petter Naslund (*Mu*): "Meridith and I decided in the summer of '05 that after two years back in Raleigh, it was time for something new. I signed a three-year expat contract with my current company, Teligent, to become the Director of Product Marketing for the U.K. subsidiary in London. We packed some of our belongings and traded our large Raleigh apartment for small flat close to Victoria Station and a 20 minute walk from Stamford Bridge (home of the Chelsea Football Club). London is a lot of fun and there is no end to what there is to do. It really feels like the gateway to the world."

Meridith also appreciates that English (or some version of it!) is the spoken language. If anyone finds themselves in London or stops by on the way elsewhere, I'm always ready to share a few pints of beer in one of the many pubs within walking distance:)

Alex Rakowski (*Nu*): "I am living in Singapore working as a System Architect for Teligent Ltd. Last year I was living in the Philippines helping startup a new office. I love the weather in SE Asia - plus I have been enjoying some of the best scuba diving sites in the world."

CENSUS UPDATE

David Adams (*Nu*) and Tamara are expecting their second daughter in January, 2007.

Matt Bolick (*Delta*) and Shannon welcomed their fourth child, Rebecca Faith Bolick, on August 31, 2006. Family of six is doing well, but Abby the dog is stressed out.

Clarke Clingenpeel (*Alpha*) and Erika had Taylor Samuel Clingenpeel on June 16, 2006.

Brent Covington (*Xi*) and Amy are expecting a baby boy on November 13, 2006.

Timothy Downs (*Epsilon*) and Emily had Abigail McKenna Downs on January 18, 2006.

Matt Hong (*Theta*) and Soogi had their second child, Olivia Joy Hong, on October 7, 2005.

Chris Horton (*Iota*) and Kristy had David Robert Horton on March 8, 2006.

JW Johnson (*Alpha*) and Erin had Sophia Grace Johnson on August 3, 2006.

Matt Konar (*Nu*) and Angela had Joseph Angelo Konar (JAK) on September 12, 2006.

John Lylerly (*Omicron*) and Kristie are expecting their first child mid- December 2006.

Mark Medlock (*Gamma*) and Susanne had Paul Harmon Medlock on April 21, 2006.

Patrick Minton (*Sigma*) and Annett had Christophe Leonard Minton on May 11, 2006.

Stephen Nepa (*Eta*) and Tami had Arabella Noelle Nepa on August 25, 2006.

David O'Neal (*Zeta*) and Shannon adopted Jacob Carter O'Neal in February of last year – he's now 21 months old.

Taylor Raiford (*Gamma*) and Jennifer had Chase Alexander Raiford on January 14, 2006.

Teddy Reed (*Founder*) and Lara had Evan James Reed on February 13, 2006 – he joins big sisters Julia (7) and Bailey (4).

Chad Rehder (*Iota*) and Emily are expecting child #3 on October 27, 2006.

Kevin Rogerson (*Kappa*) and Laura are expecting their first child (boy) on November 4, 2006.

Kip Talhelm (*Epsilon*) and Kyle had Kenna Jayne Talhelm on November 15, 2005.

Chad Tesh (*Omicron*) and Paige had Cole Michael Tesh on April 9, 2006.

Carter Wells (*Kappa*) and Rachael had a second girl, Ainsley Beckham Wells, on June 15, 2006.

Jeff Willits (*Alpha*) and Becky are expecting a baby in October.

HITCHED

Nathan Diering (*Alpha Delta*) married Maria Solc on August 5, 2006 in Raleigh.



David Fu (*Founder*) married Wendy Hsu on September 2, 2006 in Waikiki, Hawaii. Phi Delt alumni in attendance were (l-r): Mark Hadley, Trevor Gadson, Ron Boling, and David. Not pictured: Kerr Collins and Arthur Fu.

Matt Kull (*Sigma*) is engaged to marry Rachel Potenziani in Durham, NC in January 2007.

Michael Lenihan (*Phi*) is engaged to marry Beverly Flichman on April 21, 2007 in Pine Knoll Shores, NC. Michael encourages those wishing to attend to email him at mrlenihan@gmail.com so he can send an invitation.

Billy Mitchell (*Upsilon*) married Wendy Long on September 16, 2006 in New York.

Matt Zembrzuski (*Omicron*) married Colleen Dolak on August 26, 2006 in Sterling, Virginia.

2006 Alumni Campaign

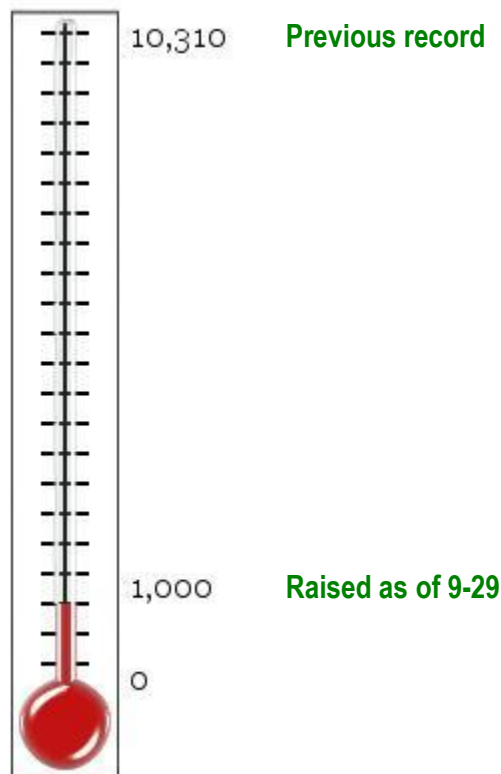
Previous Record: \$10,310
Already Raised: \$ 1,000
Campaign Ends: December 31, 2006

Never given? Don't have much to give? You can make a real difference with a small contribution...**just \$10** covers the annual cost of keeping you on the mailing list.

When the Roll of Donors is published in January, be sure your name is there. It's a great sign to our undergraduate Brothers to show a high participation rate.

Keep up with how we're doing at www.ncdelta.com where you'll see a Campaign Thermometer on the front page. Help move the mercury up the scale – send in your gift using the form enclosed with this newsletter, or visit www.ncdelta.com to contribute online (or to print a donor form if you need one).

Thank you!



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