

the scarlet zete



Delta Chapter of Zeta Psi at Rutgers University since 1848

House improvements

We are continuing with our renovations and improvements to the chapter house. This summer, we are removing the three layers of old shingles from the roof and replacing them with 50-year architectural shingles. This way, we will not have to worry about the roof for many of our lifetimes.

For those who have fond memories of Tar or Pebble Beach, we regret to inform you that the beach has been closed for sunbathing and everything else. The fire escape outside the exterior door of the Wayside rusted through and become unsafe. Unfortunately, for safety reasons, we were forced to take it down.

Do not worry, Brother Don Broderick '71 is not only an expert in his strategic and economical renovation plan, but he is also concerned about the safety of each and every brother in and out of the house. A couple of summers ago, when the Wayside was redone as part of the third-floor renovation, Don had the foresight to replace the door with an energy-efficient window.

This summer, we have started to supply new and energy-efficient window air conditioners to the house. Currently, we are providing air conditioners for all rooms on the third floor. Within the next few years, our plan is to be able to provide air conditioners to all of the sleeping rooms in the house.

If you remember from the campaign document, it is our long-range plan to provide central air conditioning to all rooms on the third and hopefully second floors. This will be coordinated with the eventual and anticipated replacement of the house's oil heating system in the basement. As you can imagine, this will be a major investment.

Once the interior wall of the Bum Room is renovated—which we hope to complete over winter break—it is our plan to finish the renovation of the Bum Room by replacing the arch window (located on the exterior wall along the driveway) and installing a new wood floor.

An update on the Delta at Rutgers

Now is an important time for the Delta. Over the past few years, as has occurred at other fraternities, our actives have been involved with altercations with male guests at parties. Consistently, it was the same bad apples spoiling the reputation of the Delta at Rutgers. Fortunately, they have all either graduated or chosen to not align themselves with the new enthusiasm and vision of our young officers.

These altercations, along with unverified noise violations, caused us to accrue a list of dings from the perspective of the university. After the actives had paid their fines, paid restitution for their actions, and ultimately did what was right, we discovered the chapter was still under scrutiny by the university. When we learned that the university was considering derecognizing the chapter, we gathered International, Alumni Board, and active representatives to review the university's position, formulate

our response, and strategize the next steps for our bright future.

Taking this accusation seriously, the Elder Officers set forth a strategy with headquarters to challenge these accusations, work with officers to rid the brotherhood of these repeated offenders, and also set a higher standard of conduct, leadership, and accountability—equal to or greater than any university-imposed standards—for the active officers and the rest of the brotherhood. As we go to press with this issue of the *Scarlet Zete*, headquarters and the Delta are waiting for a response from the university on our five-point plan.

Now let me update you on your chapter. Your chapter house continues to shine, with an occasional bump or bruise. As you read in the spring *Scarlet Zete*, the Math-

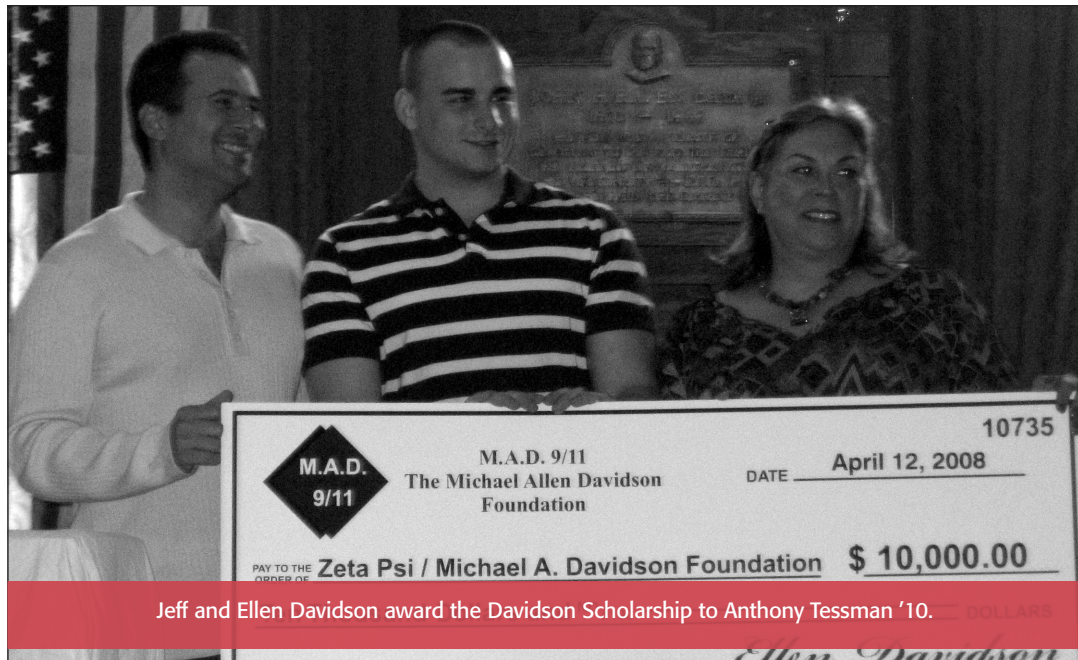
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Michael Davidson Scholarship Update

Our heartfelt thanks go to Ellen and Jeff Davidson and all the friends and family of Michael Davidson '96, who have so generously given to the M.A.D. 9/11 Michael Allen Davidson Foundation.

Michael was taken away from those who loved and respected him back on September 11, 2001. Their appreciation for what was meaningful to Mike helped to establish the *Michael Davidson Fund* at the Delta Chapter.

This past April, Ellen and Jeff Davidson, Michael's mom and brother, along with Michael Orozco '99, former president of the Alumni Board, came back to 18 College Avenue to award the 2008 Michael Davidson Scholarship to Anthony Tessman. The Michael Davidson Scholarship goes to an in-house brother from a single parent household who is contributing to the betterment of the brotherhood and chapter. Thank you again, Ellen and Jeff!



Jeff and Ellen Davidson award the Davidson Scholarship to Anthony Tessman '10.

Phi reports on state of Delta Chapter

Another year has come and gone, and now I am proud to lead the Delta into its 160th year of excellence. With 30 new members joining the brotherhood, 20 of which have chosen to immerse themselves in the Delta by living in the house, we are poised to continue to do what we do best—lead by example.

A house led by new members requires new perspectives, ideas, and changes. Starting this fall, I am requiring that every brother hold a position of responsibility. Too often in the past, brothers have stepped back from chapter activities and become too engrossed in their own lives.

While this works in a dormitory, we all know that Zeta Psi is not university housing. We are a

collection of unified individuals working together for a common causes and goals. It is my hope that this regular engagement of the brothers in the chapter's initiatives will keep all of us moving in the same direction, promoting a more productive and active chapter. We plan to bring back the position of risk manager and will add the new positions of new member chair and scholastic chair, who will keep an organized database of brothers' completed work in classes to be used as reference for future members.

And, of course, we will continue to give back to the community by creating new projects tailored to our personal, chapter, and international priorities, such as our own blood drive and fundraising

projects for the Rutgers and New Brunswick police departments. I am encouraging each and every one of you to stop by the house when you are in or near New Brunswick and see how far the brotherhood and chapter house has come.

I believe there is no better way for our active brothers to spend a Sunday afternoon or evening at the house than hearing stories of how things used to be, discussing our current challenges and plans for the future, and taking advice from elders on how to deal with current issues. I look forward to seeing you at Homecoming on Saturday, October 18!

In TKΦ,
Adam Elias '10, Phi

The Majestic and multi-purpose Bum Room needs your help

The renovation project that we would like to tackle over the winter break is the replacement and rebuilding of the interior wall in the Bum Room that is next to the main hall. After decades of use, rough handling, pledge activities, and brothers calling brothers to the carpet, the wooden wall panels have seen better years.

They have been coming loose and have been pushed in for years. Time and time again, panels have been carefully repaired. After much searching, we have discovered that these panels are tigerwood. Tigerwood is a beautiful, exotic hardwood that not only is extremely durable but also provides one of the most unique patterns in wood you will ever see. Now that we have finally discovered the type—and expensive quality—of this hard-

wood that adorns the Raven Room, we have reevaluated our renovation plan for the wall.

Originally, we were thinking of taking the wall down and replacing it with an almost-identically paneled wall that, once professionally stained, would barely seem different to the untrained eye. Now, knowing the value of these panels and also that they are almost twice as hard as the durable red oak, Don has come up with an alternate plan.

The plan is to carefully take the panel and accompanying frame down piece by piece. Then, once down, an approved contractor would install a solid wood sub-wall as a base. Then, the wall would be reconstructed to its original specifications. This new wall would be "brother-proof"—although we hope that no brother will ever test

the future wall. We are confident that this is the best way to replace the wall for the long-term. The cost is close to \$2,000 for the materials and \$8,000 for labor, for a total cost of \$10,000.

As you can remember or may have seen on a recent visit to the house, the Bum Room is all about its beautiful paneled walls. About four or five years ago, the ceiling was replaced and the electricity was upgraded, but this renovation will enhance the beauty of the room. Please recall the memories you created in the Bum Room. We humbly ask each and every brother to make a gift to the Bum Room Fund before December 1, which will enable us over winter break to do the appropriate renovation of this beautifully rich and rare paneled wall.

An update on the Delta at Rutgers, cont.

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ews Dining Room has been brought back to its stellar grandeur. This summer, our elder vice president and point man on the physical plant, Don Broderick '71 has been overseeing the renovation and replacement of the entire roof and third-floor stairs. This targeted renovation will help to ensure that our most desirable living area, the third floor, remains the most popular living space in the house. And based on Don's quality job, we hope that we won't have to worry about replacing the roof for at least 40, if not 50, years.

Despite many brothers graduating and the spring ritual of our oldest active brothers making space for our younger and new brothers, thanks to strong recruiting the house will be filled with new and energized blood. Unlike the glory years of the '70s and '80s, where we were lucky to be pulled into the house as a sophomore or corral enough points for a smaller room as juniors, our rising seniors normally move into off-campus apartments to better focus on the priorities of students readying themselves for the real world—academics, resumes, jobs related to their careers, and interviews.

Unfortunately, the university maintains a mandate that freshmen are not allowed to create their

lifelong bonds early in the academic year with fraternities and sororities. All other clubs and organizations are allowed to recruit new members during the impressionable and important first semester for freshmen. Both the elder leadership and headquarters believe it is a violation of our First Amendment's right of association. It has been our position to actively let our brothers recruit their new brothers. Much of the time they would recruit a strong fall and spring class.

Going forward this fall, our elder leadership will be working more closely with headquarters to guide our actives in recruiting new members within university-mandated guidelines. While we will not drop our vocal opposition to first-semester pledging, we will debate it between Delta Elders, headquarters, and university administration and focus our active recruitment on deemed eligible prospective members.

Our new Phi, Adam Elias '10, and his right hand, Alpha Phi Marc Guzman '09, will seize the opportunity to lead these young brothers with the assistance of experienced brothers Anthony Tessman and Andrew Cossa '08. Their charge will be crucial to ensure a lasting legacy. They will work diligently to build our numbers while working within the university's recruiting guidelines. They will also work to: reshape the current pledge pro-

gram to bring it more in line with headquarter's training; transfer the rich history of the Delta Chapter while educating new brothers on Zeta Psi ritual; continue to create an environment to allow for the pursuit of academic excellence; and carry forth our caring philanthropy to make our community a better place for future Zetes and their friends and family. No matter what the university eventually rules, the Delta will work with our International Headquarters to set our standard higher while leading by example. We are confident in Adam's leadership and his plan to engage and inspire his brotherhood. Read more about Adam's action plan on page three.

Now, more than ever, the Delta needs the time, experience, and real-life proven leadership of our elders to work with our active brothers and help pave the path for a strong, continuous, and rich future for the brothers of 18 College Avenue. Adam and I look forward to your active participation in our bright future.

In TKΦ,
Mike Andrulis
Alumni Board President
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2007-'08 Giving Affected By Economy

The Dow Jones and S&P were off about 16 percent during the past academic year. Food and energy are up to levels never seen before in our lifetimes. Our donations to our Annual Fund just could not buck this trend.

During this past fiscal year from July 1, 2007, to June 30, 2008, we gratefully received 104 donations totaling \$19,640—well short of our goal of \$27,500. An amazing \$7,050 or 35 percent of our year's donations was received after March 25.

"I can't say enough about each and every elder who gave during the year. Thanks to their generosity, our year was much better than it could have been. We will be able to reward our active brothers with larger scholarships for their hard work, continue to offer our academic rewards for earning good grades, and send more

brothers to the convention this summer and the upcoming LTI," an appreciative Mike Andrulis '88 replied when asked about the past year's Annual Fund.

"It is great to see that so many of our elders really care about the house and what goes on at the chapter. The brothers get to meet so many alumni when they come back for Homecoming or their reunion, and hear the stories of what meant the most to them while they were at Rutgers. It has helped me to go the extra mile, not just for the active brothers, but as a thank you for our elder and their support," reflects Bill Rodriguez '08, our most recent active Phi.

So, on behalf of the Alumni Board and the active brotherhood, thank you for your continued generosity!

Help us to reach last year's goal for 2008-'09

As you have read in this issue of the *Scarlet Zete*, there is much work to be done at the Delta Chapter. While our fate with the university remains unclear, one thing we know to be very certain is that we will maintain equal or greater standards for the Delta Chapter of Zeta Psi.

Our renovation plan will continue to improve the chapter house that has been and will continue to be the gold standard at Rutgers and within our International Fraternity. We will send our active leaders to the convention and LTIs to network amongst their peers and to learn how to effectively and intelligently run an undergraduate chapter, a training ground for our future corporate and government leaders. We will reward our scholars for excellence in the classroom.

We ask you to remember how the Delta Chapter has made a difference in your life—professionally and personally—and to help me and

the rest of the active brothers experience the same opportunities you had during your undergraduate days at Rutgers. Please consider increasing your gift from last year, renewing your giving to the Delta from a few years ago, or making a first donation to the chapter that has so benefited you over the years.

As a fellow brother and current Phi, I would find it hard to believe that you did not find the parties or tailgates to be enjoyable, Keller sports to be exhilarating, or the life experiences you gathered to make an impact on your career or family.

Every donation makes a difference. I especially ask you, our elders, who are not giving annually, to make a gift at the \$125 giving level—or higher—to help us meet or exceed our goals.

In TKΦ,
Adam Elias '10
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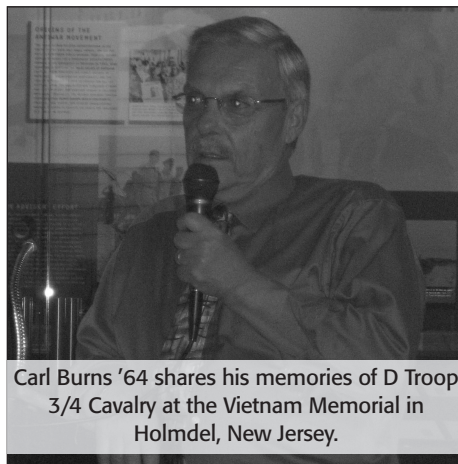
Alumnus pens book on Vietnam experiences

Brother Carl Burns '64 has broken through the mental and emotional wall experienced by many of our veterans to write a biography filled with interviews about his year in Vietnam with D Troop 3/4 Cavalry.

Carl served his country proudly in 1966-1967. The early reviews of the book, *Centaur's in Vietnam: Untold Stories of the First Year*, have been quite positive.

"The untold tale of the first year of the centaurs in Vietnam as told through the eyes of the air cavalry helicopter pilots and grunts who built a troop from the ground up at Cu Chi was based on team work, fighting ability, and guts. Climb aboard our Huey for an upfront and personal account of our

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Carl Burns '64 shares his memories of D Troop 3/4 Cavalry at the Vietnam Memorial in Holmdel, New Jersey.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**FALL 2008 DELTA DAY -
GIVE BACK TO 18 COLLEGE AVENUE**
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

Come back and show the active brothers how it was done when you were an active working on the house. Roll up your sleeves and come back for a short day of work and a long recollection of memories! To register and for more information, please contact Mike Andrulis '88 (andrulism@alumni.rutgers.edu, 609.332.6051.)

HOMECOMING 2008
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, GAME TIME: TBD

We look forward to having you back either before the game, at the tailgate, or afterwards at the house for some light refreshments. No matter what time the game is, let's gather once again as brothers back at 18 College Avenue to share old times and make some new friends! All brothers, guests and families are invited. Please spread the word! Who will be the last to leave this year? To register and for more information, contact Mike Andrulis '88 (andrulism@alumni.rutgers.edu, 609.332.6051)

**2008 VETERAN'S DAY REMEMBRANCE
AND PARENT'S DAY**
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2008

Welcome ceremony 10:00 a.m. Brunch to follow. For more information, please contact Carl Burns '64 (cwburns@optonline.net, 732.683.9729).

REUNION & DELTA ANNUAL MEETING 2009
SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2009

All elders celebrating their reunion with graduation years ending in a "3" or "9" are encouraged to return to the Banks and 18 College Avenue. The Delta Annual Meeting is open to all interested brothers and elders and will be held before the reunion parade.

REWARDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

In-house brothers receive an academic performance credit on their bill in the amount of \$150 for a 3.0 or better or \$200 for a 3.25 or better.

delta alumni news & notes

Franklyn A. Johnson '47 writes, "Being far from the chapter and Rutgers means no reunions and very rare visits, which I greatly regret. However, being a Floridian has some advantages—except during hurricane season. Retired since 1987 (after presiding over three universities, two national foundations, and the Jobs Corps). It has been pleasant to just sit with my wife, Elena, and write: So far, eight novels and four serious books. On June 6, 2008, the French Ambassador reminded me of D-Day, 1944, when I was (prematurely) reported as killed in action and awarded the Legion of Honor. Yours in TKPhi." Write to Frank at Box 1873, Bonita Springs, FL 34133.

Rudolph S. Rasin '53 reports, "Rutgers University and the state are in an unprecedented fiscal crisis. Yet, \$102 million for the football stadium expansion goes unchallenged by alumni, while desperately needed funds for academics and a decaying physical plant are denied. I have met with President McCormick, who visited me, here in Chicago and at his office in Old Queens, to express my opposition to his misguided policies and perverse sense of priorities. I view this as my duty as a 'loyal son of Rutgers,' one who does not blindly support an irresponsible administration and pedestrian board of governors that has little understanding of what constitutes excellence in higher education. I urge all alums to read Professor William C. Dowling's book, *Confessions of a Spoilsport: My Life and Hard Times Fighting Sports Corruption at an Old Eastern University*, and to withhold contributions (to Rutgers University) until these policies are abandoned." Reach Rudy at 179 E Lake Shore Dr., Chicago, IL 60611; send e-mail to doubledelta2@aol.com.

Ronald M. Heymann '56 is moving to a Del Webb "over-55" community called Sweetwater. "It's time to downsize and go to a single story," he writes. Stay in touch with Ron at 11332 Sugar Loaf Ct., Jacksonville, FL 32256; rheyman@bellsouth.net.

Monroe A. Weiant Jr. '56 writes, "Kathy (Douglas '58) and I are still in Trumbull (since 1978) and celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary on June 14. I retired from Pitney Bowes in September 2003, and we still enjoy being able to do whatever we want. Our son is close by in Monroe, a lawyer working as a public defender for the State of Connecticut. Our daughter is in New Hampshire with our two granddaughters. Our vacation spot is Sarasota (Longboat Key), where we spend a month every spring. I'd enjoy e-mail from Delta Zetes, 1953-'59 especially." Find Monroe at 249 Putting Green Rd., Trumbull, CT 06611; send e-mail to weiantpb@earthlink.net.

Thomas L. Costa '73 has moved to 47 Pelican Ct., Syosset, NY 11791. He maintains his law offices in Melville, also on Long Island. Stay in touch with Thomas by e-mail at tcosta@costalawllp.com.

John T. Holder '85 reports that he is still living in the Buffalo area and getting ready to ship his first child off to college. If you are going to be in the Niagara Falls area, he invites you to drop him a line. Reach John at 6 Greenwood Dr., Orchard Park, NY 14127; send e-mail to jth1163@yahoo.com.

Donny J. Lee '04 reports that he will be working to implement global corporate strategies within

Unilever. His first tour will be in Brazil, before the company relocates him to perform a similar task in another country—possibly Chile, Canada, Argentina, or a Nordic country. To keep in touch, e-mail Donny at donnlee868@hotmail.com.

deceased

We regret to report the death of:

James Albert Fowler Jr. '42
on March 30, 2008

Ned M. Hassan '44
on September 11, 2007

William E. Ganss '45
on September 29, 2007

Herman C. Koch '50
on December 23, 2007

J. Morgan Macom Jr. '51
on June 1, 2008

Lawrence J. "Bo" Burr '66
On April 28, 2008

Henry G. Daum '67
on June 29, 2008

Richard Paul '74
on April 24, 2008

Robert J. Udet II '87
in 2005



Brothers enjoy Reunion 2008. For more information on Reunion 2009, see page three.

Alumnus pens book on Vietnam, cont.

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part of the war."

This is not your typical war story. The book captures an unvarnished account of how the Army formed an air cavalry troop in early 1966. "Rookies to war," the pilots were plucked out of places like Fort Rucker, Alabama, and joined troopers from across America to fight a guerrilla war in and above the jungles and rice paddies of Vietnam.

There were no field manuals for this war, and air cavalry was just a glimmer in the eyes of leadership. This is the story of one year of the decorated 25th Infantry Division, 3/4 Cav, D Troop, that left Pearl Harbor under the cover of darkness on a WWII troop ship. The combination of helicopters,

infantry, and a long-range reconnaissance platoon (LRRP) makes for good reading. The book contains memories of 30 troopers. There are stories of fear, ingenuity, innovation, humor and sadness. In the end, you will grasp the brotherhood of war and appreciate the sacrifices of those who serve our nation.

Carl writes, "God Bless America, and to my Delta brothers who lost their lives in Vietnam, Ned Herrold and Chuck Lang."

If you would like to purchase a book or congratulate Carl on his accomplishment, please contact him at 732-683-9729 or cwburns@optonline.net. All profits will be donated to the 3/4 Cav Needy Soldiers Fund and the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Memorial.