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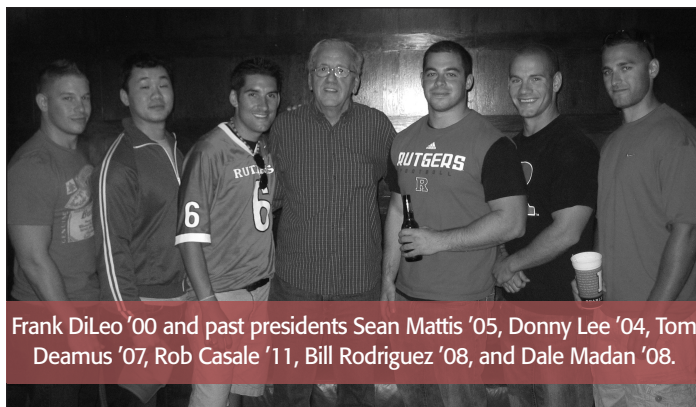
Homecoming 2010 At 18 College Avenue

Homecoming this year was a complete success. In the morning, the undergraduates who were of age joined many alumni for our traditional "bloody mary cocktail hour." Afterward, most of the undergrads and younger alumni attended our tailgate,

which was organized by our tailgate chairman, Joe Keepers '11. Everyone who attended had a blast.

Once the game was over, many of our newer alumni came back to the house for a postgame social, where we shared many memories of being a Delta Zete. Although we had hoped that more of the older alumni would return to 18 College Avenue, the undergraduates are excited about the support we received, and we fully believe that the undergraduates and chapter continue to be moving in the right direction. We believe this homecoming was a building block, as was the past year, in bridging the generations and strengthening communication between alumni and undergraduates. As long as we all continue to be a strong community of Delta Zetes, I believe the future seems to look quite promising.

The undergraduates appreciate all the support from the alumni who participated in the all the Homecoming celebrations, and we are looking forward to future Homecomings and other events with alumni here at 18 College Ave.



Frank DiLeo '00 and past presidents Sean Mattis '05, Donny Lee '04, Tom Deamus '07, Rob Casale '11, Bill Rodriguez '08, and Dale Madan '08.



Alumni and their dates in the center hallway.

As Always, in TKPhi,
Rob Casale '11
House Manager and Past President

A Report On The Chapter From Alumni Board President Smith

The 2010–2011 school year at the Delta Chapter is expected to be one of the best in many years. The combination of extensive renovations, a good group of undergraduates, and a dedicated alumni board all point toward positive progress for the coming year. There are 33 undergraduates living in the house, which is a record for recent years. Our most recent two rushes have been extremely successful, and the fall 2010 rush will bring even more solid, enthusiastic, and dedicated new undergraduates. We are expecting 15 or 20 more undergraduates by the end of this year. The best news that I can share regarding the chapter is the undergraduates' continued focus on academics, as well as a renewed commitment to community service and a better understanding of what it means to be a Delta Zete.

As you may know, the Delta's charter currently has been suspended by our Zeta Psi's international headquarters (IHQ). We on the alumni board believe that this action is completely unfair. We all know that the overall personality of the house fluctuates over time. This has been the case, I'm sure, since 1848. A few years ago, there were some incidents that brought the Delta into IHQ's crosshairs. In one incident, two students got into a fight (not on our property). One of the students was a Delta. The entire chapter was penalized for that undergraduate's actions. On another occasion, a female student chipped her tooth while engaging in horseplay at the house. Again, the entire chapter was penalized. A third incident involved a female guest walking out of the house with a cup of beer. I'm sure you would agree that these events—while they are, admittedly, regrettable—do not form the basis for a charter suspension.

As a side note, Delta representatives at the 2009 convention were appalled at

what we feel was disrespectful treatment, unclear communication, and lack of due process afforded to the Delta Chapter. It is our understanding that not being allowed to address either the national board or the general membership was a violation of rules and procedures. We encourage all alumni to voice their disagreement with the Delta's suspension to IHQ. If you disagree with this poor treatment, you may want to consider reducing or withholding any monetary contributions to IHQ until this suspension is lifted.

In response to the above events and the suspension, the alumni board has acted to remedy the problems. In August 2009, the Delta alumni board personally reviewed each and every undergraduate. This August, the board more closely reviewed any undergraduate involved, or even suspected of being involved in, any act not becoming of a Delta Zete prior to room bumping for the fall semester. A few undergraduates were deemed to be a risk to the Chapter House or brotherhood, and they were notified that their leases would not be renewed and they could not participate in house functions. The remaining undergraduates are, we believe, good and decent young men.

The undergraduates have also acted to restore the Delta's status and reputation within the Rutgers and New Brunswick communities by getting involved in numerous charity events—despite not being currently recognized by the university—including fundraising for U.S. troops overseas. The alumni board believes that we have a good mix of undergraduates who are working together to achieve a stronger chapter. Again, we ask for your support in getting IHQ to reverse this unfair action as quickly as possible.

The alumni board has been working

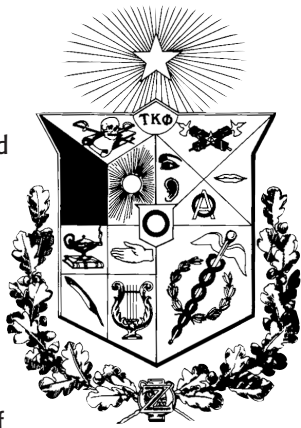
with the undergraduates to recapture many of the positive traditions that have been lost over time. Undergraduates are being introduced or reintroduced to the many traditions familiar to the brothers of Zeta Psi. Our past is an important part of the Delta Chapter, and we want to make sure that the brothers who will be our legacy in 100 years will still be preserving these pieces of our rich and storied past.

What would really make a difference would be more alumni involvement, to teach and share some of the other traditions that we all learned and embraced when we were undergraduates. The board is asking Delta alumni to come to our monthly alumni meetings, which are normally held after dinner on the third Thursday of the month, as well as other alumni events. Share your stories and memories with the undergraduates. They need your participation, encouragement, guidance, and support, so they can continue to pass on to the new undergraduates the things that make the Delta Chapter the great institution it has been for 162 years.

House renovations continue at a torrid pace, with two rooms completely refinished over the summer. "Refinished" means everything from new hardwood floors, to new beds, to new walls—and much more. We are getting ready to work on the basement and bar, and are seeking ideas and suggestions from the alumni on how to best utilize that space. (See Don's report on page three for more information on the renovations.)

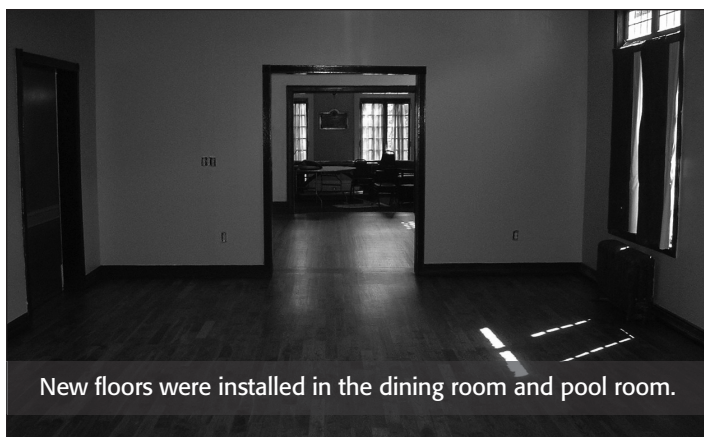
The next *Scarlet Zete* will undoubtedly be filled with more good news about a successful year. Be part of that success by getting involved. Join the Delta Chapter's group on Facebook and look for the launch of our own website. I can be reached by e-mail at callmps@aol.com, or by phone at (973) 931-2028.

In Tau Kappa Phi,
Mark Smith '83
Alumni Board President

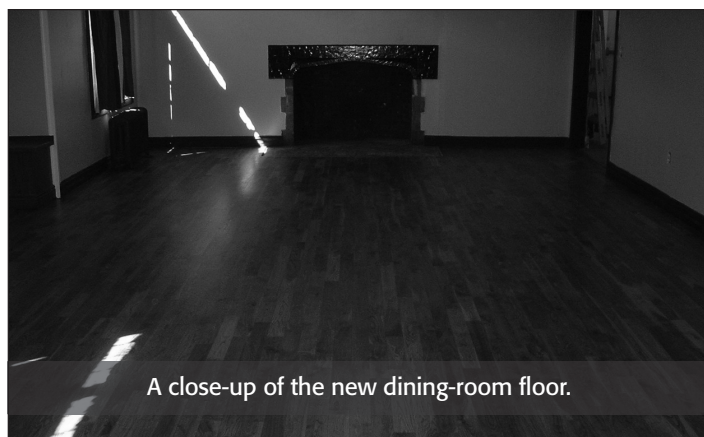


Gift Planning Information

Please remember your Delta Chapter in your estate planning by way of naming the alumni association as a beneficiary in your bequest, life insurance, charitable gift annuity, or trust planning. The official name is the Alumni Association of the Delta Chapter of Zeta Psi Fraternity of North America, Inc. For more information, please contact Mike Andrulis at (609) 332-6051 or andrulism@alumni.rutgers.edu. Thank you for remembering your Delta Chapter and 18 College Avenue!



New floors were installed in the dining room and pool room.



A close-up of the new dining-room floor.

House Renovations: Spring And Summer 2010

Have you heard that a picture is worth a thousand words? This issue, we will let our renovation pictures speak for themselves. It's been a busy summer renovating the Funhouse and replacing the floor in the center hallway, Bum Room, pool room, and Mathews Dining Room. We believe the renovations have been done at first-rate quality by licensed, certified, and insured contractors.

During the spring and summer of 2010, we have been busy working on improvements and the remodeling of the Delta's Chapter House. We are continuing on our effort to bring the house back to the way everyone remembers, but please note that it was probably never as nice as we remember. We have to remember that when we lived in the house, we were between 18 and 22 years of age. The house always looked great to someone with fewer life experiences, different standards of living, and who had yet to be a homeowner. And I am sure you would agree that some of those life experiences were gained by being a brother of Zeta Psi and living at 18 College Avenue. All the improvement would not be have been possible without the undergraduates supplying an almost completely filled house, as well as the generous campaign and annual donations from the alumni.

During the spring, we began work on replacing of the boiler. But rather than just replacing a leaky boiler with one of the same size, we went out to both contractors and

suppliers to resize the boiler to a smaller one because of the better insulation through most walls and ceilings, as well as because of the new heating system for the third floor. This smaller, more efficient boiler—costing more than \$30,000—will create a savings in our overall heating bill, and we hope that it will be in use for the next 20 years.

We have continued on our plan to have all the sleeping rooms supplied with air conditioners by purchasing four additional high-efficiency air conditioners. With the six purchased last year, we now are currently supplying 10 rooms with air-conditioning units. It is our hope to add more next year.

We noticed that the furniture in the Bum Room was getting worn out and needed to be replaced, and that the room needed a rug. To meet the undergraduates' needs and to create an attractive social space, we purchased a new rug and one sofa and four chairs for the room. Unfortunately, we will need to continue to use two of the old chairs until additional funding can be found to replace these. Of course, the room would not be complete without an eight-foot sofa table in front of the arch window facing the driveway. After a long search, we found a table to help protect the window from damage and for use when there are events at the Chapter House.

We continued with our plan to remodel and replace floors in all the sleeping rooms. This summer, we tackled the Funhouse (the

room at the top of the stairs leading to the second floor, on the left immediately after you turn the corner on your way to the front of the house). The room was renovated at a cost of more than \$7,000 by enlarging the closet and adding new windows, upgraded electric, oak floors, and also a loft bed.

When we mention the quality floors at 18 College Avenue, we cannot forget the wood floors on the first floor. These have needed work for a number of years. For a while, we were planning the complete replacement of these floors. We realized that, when the bids for this job came in twice what we had budgeted, we needed to investigate other options. After meeting with many flooring contractors, one recommended that we should consider refinishing the floors instead. He promised that he could get most of the scratches out of the floors. When the bid for this work came in low enough, we elected to refinish every floor on the first floor except the Blue Room. Now, these floors, which cost more than \$11,000 to refinish, look almost as good as new! To protect the center hallway floors, we purchased and professionally installed new carpet runners. New carpeting for the Bum Room and hallways totaled \$7,000. Come see them for yourselves! It is our plan, when fundraising is strong and there are strong numbers in the house, to add a maintenance reserve in the budget for purposes like these.

Not to be outdone by the improvements for the Bum Room, we purchased new tables for the center hall so the undergraduates can drop the mail and their books on the table when they return from class. Additionally, for 2010–2011, we have supplied most of the rooms with new mattresses and will try to keep the rooms with entirely with single mattresses to keep to code with the City of New

2010–2011 SCHEDULED RENOVATIONS AND UPGRADES:

- Windows and French doors in Bum Room and Blue Room: \$22,000
- Sleeping rooms, rebuild side porch, new a/c units: \$18,000
- New furniture upgrades: \$10,000

TOTAL PROJECTED COSTS FOR 2010–2011: \$50,000

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Meeting of Delta Alumni Association

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2011

We welcome back all classes ending with 6 and 11.

Alumni Association Listing

Please contact Mark Smith '83 via e-mail at callmps@aol.com, or by phone at (973) 931-2028, to become more involved, or share your ideas and concerns.

alumni officers

President: Mark Smith '83

Vice President: Mike Andrulis '88

Treasurer: Don Broderick '71

Secretary: VACANT

Trustee: Gary Christ '67

Trustee: Tom Deamus '07

Trustee: Frank DiLeo '00

Trustee: Charles "Chuck" Little '67

Alumni Board Meetings

Alumni board meetings are normally held after dinner on the third Thursday of each month. Please contact a member of the alumni board to confirm the meeting time.

2009–2010 Giving Still Affected By Worst Economy In Decades

While philanthropy is truly a lagging indicator, we appreciate each and every check, credit card, and in-kind donation that has helped to renovate and improve our Chapter House.

During this past fiscal year—running from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010—we gratefully received 100 donations totaling \$16,535, well short of our goal of \$20,000. Our undergraduate undergraduate leader and past Phi,

Rob Casale '11, offers a heartfelt "thank you" for these gifts: "It makes a great difference to me and the rest of the undergraduates to see such generosity from our alumni brothers, no matter whether they just graduated in the past few years or have been out for more than 50! Brotherhood does last a lifetime!" So, on behalf of the alumni board and the undergraduates, *thank you* for your continued generosity!

Help Us To Reach Our Goal Of \$20,000 For 2010–2011!

As you have read in this issue of the *Scarlet Zete*, there is much work to be done at the Delta Chapter. Our renovation plan will continue to improve the Chapter House that has been and will continue to be a leader, despite our recognition status, both at Rutgers and within our international fraternity.

We will reward our scholars for excellence in the classroom, which is the primary reason why we are in college: to learn, so that we can apply ourselves in the real world. We will continue to improve and reinvest in one of the most treasured pieces of real estate at Rutgers and within our international fraternity.

We ask that you remember how the Delta Chapter has made a difference in your professional and personal life, and help me and the rest of the undergraduates to be able to experience the same opportunities you experienced 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 your renewed or first donation because you want to give back to your chapter that has, hopefully, helped you over the years.

As a leader among the undergraduate, I find it hard to believe that you did not find the parties or tailgates to be enjoyable (I've heard great stories about how the brotherhood was over 90 brothers strong and there were wall-to-wall guests in the main bar, while the brothers enjoyed finer refreshments in the brothers' bar); Keller sports to be exhilarating; the women who came to our parties breathtaking (and hopefully you married one); or the life experiences you gathered to make an impact on your career or family. Every donation makes a difference. I ask you, our elders, who are not giving annually, to make a gift at the \$125 giving level—or higher, if you are able.

In TKφ,
Rob Casale '11

Delta Alumni News And Notes

Donald Dawkins '47 was recently honored "for service to France." He writes, "On Veteran's Day—November 11, 2009—I was awarded the French Legion of Honor at a ceremony in Orlando, [Florida] ... Said service consisted of combat in Patton's Third Army, in 1944, wherein my regiment drove the Germans out of Lorraine—having also done the same thing in WWI, for which we all received the Croix de Guerre. The award was granted by the president of France. The French still remember." Ask Donald about his experiences by writing to him at 2030 St. George Ave., Winter Park, FL 32789.

Another alumnus, **Franklyn A. Johnson '47**, also received French honors; he was awarded the Chevalier of the Legion of Honor. Additionally, Franklyn was elected a "Distinguished Dolphin," one of 75, by Jacksonville University (Florida), where he served as president from 1956 to '63. He wrote in June, "Dear brethren, the fourth edition of my first of 12 books, *One More Hill*, has just come out. It can be ordered from the First Division Museum (www.firstdivisionmuseum.org) for \$12. I hope all goes well in the chapter." Ask Franklyn about his latest book by writing to P.O. Box 1873, Bonita Springs, FL 34133; or

e-mail franco@mymailstation.com.

Congratulations to **Richard "Dick" Boylan '52**, and his wife, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in June 2010. Dick writes, "We were married in New Brunswick. I retired from Union Carbide Corporation in 1986, after spending 20 years in Asia with postings in Hong Kong, Singapore, and Thailand. I attended Rutgers under a partial scholarship, established by my great-great-grandfather, Peter Cortelyou, who gave

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Positive Changes Are Under Way During This Rebuilding Year

It has been a rebuilding year, and a positive one at that. I would not be forthright if I did not add that this positive change was not without some road bumps during this past year. Many of the older undergraduates found it difficult to "get with the new program," so the alumni board (understandably) asked them to move out. The many new members are bringing a renewed sense of energy in the house, and we older undergraduates are finding this very encouraging, which gives us more energy to lead positively.

The entire brotherhood rallied around Brother Adam Elias' ('10) efforts to support our troops overseas with the "RU for Troops" project. We collected donations in front of the house and helped sororities with their fundraisers. Many new members and current undergraduates also gave back to the community by volunteering at local hospitals in their hometowns on the weekends, and we also helped out, once again,

at the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at the local VFW hall.

AN UPDATE ON THE UNDERGRADUATE GOALS FOR THIS PAST YEAR

Membership Development: We recruited 30 new members this past year. While they have not formally been recognized by the standards of the IHQ, I can confidently report that they have passed all tests administered by the pledge educator.

Community Service: All undergraduates completed their required five hours of community service by volunteering at local hospitals in their hometowns.

Philanthropy: This is at the cornerstone of the Zeta Psi Fraternity and the Delta Chapter. The undergraduates once again demonstrated their strength as a cohesive group; we once again worked with the local Ronald McDonald House to raise money and in-kind holiday donations for the visiting children and their families.

Service to the Chapter House: Every

member of the Chapter House worked alongside new members to improve either the outside or inside of the Chapter House. I do believe my fellow undergraduates developed a greater appreciation and respect for the house. This will not only benefit the house, but also improve their skill sets as future homeowners.

Academics: It is our goal to maintain or exceed a brotherhood GPA of 3.0, requiring that each member maintain a GPA above a 2.0. The academic officer ensured that undergraduates maintained their grades, and new members attended the mandatory weekly study hours and locations.

Overall, we got through the transition academic year of 2009–2010 without having any major incidents or violations reported to the New Brunswick Police or international fraternity.

In Tau Kappa Phi,
Rob Casale '11

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Brunswick Fire and Building Departments.

Our upcoming plans for this winter and summer 2011 include replacing the Bum Room driveway-side arched window and the French doors in the Bum Room and Blue Rooms, renovating more of the sleeping rooms, and purchasing five additional energy-efficient air-conditioning units. During our yearly city inspections, we have been informed by New Brunswick that, next year, we will be required to rebuild the side porch off the Bum Room. We are presently reviewing the cost for this work. This project was not budgeted for in this year's budget,

and unfortunately, we couldn't pull together the resources. In the interim, we tastefully covered up the rear porch with plywood and siding at an unforeseen cost of \$2,800. Another new code violation that we needed to correct was to either put in working order, or seal, the fireplaces in the Mathews Dining Room and the Blue Room. Unfortunately, it made more sense to cover them up. The small bathroom on the second floor, known to many as the "girls' bathroom," will need to be remodeled and upgraded. Additional furniture to complete the Bum Room and the pool/card room will be possible if fundraising is strong.

So, if you are anywhere near New

Brunswick, please stop by, grab some lunch, and see for yourself how the house looks. But always remember that the residents are college kids, and like your children may also do at home, some of them never pick up after themselves, no matter what the alumni board or their own leadership asks of them. On behalf of the chapter and its brothers, these improvement would not have been possible without the help of the members to encourage more undergraduates to live in the house and of the alumni who contribute to the capital and annual campaign.

Don Broderick '71
Treasurer and Physical Plant Chairman



A view of the mail hallway from the front door.



The Funhouse was totally renovated.

delta alumni news & notes

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Rutgers College \$500 in 1864." Reconnect with Dick by writing to 3424 Guyton Lane, Leland, NC 28451; mboylan@ec.rr.com.

Catch up with **Gordon H. Greacen '52** at 180 Fairview Dr., Bedminster, NJ 07960.

Jesse I. Taylor '52 receives postal mail at P.O. Box 1859, New London, NH 03257.

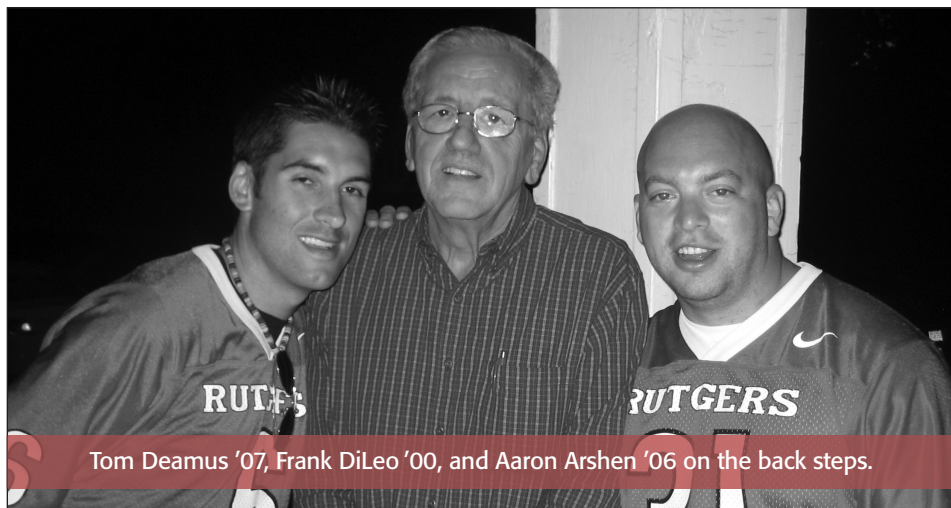
Ask **Richard A. Herbert '54** what he has been doing, now that he is retired, by writing to him at 38236 Bay Vista Drive, Selbyville, DE 19975, or ariherrett@aol.com.

Lawrence E. Priddy '54 writes, "I was married in September 2009 to a member of my church, with both families—children and grandchildren—in attendance. My son, David, was my best man, and my other son, Larry Jr., was an attendant. I have been serving as a lay pastor in a Methodist church for several years. I am currently preaching at an assisted living facility on Hilton Head. I appreciate receiving the *Scarlet Zete*." Congratulate Lawrence by writing to 2650 Forest Beach Drive, #52, Hilton Head, SC 29928.

Check in with **Cary R. Hardy '61** by writing to him at 1 Oak Knoll Rd., Summit, NY 07901; or cvhardy@verizon.net.

In 2009, **Edward A. Penberthy '63** and his wife, Lois, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. They have three children and nine grandchildren. Ed is now with Hyland Levin in Voorhees, New Jersey; he continues to practice law, but on a more limited basis. Write to him at 50 Watson Way, Medford, NJ 08055; mootp@comcast.net.

Former trustee **Carl Burns '64** stops in frequently for some free coffee and informal chats with the undergrads. Carl says, "This place and the process of boys growing into men was—and still is—important to me. The House looks good and the undergrads still deserve my support." Carl continues his volunteer work at the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Memorial. He stops at the May 31 panel with every tour to talk about **Ned Herrold '62**. "Ned was one class guy. I have worn a MIA bracelet honoring Ned for 10 years. I literally



Tom Deamus '07, Frank DiLeo '00, and Aaron Arshen '06 on the back steps.

stumbled upon it at a souvenir stand with thousands of items at the Memorial Wall in Washington after a group of Zetes placed wreaths at the panels for Ned and **Chuck Lang '63**. I thought, 'Carl, God wants you to have this.'" Carl also guest lectures on Vietnam at colleges and high schools in New Jersey. His book, *Centaurs in Vietnam*, published in 2008, is still available. Contact Carl at (732) 683-9725 or cwburns@optonline.net.

Gerard "Jerry" Andrews '72 has launched the second edition of his book, *Common Cents: Getting Off the Financial Rollercoaster*. You can learn more by visiting his website at www.financialrollercoaster.com. Write to him at 363 Charlton Ave., South Orange, NJ 07079; jerryandrewsm1@msn.com.

A pathologist and dermatologist since 1989, **Robert S. Csere '72** is also a retired U.S. Army colonel, after 29 years in the medical corps, both reserves and active duty. He writes, "I have two daughter physicians in residency programs, one in psychiatric and another in pediatric neurology. My wife, Deborah, and I have been happily married (mostly) for 34 years." Send greetings to him at 1118 Culbreath Isles Dr., Tampa, FL 33629.

Reconnect with **Stephen Clark '80** by writing to 301 Maple Ave., Haddonfield, NJ 08033, or clarksbusiness1@gmail.com.

Catch up with **John Carey '85** by writing to him at 90 Fieldstone Pl., Wayne, NJ 07470; careyjohn@optonline.net.

Dr. Matthew S. Altman '97 sends his greetings. Write to him at 104 Carol Rd., Linwood, NJ 08221; or msa75@comcast.net.

Get in touch with **Kamal Soliman '97** by writing to 7823 Palacios Dr., Austin, TX 78749; or ksoliman@c3presents.com.

Last March, **Gregory W. Hee '99** wrote to us to share that he had been married since 2006 and was expecting his first daughter to arrive in May 2010. Check in on him and his family by writing to 1441 Riva Ridge St., Bowling Green, KY 42104; or greg@westconnections.com.

Matthew T. Croughan '00 writes, "Thanks to all great Zetes who came to show support after the loss of my father." Keep in touch with Matt at 19-27 Halstead Terrace, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410.

Write to **Bob Kowalewski '00**, who's now a police officer, at 2513 Honeysuckle Lane, Point Pleasant, NJ 08742; or e-mail rkowalew@eden.rutgers.edu.

Christopher Salvato '03 and his wife, Alicia, have a one-year-old son, Joseph, and were expecting their second child this month. Check in on them at 19 Red Maple Dr., Brick, NJ 08724; or cpsalvato@verizon.net.

Now a staff accountant for JH Cohn LLP, **Benjamin "Benny" Strumeier '09** sends his greetings from New Jersey. Get in touch with him by writing to 115 Mountainside View, Morganville, NJ 07751; or stru3@aol.com.