

Rho Chapter Returns from Conference with Full Pockets

By Burke Reynolds '10

This was an eventful and proud year for everything Rho at the Eastern Division Conference, which took place February 11–15, 2010. 2009 marks the fifth year that Rho Chapter has come home with the Hugh Shields Award for Chapter Excellence. Only given to the top ten chapters each year by national, the Hugh Shields Award is a symbol of the continuing dedication to personal improvement and lives of excellence. This is not an individual award; this is shared by everyone involved who contributed to the growth of the house over the past year. This includes undergraduate brothers and contributing alumni alike. It is yet another reason to take pride in being a Rho Delt.

The Hugh Shields is not the only thing the men of Rho brought back with them. Rho Chapter also received the award for excellence in recruiting, with our fall and spring pledge class system bringing in strong numbers for the fraternity. By the very nature of the Hugh Shields, we also received the ornamental gavel of the Court of Honor, given to those chapters in the highest 20 percent of achievement. Our former president, Ben Scatuorchio '11, was awarded the best chapter president's award in the Eastern Division, showing how the strength in our leadership provided a backbone for the chapter to succeed. And, we even brought back contact information from other chapters after seeing us perform what they described as "the best Rites of Iris ceremony [they] had seen."

All of these awards and recognitions came with a desire from those present at the conference to only achieve more in this upcoming year. All told, there were nine brothers at the conference, spanning the old executive committee to the new. And with these numbers, the



Rho brothers gather with the Hugh Shields Award.

conference was as much an educational experience as it was a chance to be recognized among our peers. The various workshops provided a great deal of knowledge and insight to help keep Rho chapter a well-oiled machine for years to come. One thing that is evident is that complacency cannot be tolerated. As a chapter, we must cultivate leadership in the house to run deep into the regular brothers as well as the E.C. Only then can we push beyond these milestones into new heights of excellence.

The 2010 conference has given us undergraduates a great deal of pride in our achievements, which we—in turn—wish to pass along to all the alumni reading. After all, it is the alumni who placed the building blocks which we have laid mortar to, cementing our place of honor and recognition still stronger in the Stevens, Delta Tau Delta, and Greek communities. Yet another great year in the Rho history: "Leading Lives of Excellence in the House of Champions."

The Basement of Champions

By Burke Reynolds '10

Ever since our return to the shelter in 2007, improvements have been constantly made to its appearance aesthetically and functionally. What was once an interior that more closely resembled a dorm room is growing more and more into a house that we are proud to live in. Trophy cases, wood-paneled floors, furniture, and paint have all contributed to a very homey, pleasant interior.

But one thing that has always eluded our efforts has been a functional, aesthetically pleasing basement. This is no longer the case. Thanks to the efforts of so many of our brothers, a basement we can be proud of is coming into fruition. This effort has been spearheaded by three brothers: Matthew Johannes '12, David Decker '11, and Matthew Marks '12, with some of the other major players being Michael Quijano '11 and Marc Weisi

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Hoboken on Hudson Hot Chocolate 5k

By Bobby Steinhauser '10

This past Valentine's Day, many people chose to share their hearts with Delta Tau Delta and the Shana Foundation. The members of the Rho Chapter of Delta Tau Delta, with the help of Phi Sigma Sigma, organized the first-ever "Hoboken on Hudson Hot Chocolate 5k" to benefit the Shana Foundation.

This is the second successful event that the chapter has done with the Shana Foundation. On November 21, 2009, the Delts organized "Blues at Babbio," a live blues and wine reception where attendees danced the night away.

Present on February 14 were nearly 300 runners, all of whom had the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful waterfront of Hoboken, the campus of Stevens, hot chocolate, whipped cream, marshmallows, and peanut butter sandwiches. Along with participating in the race, runners were given a ceramic mug with the event logo imprinted on it; CDs of running music, provided courtesy of Kundur Music; and gift bags from Fleet Feet Sports in Hoboken.

Some key members of Delta Tau Delta and Phi Sigma Sigma who were fundamental in organizing the race were Bobby Steinhauser '10 (race director), Leah Wasserman (race director), Andrew Dolny '10 (race course), Ben Scatuorchio '11 (volunteer stations), and Matt Johannes '12 (registration).



ABOVE: Delt brothers gather before the event.
BELOW: Bike guides get ready to tackle the course.

The Shana Foundation is a non-profit organization that strives to promote awareness of bacterial meningitis—a potentially fatal infection that can be transmitted person to person, particularly in on-campus residence halls. The mission of the Shana Foundation is to recruit, train, and establish teams of college students to spread awareness through presentations and such events as the "Hoboken on Hudson Hot Chocolate 5k" and "Blues at Babbio."



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'11. These brothers comprise the bulk of the basement restoration committee, a group formed by the E.C. solely to bring the basement up to par with the rest of the house. But this group has gone much further and elevated the basement interior into a wonderful mix of brotherhood recreation and

social gathering space.

The actual work done in the basement is a sight to behold. The bar has been moved back to its original location at the far end of the room. Behind it, a mirror that spans the entire length of the wall has been installed. The bar itself has been cleaned and refinished, with a new coat of paint applied to the front woodwork while the top bar piece has been beautifully stained. The game room has come a long way as well; it now has a bench lining the entire edge of it, and in the corner, an entertainment stand has been set up, complete with a shelf to rest a television set on. All of the piping in these rooms has received a fresh coat of oil-based paint to keep them from rusting and to ele-

vate the appearance of the basement. The old kitchen has been converted into a weight room with a bench, free weights, jump rope, and soon a punching bag. The basement is even sporting all the colors of the crest in its rooms. The main rooms are painted black on the walls, the game room is blazon red, the laundry room is emerald green, the ping-pong room is blue, and the old kitchen is bright white and sable.

Thanks to the work of our brothers, we now have a basement to match the rest of our house. This spirit of hard work and dedication to improve the house, both physically and spiritually, is something that we hope to pass down to every generation to come after us.



Brother Spotlight: Stephen Stafford '11

By Burke Reynolds '10

House treasurers often get overlooked. They aren't at the head of the fraternity like the president, and they aren't in the foreground of events like the committee heads who organize them. But keeping good books is as important to the fraternity as any event. Behind everything Rho Chapter does is a budget laid out to accomplish it. This is why Stephen Stafford '11 has been a crucial piece to the Rho Chapter puzzle for quite some time now.

Known as "Jack" by all of the undergraduates, Stafford was incredibly meticulous in his bookkeeping for the fraternity, as well as a key piece in the planning of most events. He was very active outside of his position while working on the E.C., and contributed as many ideas to the fraternity as he did proper budgeting for them. Jack reintroduced the weekly budget updates in the chapter meetings and almost always had a copy of the budget for the chapter to look at. When he didn't have a budget, it was understood that anyone who had a question about our finances could go to see him, and he would show them in detail everything the house was doing.

He came into the treasurer position when the house was in a great deal of debt, and in one year, he turned it around

to a surplus to carry into the next Executive Committee. He has put in a great deal of time training and helping our new treasurer, Marc Weisi '11, who is well on his way to following in achievements that Jack has set before him. His efforts have been well appreciated by every undergraduate, and possibly more so by the house corporation, which is very grateful for his thoroughness.

Outside of the treasurer's position, Jack has also been a great help to the house. He has contributed to shelter improvement work, philanthropy events, and brotherhood event planning alike. He grabbed a bicycle for the Shana Foundation's "Hoboken on Hudson Hot Chocolate 5k" and helped out as a bike guide through the course. He helped with the planning of our Rho Ball this year, which (at the time of this writing) is shaping up to be one of the best in quite some time. He put in more than his share of time to make the FAAR report that went on to bring us the Hugh Shields Award. In the past few years, Jack has been behind so many of the events, programs, and ideas (in both fiscal and mental capacities) that have brought us to the level that we are at today. It is for these reasons, and many more, that we choose to recognize Stephen "Jack" Stafford in our brother spotlight this semester.



Rho brothers sit down for a meal at the Eastern Division Conference.

Senior Spotlight: Burke Reynolds '10

By Michael Malter '10

Burke "Huggy Bear" Reynolds has been a Delt since the spring of 2006. A bright and dedicated student, Burke entered Stevens in the fall of 2005 as a mechanical-engineering major. Burke was also recruited to be a member of the Stevens lacrosse team, and his defensive skills have helped his team to become a perennial competitor in Division III. Despite his commitments to his studies and the Stevens lacrosse team, Burke has always made time for the brotherhood and was instrumental in leading Rho Chapter to grow to a top chapter. Now that the brotherhood has recaptured the Hugh Shields Award, it is only fitting that we recognize Burke for his efforts to keeping the spirit of brotherhood alive and well in the Shelter.

Burke has always been an entertainer in the house. During his sophomore year, after just moving into the Shelter, Burke had become the self-appointed house poet. His crowning achievements were the Christmas poems, which always have the entire Christmas party laughing to the point of tears. Burke entered his first leadership position in the fraternity in the spring of 2009 as the second vice president. During his time on the Executive Committee, Burke's work as an expert archivist ensured that the brotherhood's customs and traditions were celebrated and remembered for future Delts to share. Even as a senior, he is devoting his time and talents to the brotherhood as the pledge educator. His constant commitment to the betterment of the fraternity shows with another strong pledge class of new brothers, as well as with the plethora of awards that the chapter has received over the past year.

After graduating from Stevens this May, Burke plans to return to his hometown of Fallston, Maryland.

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PHOTOS FROM OUR 135TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



John Thielke '65, Bruce Boylan '63, Joe Llano '00



Arnold DeMonte '73, Mrs. Murgittroyd, Rich Murgittroyd '73



Mark LaRosa '93, Jason Perez '00, Dave Manhas '88, Shahin Guity '91, Paul Vogel '88



Jesse O'Brien '02, Bill Bush '00



Center: Gerry Crispin '69, Ed Eincorn '69



Joe Llano '00, Ken File from Delt Foundation

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2010 AT STEVENS



Brothers pose with their DTD jerseys



Surveying the crowd



Center: Jason Perez '00, Lubna Perez



Joe Llano '00, Ken Tichy '91, Pete Bakarich '04



Rhos and guests enjoying the celebration



Bob Hills '61, Marty Fernandi '60, Wendy Stamer, Pete Stamer '61

alumni send their news

Sam D. Carnahan '51 has a new mailing address: 184 Columbia Tpk., Ste. 4-344, Florham Park, NJ 08903. Stay in touch with him via e-mail at scarna0611@aol.com.

When **George William Greene '65** wrote to

us in March, he was planning a move from England to Marblehead, Massachusetts. He is "semi-retired" as a consultant and professor, working for the University of Hong Kong. Write to him at 57 Cloutmans Ln., Marblehead, MA 01945; gwgreene43@hotmail.com.

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John Cornwell '45
December 23, 2009

Bill Black '52
July 9, 2009

Catching up with Richard B. "Clem" Clement '59

"While at Stevens, I joined the Air Force ROTC unit and rose to be the wing commander. I also was honored to be made a member of DTD. In my mind, I was not worthy of such an honor and worked so hard to prove them right. My brothers worked on me and helped me in all things fraternity. I served in various capacities, but the two that I'm most proud of were house manager and president. As house manager, we had only one outside repairman during my tenure. We fixed and repaired and painted the house ourselves saving significant dollars and gaining experience as well. As president, my brothers let me stumble through many decisions, errors, and learning experiences, and basically taught me some of the guidelines of a good leader that stayed with me throughout my various careers. I have learned so much from those experiences and I continue to do so.

"Flying school was a rush of nerves and fear, but what a thrill to go up for the first time alone. From a South Jersey upbringing to en-

gineering school, and then to fly, was more that I could have ever imagined. My first assignment was to help forecast weather for the U.S. by flying over the Arctic Ocean on 12-14 hour missions. The night flights thru the aurora borealis were stunning. We were also covertly sampling air from the Russian and Chinese nuclear shots in the early '60s. I spent a lot of flying time in those clouds, and so far, my health is still excellent.

"I also participated in the nuclear bomb testing program on Christmas Island. I remember my first time; we were in a corrugated tin shed. The nuke popped 26 miles from us, and the shock waves shook the shed. Later, they'd seat us on the aircraft parking ramp with goggles on and our backs to the blast. We also got to fly into hurricanes. I loved those missions. The storms are so powerful and mind-shaking. The aircraft props would glow with St. Elmo's fire, and the lightening would snap and roil through the props and wing tips. I felt so good, as we knew we were helping to save lives.

"From that assignment it was off to Japan and my first tour in Vietnam. I was flying then, mostly out of Thailand into Laos. Then—after three years in Hawaii, where I earned a master's degree in aerospace engineering from USC—I went back into South Vietnam for a ground tour. Afterward, I spent three years in Alabama studying the effectiveness of airpower in Vietnam. I made some great friends and lost as many, and am proud to have served in that conflict.

"Germany hosted us for the next three years, and Sandy and I began a wonderful life together there. After returning to the States, I did an engineering tour in the Boston area and finished my military career at the Pentagon. I retired from the Air Force in 1983 as a full colonel, after 23 years of service, to a good job at RCA in South Jersey. We stayed in my house

with my mother, then we moved to Medford and she moved in with us for a time, with our two boys and a wiener dog. It was a thrill to go to work over the same roads my father had used. We stayed three years and then moved back to Washington, where we now live. I held jobs in a software marketing company and a nonprofit communications association.

"I have always had a love of old toy trains and antique cars. I have been chapter president in the local Model A Ford car club, and am currently serving as national president in the Train Collectors Association (my term ends on July 1, and I hope to slow down after that). I have contributed to 10 books on the train hobby. This retirement thing is too busy for me.

"With the huge explosion of toy trains and new technologies being added every day, the hobby is growing. The new changes are wonderful and magical—these are not your Grandpa's Lionel set. One of my favorite setups is the loops of trains operating at the base of the National Christmas Tree in front of the White House. Many visit the Ellipse to enjoy the display. It was truly magical this past season, with the snowstorms 2009 burying the trains. I talk to everyone I can and they always have special stories to share about why they come to see the Christmas tree.

"My love for early cars continues today. We enjoy touring in our old cars, but really love the folks we meet, stories we hear, and kids who can't believe the rumble seat concept.

"We have been blessed with kids and grandkids; the latest arrived in November 2007 and we have already spoiled her big-time.

"I would not have had nearly any of my successes without the training and leadership experience I gained from my years in the Delt House. Come visit us if you're in the D.C. area." Get in touch with "Clem" at 12106 Gary Hill Dr., Fairfax, VA 22030; clem.clement@cox.net.

The 14th Annual Lee Allan Dowches Memorial Golf Outing

Saturday, June 12, 2009

11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Farmstead Golf & Country Club
in Andover, New Jersey
(same location as last year)

Fee: \$150

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