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PHI DELTA THETA

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CHAPTER NEWS BRIEFS

- Chapter's GPA of 2.98 was #3 among 23 Fraternities in Fall '07, topping the All-Greek, All-Men, All-Women, & All-Student GPA's.
- The Spring '08 Phi-keia class includes our first Park Scholar.
- The 2008 Lee Fowler golf tournament raised over \$26,000 for ALS.



Mac Boxley, the Fowlers, and Brothers at charity golf tournament

- Softball team made the playoffs, losing in the 1st round to Kappa Sigma. Awaiting 2nd round at press time.
- Spring Football team ranked #1 entering the playoffs, but lost to Pi Kappa Alpha.

20th Anniversary Celebration

Alumni Reunion Weekend: November 7-8, 2008

This Fall marks the 20th Anniversary of the Charter for the NC Delta Chapter of Phi Delta Theta.

Instead of scheduling an alumni party during Homecoming, we will host an Alumni Reunion Weekend on a non-football date with events designed to appeal to everyone.

Details are still being finalized, but the general schedule is outlined at right (dates are firm, though times are tentative).

Visit our website for updates:

www.ncdelta.com

Reunion Schedule *

Friday, Nov. 7

7-9 pm Open House at 18 Horne Street

9 pm - ? Gather at Mitch's Tavern

Saturday, Nov. 8

TBA Alumni Golf Tournament

6-10 pm **Alumni Reunion Event**
Dinner & social in Vaughn Towers
(luxury tower at Carter-Finley Stadium)

* All times tentative

2007 Fundraising Sets Records

A big **THANK YOU** to the 130 alumni who participated in the 2007 Alumni Campaign, which raised \$14,390.

Not only did we have a record-breaking number of donors, we also exceeded our previous fundraising record by 16%. We even broke records for average gift size (\$110) and percentage raised on-line (81%).

A special thanks to the graduating class of Spring 2007, which

had an 89% rate of participation in our campaign!

As promised, every dollar contributed in 2007 was applied directly to our mortgage. By the time we meet for our 20th Anniversary Alumni Reunion this Fall, our mortgage will fall below \$200,000.

If we make payments at our current rate, the mortgage will be retired in eight years...but the Foundation's goal is to retire it

in five years, when we celebrate our Chapter's 25th Anniversary in 2013.

We'll do this by making extra payments when possible, and your role as alumni will be critical in meeting that goal.

You might also be interested to know that when Wake County recently re-assessed all properties for tax purposes, our House was valued at \$447,000 (up about 50% since 2000).

Greek Village Groundbreaking



Brooks Raiford joins Chancellor Oblinger and others in groundbreaking ceremony for Greek Village

After a great deal of planning, the new Greek Village is becoming a reality.

The University will completely redesign the current Fraternity Court, gradually demolishing the existing houses to make way for new ones.

In Phase I, four Greek organizations will build new houses (Sigma Nu, Kappa Sigma, Chi Psi, and Sigma Phi Epsilon). There will eventually be room for up to 20 houses.

Within certain design parameters, the House Corporations of each participating Chapter will build, own, and operate their 20-30-40 bed houses on land leased from NC State.

Future phases will include townhouses, allowing smaller Chapters to rent one or more while growing to a size that will sustain a permanent house.

Additional facilities will likely include a commons, a Greek

Life center (for events and to house Greek Life staff), parking, athletic fields, and more. Follow development of this effort at:

ncsu.edu/greeklife/village

Note: The NC Delta Foundation will convene a task force soon to explore whether Phi Delta Theta should pursue an eventual move to Greek Village. Let us know if you're interested in serving.

This edition (and archived editions) of the alumni newsletter are posted at:

www.ncdelta.com

Do you have news or updates to share?

Visit the Newsletter section of our website for instructions on how to submit items for future editions.

Weddings and Engagements

Juri Groenland (*Upsilon*) is engaged to marry Sherri Hobbs on October 11, 2008 either in Raleigh or the Outer Banks.

Dave Norden (*Xi*) is engaged to marry Kristie Lynn Huse on November 1, 2008 in Bluemont, Virginia.

Dirk Selland (*Alpha*) and Henry Urrutia celebrated their Holy Union before friends and family aboard the Lady Baltimore on September 7, 2007 in Baltimore, MD.

Photo: Dirk Selland (r) and Henry Urrutia



Babies-R-Us

Eric Coates (*Theta*) and Jessica adopted their fourth son, Colby Eric, who was born November 26, 2007.

David Fu (*Founder*) and Wendy had Natalie Marie on November 29, 2007.

Rob Harmening (*Zeta*) and Martha had Rebekah Ann on February 26, 2008.

Ed Stubbins (*Beta*) and Ashley had George Edward Stubbins III on October 8, 2007.

Bobby Thekkekandam (*Tau*) and Janine had Amy Elizabeth on December 4, 2007.

David Fu and daughter Natalie



Bobby Thekkekandam's daughter Amy



Ed, Ashley and George Stubbins

Alumni Updates

Chris Johnson (*Founder*) was recently promoted to Senior Director, Neurohealth Marketing for GlaxoSmithKline. Chris works on the strategic development and marketing of products in the areas of epilepsy, bipolar disorder, and Alzheimers.

Matt Konar (*Nu*) has left Redtop Architects of New York and eliminated his Raleigh-NY commute by becoming the staff architect at Empire Properties in Raleigh, focusing on a variety of projects downtown. He will also begin documenting his architectural work on his new website: www.matthewkonar.com

Aaron Maurer (*Theta*) has been named a partner in the Washington, DC law firm of Williams and Connolly LLP.

Dale Meisenbach (*Alpha Eta*) has moved to Alexandria, VA to do software development with Systems Definition, Inc., a small consulting firm that focuses on government contracts.

Sand Patel (*Iota*) is an Organizer and Director of Perimeter First Bank (io). They

are currently in the capital raising phase of the organization process, and are accepting investors. Further details available at: www.perimeterfirst.com

Taylor Raiford (*Gamma*) helped ring the opening bell of the NASDAQ on March 25, 2008 (the 10th anniversary of his employer's - Shire Pharmaceuticals - listing on that exchange).



Taylor Raiford (far right) helps ring the opening bell of the NASDAQ.

Shawn Skillman (*Pi*) completed the Florida Ironman in November, 2007 and the Atlanta Marathon in March, 2008. He's looking forward to improving his time in the Florida Ironman this Fall in Panama City Beach, FL.

Lance Spacek (*Beta*) has joined Deutsche Bank as Head of US Corporate Marketing. He focuses on investor targeting, connecting senior management of public companies with the bank's institutional equities clients.

Chris Tonelli (*Mu*) has poems forthcoming in *Saltgrass*, *Salt Hill*, *Absent*, *Good Foot*, and the *2008 Anthology of Young Poets*. His second chapbook, *A Mule-Shaped Cloud*, is now out on horse less press, and his third chapbook, *For People Who Like Gravity and Other People*, is forthcoming from Rope-A-Dope Press.

Seth Whitaker (*Sigma*) has moved to Charleston, SC and is an associate with the law firm of Duffy & Young, LLC doing civil litigation and estate planning work.

Renovations Modernize Common Areas

Renovations included one kitchen, three bathrooms, laundry room, and exterior improvements (mortar touch-ups and new brick staircase on right side of front porch). View more photos of the projects in various stages at our website: www.ncdelta.com



“The brothers want to thank you for the recent renovations that have been completed.

“We are proud of the improvements and promise to preserve their condition for future residents.”

*Thank you,
The Brothers of NC Delta*





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The House My Brother Built



When **Pete Deichler** (*Iota*) and his wife Beth bought a lot in Chatham County with plans to build a new house, they reached out to **Steve Wade** (*Eta*) who had started a custom home business. The house was completed last Fall, and Pete says that “Steve was so nice and patient...we couldn’t imagine having a better builder.” This despite Pete’s nervousness about the budget and second thoughts about the high-end options he had selected (though he points out “in the end, I got over it and the house is great”).

Steve agrees that even with the usual twists and turns, the process went smoothly. He says “our friendship never suffered and we were able to maintain a very professional business relationship as well.” Steve notes he also benefitted because “it provided a necessary income stream for my new and growing company, but also allowed me to hone my processes and skills.”

You can see more of Steve’s work at www.matthewswadehomes.com