



RHO Chronicle



Delta Tau Delta Fraternity at Stevens Institute of Technology

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President's Report: We're Committed To Lives Of Excellence

In summarizing our overall status, the Rho Chapter at Stevens Institute of Technology has overcome one of the toughest transitional periods that the brotherhood has had to endure in recent years. Yet, despite this difficulty, the men have shown tremendous poise and persistence in staying committed to lives of excellence.

The strength of our chapter is truly found in its commitment to leadership. This past year, the president, as well as the treasurer and secretary of the IFC, were all Delts. Delta Tau Delta was also represented in student government with one of the brothers serving as a two-year incumbent in the capacity of class senator. Over the summer, two of our newly initiated brothers took time over their vacation to attend the ΔΤΔ Fraternity's Leadership Academy. They returned to school eager to

serve as committee chairs as well as on the newly elected executive board of the chapter.

On the athletic field, Delta Tau Delta continues to excel above and beyond any other Greek organization on campus. In addition to Delts serving as captains on various Stevens teams, many of our fall, winter, and spring athletes received numerous accolades for their individual play such as all-conference, all-region, and all-American honors.

Regarding opportunities on the horizon for Rho Chapter, it's safe to say that community service will be a great asset. As a result of difficulties hindering us in participation in the Adopt-a-School program, the brotherhood has found new and exciting means of serving the community around us. This past year, our membership ran two blood drives, two adopt-a-highway events, volunteered at the Hoboken

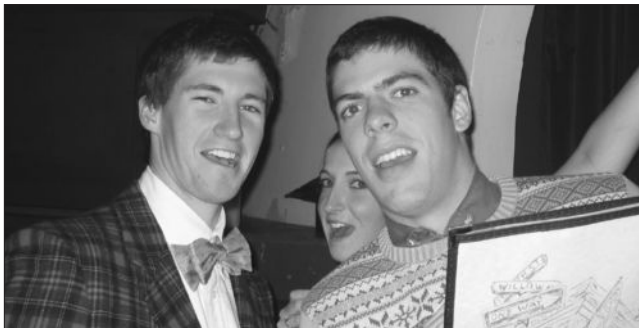
soup kitchen, and began a new partnership with the American Heart Association by assisting in their efforts to raise money for heart disease research. The brothers of Rho Chapter also gave financial support to the philanthropic endeavors of two of the sororities on campus, both of which expressed gratitude for our donations.

In conclusion, so long as the brotherhood stays true to its course—continuing our successes (while managing and correcting our weaknesses)—I see no reason why we cannot improve upon the rich legacy Rho Chapter has built, and make a legitimate run at capturing our highly coveted fifth Hugh Shield's Award. Thank you all.

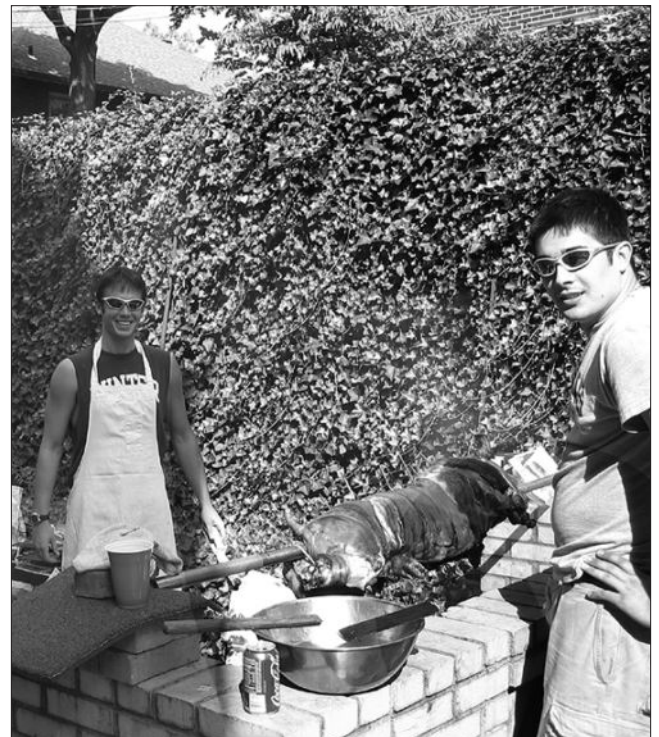
Respectfully submitted,
Sean Finnegan '07
Rho Chapter President, UGC Member



From l. to r., Delt Brothers Mike Malter '10, Phil Jonat '08, and Josh Ferrel '07.



Carolers welcome all to Sleightown: From l. to r., Kevin Clerkin '07, a friend, and Alex Richards '07.



Pig Roast! Rich Benson '07 and Nick Mabunay '06: grillmeisters extraordinaire.

Career Connections Seminar Helps Build Professional Lives

This past fall, the Rho Chapter House Corporation hosted the Career Connections event at the Lawrence T. Babbio Center. On October 14, 2006, the members of the undergraduate chapter gathered for a day of career mentorship and networking. Career Connections began in 1999 as a collaborative event between alumni and undergraduates. Its purpose was to facilitate undergraduate members meeting alumni and learning more about their careers after graduating from Stevens.

The event started with a two-hour question and answer session. Don Kress, Micheal Antieri, Ralph Selitto, Devendra Manhas, and Jason Tavares sat on a panel that answered questions. Bernard Skown, our faculty advisor, moderated the session, drawing questions from the crowd as well as using a list of questions that had been submitted earlier. As the business technology program has taken root at Stevens and within Delta Tau Delta, a general topic developed: a lot of questions were asked about working in the financial field and how to make the transition from engineering to business.

After the Q & A session, the undergraduates were treated to a presentation on networking from Gerry Crispin, an Internet recruiting pioneer and a founder of careerxroads.com. The presentation helped the undergraduates understand the vast network that Delta Tau Delta and other associations have brought to them.

To conclude the event, a cocktail hour was held in the spacious atrium of the Babbio Center. Approximately 50 alumni attended this

segment of Career Connections. It was a great setting for Delt alumni who provided guidance and mentorship to current undergraduates, caught up with old friends, and networked with current alumni for possibilities of their own.

Jason Tirri headed up the House Corporation Alumni Committee that was responsible for organizing the event. House Corporation

President Joseph Llano, as well as many of the other house corporation members were also instrumental in making the event a success. Career Connections will be held every other year; if you are interested in becoming involved with the event please contact Joseph Llano at jllano@stevens.edu.

Miguel Quintanilla '03



Delts at the Career Connections event, from l. to r., Joseph Llano, Jason Tavares, Devendra Manhas, Michael Antieri, Don Kress, Ralph Selitto, Bernard Skown, and Jason Tirri.

Living Without A House (Only For A Few More Months!)

When Maureen Weatherall announced the renovation to the shelter over two years ago, most of the brotherhood had guarded optimism. The brothers of the Rho Chapter were excited about the prospect of living in a house without



Keeping track of time until we return to our rebuilt shelter, Brothers John Dolny '09 and Chris Ford '09, with "Flavor Flav"-style clock.

holes in the floors and walls, but were concerned about how the fraternity would function without the shelter. These concerns turned out to be warranted, but the Rho Chapter met the challenges and has thrived.

The greatest challenge the brotherhood has faced over the last two years has been recruitment. As you know, we have the premier shelter on campus and that has played a significant role in recruiting for years. Without the shelter, the brothers of the Rho Chapter have had to be more inventive and proactive in rushing. One of the techniques was to use the renovation (costing over \$1 million) to our advantage. This has been a success, as the potential pledges have been excited by the possibility of living in and using the renovated shelter. Additionally, rush events were held at off-campus sites such as a trip to Comic Strip Live in New York, a dinner with the brotherhood at Arthur's Tavern, or the Career Connections event at the Babbio Center. Other than these large planned events, brothers have been reaching out to freshmen through athletics and other clubs on campus. These efforts resulted in a strong pledge class in January 2006, and we are excited about the group's

prospects this semester.

Rush has not been the only challenge facing the brotherhood; house meetings have been a challenge, too. The school has been helpful this semester, as they have provided us with a room in the Howe Center at a weekly scheduled time. This has allowed us to create a sense of normalcy with regular meetings. Formal social events have also been a challenge. The main social event of the semester is the formal Christmas Party that was held at a restaurant in Hoboken in December. The lack of formal events has not limited social interaction among the brothers; nearly all of the brothers room with fellow Delts. Further, when brothers go out, they go out as Delts. Whether to an informal party at an apartment, or to a bar, brothers are hanging out together. There is still a clear identity among the brotherhood.

As one might imagine, the time out of the shelter has been difficult for the brothers of the Rho Chapter, but we have persevered. We all now eagerly await the return to 809 Castle Point Terrace in spring 2007.

Kevin Clerkin '07

ΔΤΔ Spotlight: Alumni Interview With Robert V. Benazzi '69

Q: Tell us about yourself; your hometown, and involvements at Stevens.

A: I graduated in 1969. I hail from Bayside, New York (that's Queens). I played lacrosse all four years, defenseman last three years and co-captain in my senior year, lettering all four years. Here's an interesting fact—the first lacrosse game I saw was the first game I played. Lacrosse was not played in New York City high schools at the time even though the sport was big in Long Island. I was in Gear & Triangle, Varsity S Club, was news editor for the *Stute*, served as class officer, and was member of Pi Delta Epsilon (the journalism honor society, founded 1909). I'm married to Alice C. Sharkey, graduate of Montclair State Teachers College. We met at a Delt Friday night party. Now we have eight children, and eight grandchildren.

Q: What was your career path?

A: I graduated from Stevens with a bachelors degree in mechanical engineering, and went to work for JB&B (Jaros Baum & Bolles). The first project I worked on was the original World Trade Center, and went from that project to the fire protection design for the Sears Tower. While working, I studied for my masters in civil engineering from NYU, which I received in 1973. I've worked at JB&B for the past 37 years not including the three summers while still at school. I am licensed in 12 states. I serve as the chairman of the plumbing technical committee for the new New York City Building Code, I'm a member of the board of consultants for the School of Engi-

neering for Manhattan College, an adjunct professor of engineering for NYU and Stevens, chairman of the planning board for the City of Glen Cove, trustee of the Church of St. Patrick in Glen Cove, member of ASPE, ASME, ASCE and the American Council of Consulting Engineers of New York.

Q: What was your favorite job?

A: After 37 years and three summer internships, I would have to say JB&B is my favorite job. While I was just a little kid I often envisioned what an engineer did—walking on beams, dressed in a white shirt and tie, wearing a hard hat, carrying a role of drawings under one arm and a slide rule in the other. JB&B gave me that and much more. The opportunity to engineer systems in some of the most prestigious buildings in the world, to meet the best architects, the presidents of major corporations, travel around the world, and succeed to become an owner of the company with partners whom I admire and respect both as engineers and people.

Q: What is your current position and what does JB&B do?

A: I am a senior partner at JB&B, which is one of the world's most renowned consulting and engineering companies, specializing in the design of mechanical and electrical systems for commercial, residential and institutional buildings.

Q: How has Delta Tau Delta affected your personal/professional life?

A: Delta Tau Delta gave me the opportunity to meet and become brothers with some of the best people I have ever met. We shared happiness and sadness, good times and bad, and bonded like brothers in a family. The lessons I learned while a Delt have served me well, both in my professional and personal life. The Delt "machine" ran the Stevens campus and gave me the opportunity to learn how to work with other people and expand my personnel skills while still learning the academic skills necessary to succeed at engineering. I would not have met my wife if not for the Friday night parties at the Delt house and would not have achieved the success I have enjoyed if not for my experience in Delta Tau Delta.


Q: What are your goals for the future?

A: I plan to retire next year and run for the mayor of Glen Cove and hopefully win the election and work on a major waterfront development for the City as well as guide it through its current fiscal crisis.

Q: Any advice for the current brothers? (For life in the house or in life?)


A: Treat each other with respect and kindness. Treat each of your brothers as your own brother. Work to succeed both individually and as a house. Work hard at your academics but never forget to have fun. A successful person works hard and plays hard. Don't forget that piece of advice I received when I was Stevens.

Interviewer: Phil Jonat '08



Lee Allan Dowches

MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING



The 11th Annual


Lee Allan Dowches Memorial Golf Outing

Saturday, June 23, 2007

At the Farmstead Golf Course
[Same location as last year]


Online registration and sponsorships at:
www.deltgolfouting.com

Please respond by June 1, 2007



The Lee Allan Dowches Memorial Golf Outing was established in 1998 in support of the Rho Delt Alumni Scholarship Program. Since that time the outing has raised approximately \$40,000 towards the program's endowment which is currently in excess of \$250,000.

The scholarship program has awarded over \$30,000 to undergraduates since its inception in 1998.



1969-1988
Lee Allan Dowches

ΔΤΔ Alumni Send News From Far And Near

Donald E. Cordell '49 has a new address: 616 Crossbridge Cir., Farragut, TN 37934.

Caleb B. Hurtt '53 has moved to 1138 Harbour Cottage Ct., Sanibel, FL 33957.

John J. Dalton '60 writes, "After 37 years in Westfield, we sold the big house and now split our time between our new home in Manasquah and a condo in Edison, which is closer to our grandchildren. I'm still doing some part-time consulting and serve on the board of trustees for Children's Specialized Hospital, Mountain-side, and as vice chairman of St. Joseph's Healthcare System. Life is good, thank God."

Stay in touch with John at 1115 Inman Ave., #339, Edison, NJ 08820. Reach him by e-mail to jjdalton1@verizon.net.

Joseph J. Kaminski '60 has a new address: 3451 Orchid Cir., Emmaus, PA 18049.

John F. Greenip Jr. '66 has moved to 6515 Grand Flora Ct., Houston, TX 77041. Send e-mail to jgreenip@houston.rr.com.

John R. Breitenstein '68 has a new address: 1820 Camelot Dr., Orange, TX 77630.

William J. DeAngelis '72 notes, "Finally, after 33 years with the State of New Jersey, I retired and moved to Nevada. I'm loving every minute!" Stay in touch with Bill at his new address: 1291 E. Blackhorn St., Pahrump, NV 89048. Send e-mail to dbillyd@aol.com.

Peter J. Brunetti '91 lives at 13 Horse-shoe Dr., Flemington, NJ 08822. Send e-mail to pjbrunetti@yahoo.com.

Rodrigo A. Cruz '00 is now project manager at Interstate Industrial Corp. Reach him by mail at 90A Troy Dr., Springfield, NJ 07081; send e-mail to rcruz490@yahoo.com.

Senior Thoughts: Thanks For The Memories

It seems like not so long ago that I was walking past 809 Castle Point Terrace and saying to myself, "Man, I wonder who lives in that house." It's amazing how, five years later, I catch freshmen on campus saying the exact same thing, and I can proudly answer them, "We do!" One thing I've noticed about being a Delt on campus is that, much like a Notre Dame football player or Duke basketball player, you may be loved or hated depending on the person's opinion, but everyone respects you.

As a transfer freshman, I was introduced to the Deltas by the two captains of my basketball team who were also Deltas. They took me into the house, let me hang around at functions, and eventually became roommates, big brothers, and role models along the way. This is now a legacy I leave behind with my two little brothers, with hopes that they will do the same for theirs, and that they will see the value that

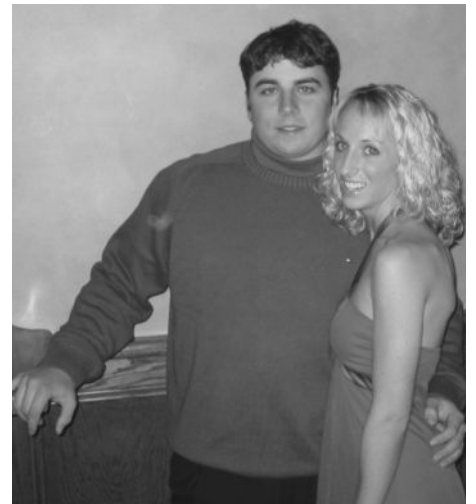
comes from being in this fraternity and pass that experience on to others who may be looking at our house and wondering who lives there.

I'm often asked what made me decide to join a fraternity, and particularly Delta Tau Delta. To me, it wasn't about the parties, because I probably would have gotten into them anyway. It wasn't just about living in the house, because, as great as that experience was, I only lived in the house for about a year and a half. For me, the experience is justified by the memories. Memories of house meetings taking too long because we couldn't stop laughing at the exploits of our brothers. Memories of watching other fraternities (and sororities) cry and complain after we dominated them in some inter-fraternity sporting contest or another. Memories of simply sitting outside on our porch and wondering what it might feel like to not be able to step into the best house on campus. It's these memories that brought me to the fraternity, have kept me in the fraternity and, after graduation, will bring me back to the fraternity.

Floyd Morris '07



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At the Delt Holiday Party, Jack Dunderdale '07 with Stacey Malone '07



Before house closed for repairs, brothers enjoyed open-air TV lounge and showed their "D" elight.

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