



# RHO Chronicle



Delta Tau Delta Fraternity at Stevens Institute of Technology

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## President's Report: If These Walls Could Talk ...

The halls of Delta Tau Delta—recently renovated—have been filled for over a year now. If these walls could talk, they would speak of a group of men who are constantly working to better themselves and their fraternity. In short, they would speak of men who are committed to lives of excellence.

Comprised of the best



men I know, these men are destined for great things. It is these great things that define us and allow us to take a seat with the great men who have come before us.

With Delta Tau Delta in its 150th year, Rho Chapter is stronger than ever. And, nearing this monumental anniversary, we feel inclined to look back at all of that history that we are so proud of. One

and a half centuries of men who deserve our thanks and praise. The best way for us, as a group of learning and growing men, to give our thanks and praise is to honor the legacy. We are doing just that in Hoboken by performing community service, being involved on campus, improving the shelter, and, most importantly, recruiting the right kind of men so that they can continue to honor this legacy after we have gone on.

But, it must be said that doing great things today is not our most important goal. The most important day is tomorrow, and tomorrow the most important day will be the following one. This is not to say that it is not necessary that we accomplish our goals today; rather, we are working to avoid complacency by looking to the next coming day to accomplish more. Only in this way can we honor the legacy.

Brian Reckdenwald '10

## Back In The Shelter: One Year Later

It's hard to believe (after waiting over a year and a half for construction to be completed) that we've been living in the newly renovated Delta Tau Delta Shelter for a year now. Many of the gentlemen who currently reside in the shelter never had the pleasure of attending, or experiencing an event in the shelter, pre-renovation. This has built a strong bond amongst us all, as we believe we're building new memories that will be remembered as long as there are Delta Tau Delta brothers continuing to live in the new shelter, because we will always be the first.

The brothers are doing their best to make the most of the space we've been given since the move in last spring. What once looked plainly just like a large dormitory, with white walls, and clay-red colored fire doors everywhere, has now begun to show some character as our front stairs were painted yellow in the spring, and the hallways on the first, second, and third floors were all painted blue. The brothers have also started to personalize their individual rooms with the painting of doors

and room walls, such as my room (Rock Bottom), with our bright red door on the third floor. I believe the highlight of all the paint jobs has to go to our brother John Boughton, who, with his friends, spray-painted a large amount of the basement in a very impressive showing of their creativity. My favorite room in the house is easily the redone library, which was turned into a large TV room by Chris Rogers and the gentlemen residing in Kodiak. There have been many nights which have ended with a group of us watching the recently played AC Milan soccer game or a UFC fight on a Saturday Night.

We have had to deal with some adversity, mainly the regular flooding of our basement, and the circumstances of the fall 2007 semester in which we were made dry as a result of some poor choices made by both the brothers and guests of the house. We have persevered, and grown as a chapter to correct these issues. Risk manager Derek Straub and myself were able to work with Dean Nilsen and fix a large portion of the problems with the basement, but

it is far from being completed. And the fraternity as a whole has been able to rebound successfully after being made dry for last fall.

This summer looks to be very promising for the chapter and the shelter as there are many projects being planned by Matt Sypher for the house to be improved even more. One project is the creation of a "Brothers Only" room in the basement where the kitchen used to be. As time continues to pass, I believe that the brothers in the shelter will continue to adapt successfully to the interesting environment that comes with living in a house with 30 other men. As the rush chair, I will be making sure that the shelter remains a huge part of our recruiting process with events and activities that will continue to attract young men who are interested in becoming brothers of our well-established fraternity. But everyone in the house will always have those memories of that first year of starting something new and exciting, which no one will ever be able to take away from us.

Corey Vaillancourt '08

# New RhoDelts.org Website Keeps Us Connected

The Rho Chapter House Corporation has been very active in the past few months helping the undergraduates adjust to being back in the shelter as well as assisting them in getting the necessary furniture and amenities to make the house feel like home again. During this time, we heard from many undergraduates and alumni that they would love to see a centralized spot on the web where they can see updated news about what the house corporation is up to as well as reconnect with brothers from around the world. We heard this and partnered with a web design and hosting firm to make this happen. RhoDelts.org will serve as a centralized location to stay up to date with current Rho Chapter and Delt happenings.

### WWW.RhoDelts.org features:

- ☞ **Membership Directory:** Search for members by name, graduation year, location, occupation, etc.
- ☞ **Update Your Profile:** Keep your information up-to-date so others can locate you and you will stay current with Delt publications, e-mails, and events.

☞ **Events:** Find out about upcoming Delt Events and reply to them on-line with a click of the mouse. Have an event going on with fellow Deltas and would like to publicize it? Let us know, we can set up your event on the site and even accept pre-payment on your behalf for the event!

☞ **Donate:** Make a donation to Rho Chapter of DTD House Corporation on-line without writing a check or finding a postage stamp.

☞ **Get Updated:** The most recent happenings and news about Rho Chapter and the House Corporation is posted on-line for easy access.

☞ **Get In Touch:** Interested in lending some time or have a question? Contact any of the members of the House Corporation.

☞ **Rho Chronicle:** Interested in an archived copy of the *Rho Chronicle*? Find them all at RhoDelts.org!

### How to Log in for the first time:

1. Go to RhoDelts.org
2. Click "Members->Login" in the navigation bar on the left side of the page.
3. When logging in for the first time, you will need to click the link "To reset password, click here."
4. Enter your e-mail address and click, "Submit." If your e-mail address is on file, you will receive a temporary password shortly via e-mail. If your e-mail address is not on file, you will have to contact info@rhodelts.org with your name and graduation date.
5. Once logged in, click "Members->Update Account" to change your password and update your personal information.

We look forward to utilizing the new site and incorporating any feedback you may have. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the members of the house corporation with any questions.

Faternally,  
Ken Henriques '06



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**The Delta Tau Delta Rho Chapter House Corporation** is proud to announce the launch of its new website Rhodelts.org. The website will prove to be a valuable tool for Delt Alumni to stay in touch with their fellow classmates, Rho Chapter and participate in alumni events. Currently the house corporation's main avenue of communication has been through the Rho Chronicle Newsletter which is published twice a year. The website will allow the house corp to inform Delt Alumni about upcoming events, post a list of attendees who will be attending the events, which was not possible through the Rho Chronicle. Rhodelts.org will also inform everyone of who is active on the house corp, what the house corp has been up to and how alumni can become more involved.

Click here to be taken to the Rho Chapter undergraduate website.

**Upcoming Events**

**12th Annual LAD Memorial Golf Outing**  
Date: Saturday, June 21st, 2008 from 11:00AM to 9:00PM

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## ΔΤΔ Brother Spotlight: Bryan Brown

### The Makings of a Fraternal Legend

Bryan Kenneth Brown was born on July 16, 1987, in a small town outside of Albany, New York. He attended Jamesville-Dewitt High School where he excelled in athletics and academics.

He was a very active member of both the varsity football and lacrosse teams during his time at JD. He played tight end and defensive end on the football team, starting at both positions. The team experienced little glory during his years on the team. League rivals (such as Cortland High School) proved to be too tough opponents for the Red Rams football team to handle. Bryan played his role to the fullest, however. Lacking a strong throwing arm at the quarterback position, Bryan saw few opportunities to make offensive plays, but defense was another story.

With his burly six-foot, 200-pounds frame Bryan dominated the outside corner of the line. Coaches in the league stopped running the option against JD because quarterbacks were getting seriously injured (as the quarterback was the DE's responsibility on an option, and Bryan Brown hits hard). The Red Rams season was ended in the first round of the playoffs to cross-league contender Whitesboro

to a score of 17-7. Their final record was 3-5. Now that football season was over it was

time for the Bryan to focus on a sport that JD does a bit better in, lacrosse. The Red Rams have won their section and continued to the state tournament almost every year for the past 15 or so years.

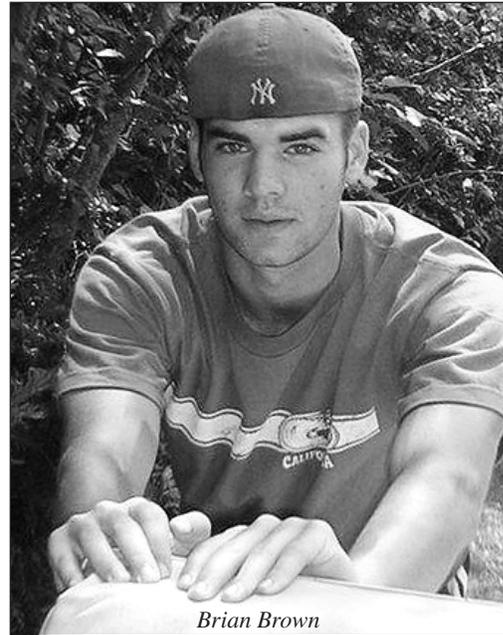
Brown started on defense for the Red Rams and was their best defender, guarding the opposing teams best attack man. Brown and the Rams dominated their league this season and won the section once again. Making it all the way to the State Championship game through the Class A State Playoffs. This is where they finally met a formidable foe

from Huntington, Long Island. Two star mid-fielders who now play at Division One powerhouse Virginia proved too much for JD to handle and led Huntington to the championship over the Red Rams from Jamesville-Dewitt. It was the end of a great season, and a great high school career for Bryan Brown.

This spotlight has been only a mere introduction to the legend of Bryan Brown.

Stay tuned for his journey to Stevens Institute of Technology and his adventures in Hoboken, New Jersey.

Fraternally,  
Matt Sypher '10



Brian Brown

## William C. Gattoni '75 – A Rising Star in Nuclear Technology

he Burns and Roe Group, Inc., announced that the board of directors has elected Bill Gattoni as Vice President, Operations, Federal and Nuclear Services Division.

Gattoni most recently served as Director of Operations for Oradell-based projects. In this new role, Bill will be responsible for directing all Federal and Nuclear Services Division projects. He will report directly to W. Barton Roe, Senior Vice President, Federal and Nuclear Services Division, Burns and Roe Enterprises, Inc.

Mr. Gattoni has over 30 years experience with the company. He has a long and dedicated history with Burns and Roe that began in 1975 as a college graduate hire. He has progressed through the engineer path that included experience in piping, stress analysis, and the breeder reactor program.

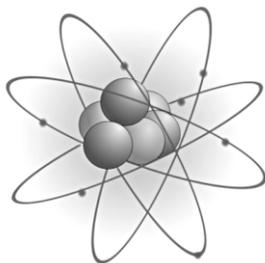
He was promoted to project management in 1998 and held responsible positions within these projects: Cooper Nuclear Station, TMI, Indian Point, APT and Con Edison. More recently, he has led marketing, sales and

projects in the Department of Energy market at the Los Alamos National Laboratory and Yucca Mountain. Mr. Gattoni earned his graduate and master's degrees in mechanical engineering from the Stevens Institute of Technology. He's a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

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[www.rhodelts.org](http://www.rhodelts.org)**



# ΔTΔ Alumni Send News From Far And Near

**George C. Lane '56** has a new address: 6396 Falling Water Ln., Hoschton, GA 30548; send e-mail to lane2445@bellsouth.net.

**William J. DeAngelis '72** writes, "I'm still working for CMX Communications. This was all new to me but I enjoy the work. Golfing in

Nevada is year round. I love it!" Stay in touch with Billy at 1291 E. Blackhorn St., Pahrump, NV 89048.

**Pasquale G. D'Esposito '85** has moved to 1348 Cherryvale Rd., Boulder, Co 80303.

## DECEASED

*We regret to report the death of:*

**Robert E. Gooley '51**  
on March 21, 2007

## Fraternally Furnished

On Tuesday morning, April 29, the shelter was outfitted with brand new furniture courtesy of the House Corps. The furniture delivery had been in the works for over a year, and it was great to have the Pledge Room and Library so wonderfully outfitted. The delivery consisted of: one three-cushion couch, two love seats, four lounge chairs, eight chairs, one end table, and four cabinets, all adorned with fraternally colored fabric that will certainly brighten up the first floor. It may even be possible that we are now in possession of more seats than we have sitters. The furniture reload will go a very long way towards making the shelter more like a house than a dorm room, and the ultimate hope is that it will coax all of the guys out of their rooms and into the communal areas where camaraderie is more truly developed. Our most sincere thanks are extended to all with the House Corps who had a part in acquiring the furniture. Thanks to you gentlemen, the house is really starting to come together.

Brian Reckdenwald '10



*Brothers repaint ΔTΔ letters at the front of the Delt Shelter.*



# Lee Allan Dowches

## MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

### The 12th Annual Lee Allan Dowches Memorial Golf Outing





**Saturday, June 21, 2008**  
**11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.**  
**Farmstead Golf & Country Club**  
**Andover, New Jersey**  
*[Same location as last year]*  
 Fee: \$135  
 Online registration and sponsorships at:  
**[www.deltgolfouting.com](http://www.deltgolfouting.com)**  
 Please respond immediately!

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 over \$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*