



NORTH CAROLINA DELTA NEWS

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2005 Alumni Campaign Results

The 2005 Alumni Campaign was condensed into the final six weeks of the year in an effort to shorten the period of solicitation. **THANK YOU** to our alumni who contributed a total of \$7,555.

Please notice how many activities mentioned in this newsletter depend on your financial support!

2006 Homecoming

Homecoming will be November 4, 2006 vs. Georgia Tech. There will be no alumni tailgate – game tickets are hard to come by, and most who have them already have tailgating traditions. Instead, a Friday night alumni party will be our focus. These have been well attended in the past. Details to come, but plan to be in Raleigh Nov. 3-4!

Chapter Newsbriefs

- Φ **Alumni are invited** to a Chapter BBQ on May 6. Area alumni will receive an emailed invitation shortly with further details (or email ncdelta@nc.rr.com).
- Φ The Chapter's Fall '05 GPA (3.23) was #2 among fraternities (Delta Upsilon was #1 at 3.42). The All-Men's GPA was 2.81, the All-Student GPA was 2.91, and the All-Greek GPA was 2.90.
- Φ Bobby Thekkekandam (*Tau*) has been appointed Chapter Advisor.
- Φ The Chapter's annual golf tournament was held April 10 at Prestonwood and raised \$26,000 for ALS. Another \$1000 was raised from a Chapter walk-a-thon.
- Φ The A-Team in football remained undefeated since 2003 (a 24 game winning streak) – until losing by one point to eventual champion PKP, finishing the 2005 season 5-1.
- Φ Chapter needs a pool table; contact brother Mike Kimosh at 919-606-2197 or mlkimosh@ncsu.edu with any leads.

Foundation Receives Grant Toward Fire Alarm System

After several years of research and discussions with inspectors and contractors, it proved prohibitively expensive to install a full sprinkler system along with an alarm system at the Chapter House. The consensus of the Chapter and Foundation leadership was that the key goal should be saving lives – property can be replaced.

The Foundation has received a grant from the Walter B. Palmer Foundation (Phi Delt's national housing fund) covering nearly half the cost of installing an hardwired, monitored fire alarm system. Work is scheduled to be completed later this Spring.

Additional improvements/upgrades are being identified for progress over the coming year. More details to come as plans are finalized.

Chancellor Taps Phi Delt for Greek Court Task Force

NC State Chancellor James Oblinger has appointed NC Delta Foundation Chair Brooks Raiford (*Founder*) to serve on the Greek Court Redevelopment Task Force, consisting of university officials and Greek alumni leaders.

The group will develop plans to make Greek Court viable for the long term, such as: a land-lease option so chapters could build and manage privately-owned houses; a master plan for the Court; recommend how to best use existing buildings; build partnerships with University departments to provide additional services and activities for the Court, and implement long-term financial strategies to fund improvements and operations for the Court.

Foundation to Assist with Recruitment

The NC Delta Foundation has determined that its help could be effective in strengthening the Chapter's recruitment efforts. We sponsored an upscale Rush event this Spring at the Alumni Building, which 20 of our alumni attended – a great turnout. We plan to do this each semester, and are also working with the Chapter to fund a comprehensive mailing to incoming freshmen, coupled with targeted communications to Park and Caldwell scholars and other high-caliber groups.

The days of Rush drawing big crowds is over among all fraternities, so a high-touch approach targeting quality candidates may give us an edge. A task force of brothers and alumni are working together to launch this effort over the summer.

Danby Scholarship Fund – Gift that Keeps on Giving

As most of you know, Dr. Tony Danby served as Faculty Advisor for a number of years, and in 1999 he established an endowed fund to provide scholarships to brothers whose financial challenges imperiled their active participation in Phi Delt.

His initial gift of \$25,000 has grown to \$46,512 as of December 31, 2005 (even while distributing nearly \$8,500 in scholarships). Part of the fund's growth is due to additional contributions from our alumni – when you receive solicitations from the national Phi Delta Theta Educational Foundation, just note "Danby Fund" in the memo of your check, and your gift will be directed there (and your gift still counts toward your overall giving record to the Educational Foundation).

ALUMNI UPDATES

Jeff Ames (*Pi*) was promoted to National Sales Manager for SSI Technologies in the Fall of 2005.

Brad Anglemeyer (*Rho*) and Anna are moving to Pawley's Island, SC where he will begin in an ER practice there.

Lance Benson (*Nu*) has been appointed to the Florida International University Alumni Circle (group of business professionals that works with the Business School there). Lance was also featured in South Florida CEO Magazine.

Jeff Beusse (*Alpha*) has been promoted to Senior Director of Front Office Application Development for XM Radio. He is responsible for 80+ contractors and employees here and in India who perform ongoing software development for XM's core subscriber care, billing, and supply chain applications for XM's 6 million plus customers.

Paul Briggs (*Founder*) has left BB&T for full time ministry as the COO of the Anglican Mission in America. He is now living in Pawley's Island, SC.

Tyler Buckner (*Kappa*) and Erica achieved their personal goal of visiting all seven continents by taking a 14-day vacation to Antarctica this past March. The adventurous couple's itinerary included visits to research stations, stops at historical points of interest related to polar exploration, dodging icebergs, and observing both marine and avian wildlife in their natural habitats. Tyler hopes to have photos posted soon at www.tylerica.com.

Kevin Burton (*Beta*) has a publishing business that's entering its third year, and has been recognized with three national awards for their line of children's picture books. KRBY Creations, LLC has four titles currently in print, with an additional title in production.

Pat Carver (*Founder*) is now back in North Carolina after 10 years in Atlanta. He is an Area Executive for First Citizens Bank, and is based in Asheville, NC.

Kerr Collins (*Alpha*) is now the Global Procurement Process Lead for Accenture.

Brad Davis (*Iota*) deployed with the 336th F-15E Fighter Squadron to Al Udeid AB, Qatar from January to June in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Kent Dezendorf (*Phi*) has moved to Memphis, Tennessee to work for Apple.

Trevor Gadson (*Beta*) has been promoted to Senior Technical Engineer at US Cellular.

Jason Haugh (*Zeta*), an assistant professor of chemical and biomolecular engineering at NC State, has been awarded the 2005 Camille Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Award – one of only 16 faculty in the US to receive it. The award is accompanied by a \$75,000 grant to advance teaching and research programs.

Tim Holbrook (*Gamma*) lived in Budapest, Hungary last Spring as a Visiting Scholar at the Central European University, and before that spent some vacation time in Nicaragua. Tim has also been promoted to Associate Professor and awarded tenure at Chicago-Kent College of Law.

Richard Jennings (*Zeta*) is now Administrator at the Centinela Freeman Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles.

Junius "Jay" Johnson (*Founder*) is now one of the world's leading experts in the transportation of infectious material. He is scheduled to present in May at the IATA Dangerous Goods Conference in Bangkok, Thailand. He now resides in Atlanta.

Matt Johnson (*Phi*) is now the Director of Grassroots Campaign, part of the fundraising effort for the new Dorothy & Roy Park Alumni Center being built on Centennial Campus. He hopes all Phis will take the opportunity to come and view the new Park Center after it opens later this year. If any Phi needs assistance with NC State Alumni affairs, contact Matt at 919-515-8393 or j_matt_johnson@ncsu.edu.

Bruce Martin (*Phi*) will receive an Associates Degree in May from Guilford Tech in Turfgrass Management. He is now the Assistant Golf Course Superintendent at Tanglewood in Clemmons, NC.

Mark McDaniel (*Rho*) has been living in Boone, NC for the past 2 years but will be relocating to Wilmington at the end of April. Along with starting a new career, he plans to spend his days surfing and training for his third Ironman competition.

Jason Minnicozzi (*Alpha Gamma*) graduated with a B.A. in Criminology in December 2005. He is currently working at the NC State Employees' Credit Union in the Mortgage Dept. and preparing for the LSAT (June 2006).

David Myers (*Alpha Alpha*) is spending a year in Argentina on a mission trip.

Chris Parham (*Mu*) graduates from UNC-Chapel Hill in May with a medical degree and a Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering.

Ben Patterson (*Psi*) is serving a two year tour with the Peace Corp in Nicaragua.

Alex Rakowski (*Nu*) has spent the past year in Southeast Asia. He lived in the Philippines for 10 months and now he is located in Singapore.

Shelton Shepherd (*Epsilon*) is Dean of Students at Cary Academy.

Matt Smith (*Eta*) has, after 11+ years at NC State, taken a new position with May Heavy Equipment based in Lexington, NC. He will open a sales territory from Raleigh to the coast for May, and will offer CAT, Volvo, Komatsu, Deere and other products to grading contractors, site developers and other companies that move big dirt. Yes, the penny loafers and suits are gone in exchange for khakis and Red Wings. He looks forward to enjoying tailgates again after having to work most Saturdays.

Travis Smith (*Beta*) has returned to Kruger, Inc. (Cary) as an engineer, and owns a small real estate business (Bricks and Sticks, Ltd.).

Ed Stubbins (*Beta*) has received his Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation. He has a new job in Fixed Income Sales and Marketing with Pacific Investment Management Company (PIMCO), the world's largest bond fund, and has relocated to the O.C. (specifically Newport Beach, CA). His wife Ashley is the Brand Manager for Fresca with the Coca Cola Company and is transferring to their Irvine, CA office. They are both excited that their new back yard is the Pacific Ocean (literally!) and invites any Phis in the area to drop by, say hello, and watch the sunsets from their place. He occasionally visits Rich Jennings at his place on the water in Santa Monica, CA.

Chad Tesh (*Omicron*) is Head Baseball Coach and Offensive Coordinator in Football at Trinity High School in Trinity, NC. He also teaches Honrs and Standard World History.

Chris Tonelli (*Mu*) is Associate Editor with the School Division of Houghton-Mifflin Publishing Company. His recent poems are forthcoming in Verse Magazine, and his chapbook, WIDE TREE, is now available from Kitchen Press.

Brian Wilson (*Xi*) has been promoted from Shock Specialist on the #77 Kodak Nextel Cup team to Shock and Spring Specialist on the #2 Miller Lite Nextel Cup team driven by Kurt Busch.

Steve Wismuller (*Xi*) has a new job with IBM in Corporate Environmental Affairs, and is now living in New York.

Chris Yi (*Sigma*) started Dental School this year at UNC-Chapel Hill. He'll graduate Class of 2009.

FERTILITY CLINIC

George Adams (*Lambda*) and Michele had Vanessa Jade Adams on July 27, 2005.

Jeff Ames (*Pi*) and Stephanie had baby girl Emerson Lynn Ames on August 18, 2005.

Rob Ballantine (*Epsilon*) and Elizabeth are expecting their 5th child in November, 2006.

Jay Biggs (*Iota*) and Pam had Emily Beth Biggs on August 10, 2005.

Brady Bone (*Theta*) and Shannon are expecting their second child in September, 2006.

Matthew Brown (*Founder*) and Dana had their third child, Reagan Elizabeth Brown, on March 15, 2006.

Kerr Collins (*Alpha*) and Tori had Robert Kerr Collins on November 23, 2005.

Kemp Covington (*Eta*) and Jennifer had their second daughter, Adler Camille Covington, on October 7, 2005.

John Davis (*Beta*) and Ana had Carolyn Isabel Davis on June 10, 2005.

Matt Gilson (*Kappa*) and Jennifer had Taylor Katherine Gilson on June 12, 2005.

Bobby Greiner (*Xi*) and Allison had Matthew Davis Greiner on February 20, 2006.

Rob Harmening (*Zeta*) and Martha had Robert Graham Harmening on August 26, 2005.

Rob Hickman (*Zeta*) and Kristan had Sydney Lynn Hickman on August 7, 2005.

Hilton Howard (*Beta*) and Sarah had a baby boy, Hayden Montgomery Howard, on February 9, 2006.

Brian Jesinkey (*Theta*) and Shannon had Riley Ann Jesinkey on May 28, 2005.

Chris Johnson (*Founder*) and Paige (and big brother Wade) had Cole Walker Johnson on March 1, 2005.

J.W. Johnson (*Alpha*) and Erin had Jacob on April 12, 2005, and are expecting another addition in August, 2006.

Omar Lamm (*Xi*) and Tania had Sophia Nicole Lamm on December 23, 2005.

Jon Landrum (*Delta*) and Piper had Casey Wyatt Landrum on March 22, 2006.

Mark Medlock (*Gamma*) and Susanne are expecting in April, 2006.

Scott Metheny (*Rho*) and Vikki (and brother Griffin) celebrated the birth of Kintigh Paul Metheny on August 17, 2005.

Brad Moore (*Gamma*) and Jenell had Madeline Tate Moore on April 3, 2006.

Stephen Nepa (*Eta*) and Tami are expecting in August, 2006.

Michael O'Sullivan (*Iota*) and Cathy had Patrick Michael O'Sullivan on July 30, 2005.

Nilay Patel (*Sigma*) and Shital (Sweetu) had baby Roman Patel on January 30, 2006.

Bill Powell (*Gamma*) and Rosanne had their second daughter, Kaylee Adonai Powell, on June 6, 2005.

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

Jon Routh (*Mu*) and Jennifer had their first child, Anna Emily Routh, on February 1, 2006.

Mark Simmons (*Gamma*) and Erin had Cameron James Simmons on January 5, 2006.

Allen Smith (*Kappa*) and Jessica had Logan Moore Smith on December 21, 2005.

Travis Smith (*Beta*) and Jan had their second son, Logan Lee Smith, on January 11, 2006.

Chad Tesh (*Omicron*) and Paige are expecting in April, 2006.

Carter Wells (*Kappa*) and Rachael are expecting another baby girl in June, 2006.

Barret Williams (*Epsilon*) and Jenna had Tate Riley Williams on March 17, 2006.

Ronnie Williams (*Founder*) and Anne had Katherine Anne (Kate) Williams on May 21, 2005.

Steven Wismuller (*Xi*) and Lauren had Benjamin Isaac Wismuller on January 6, 2006.

HITCHED

Lance Benson (*Nu*) got engaged to Yurlaines Caballero while vacationing in Paris; they'll marry on April 21, 2007 in Miami.

Rob Boone (*Upsilon*) is engaged to marry Farrell Lackey on June 2, 2006 in Cleburne, TX.

Clay Braxton (*Upsilon*) married Danielle Furci on October 1, 2005.

David Fu (*Founder*) is engaged to marry Wendy Hsu on September 2, 2006, in Honolulu, HI. David has been in San Francisco on an assignment with Accenture, but he hopes they can re-locate back to Charlotte after the wedding.

Hoyt Hackney (*Alpha*) is engaged to marry Alison Etheridge on July 8, 2006 in Charlotte. There is no shotgun involved.

Mark Hodgson (*Nu*) is engaged to marry Gray Parker on August 19, 2006 in Chadds Ford, PA.

Richard Jennings (*Zeta*) married Darian Schlossberg on May 14, 2005 in California.

Mark McDaniel (*Rho*) is engaged to marry Tiffany Phipps on September 30, 2006 in Boone, NC.

Matt Strickland (*Rho*) is engaged to marry Allison Stallings on October 14, 2006 in Louisburg, NC.

ΦΔΘ Photo Album

NC State Athletics Director Lee Fowler Leads Relationship Discussion



Lee and Carol Fowler conduct a relationship discussion with brothers and dates in the Alumni Room of the Chapter House.

The chapter has had a continual Bible study since its inception. With the help of Mac Boxley, the chapter was able to invite Lee Fowler, Wolfpack Athletics Director, and his wife Carol to the House for a panel discussion on marriage and relationships. Lee and Carol have given the chapter an incredible amount since becoming involved with NC State (especially the golf tournament). Joining Mac and Lee were football All-American Don Buckey and his wife, with 40+ attendees.

Chapter and Foundation Host Holiday Event



L: Vice Chancellor and Mrs. Tom Stafford visit with Brian Jesinkey (*Theta*) and his daughter Riley at the Chapter's Holiday Housewarming.



R: Brothers and Alumni at the Holiday Housewarming.

The Chapter held its first annual Holiday Housewarming on the evening of Saturday, December 3. Brothers, girlfriends, Phikeia, alumni and their families, and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Dr. Tom Stafford and his wife Judy, had a sociable start to the holiday season, capped by the blue and white themed Christmas tree in the Alumni Room of the house.

The Chapter aims to make this an annual tradition.

Golf Tournament Raises Record: \$26,000



Some of the Brothers and Alumni pose with Lee Fowler, Chuck Amato and Mac Boxley at the Lee Fowler Charity Golf Tournament.

Alumni Adventures



Brad Davis (*Iota*) pilots a fighter jet over a lake about 75 miles west of Baghdad (roughly 25,000 feet).



Tyler Buckner (*Kappa*) and Erica pose in Antarctica, with the legendary MS Explorer ("The Little Red Ship") behind them.