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Elder Works to Make Inauguration a Success

It was a great day for America, while a very long day for me. Inauguration prep literally started on November 5, 2008. As the day approached, the volume of calls, details, and issues came more to light and the workdays got longer. January 20 started for me at 3:45 a.m., as my coworker and I shuffled into the sergeant at arms office, which was already fully operational (not surprising, since we left at 10:00 p.m. the evening before).

As we began our last walk through of the perimeter and the site, you could hear the sounds of the citizens from far and near assembling on the national mall. At 6:45 a.m., when the sun had finally risen, the national mall was filled with people; the crowd turnout was everything it was expected to be—about 1.75 to 2.25 million people—maybe more!

My assignment that day was assisting the speaker of the house, the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, her office, and family. It was a large task that required a lot of coordination, troubleshooting, and spontaneous thought and execution of specific matters and issues. It was a full-day's job, but I was able to catch some of the inauguration from the bleachers behind the platform. At times, I was able to move to the perimeter of the platform for a closer view of the ceremony.

The task and the day were a lot of work and a lot of fun at the same time. It was truly an exciting day—seeing so many people excited for a change and inspired by their government. It was truly a different feeling, one that has not been felt a long time.

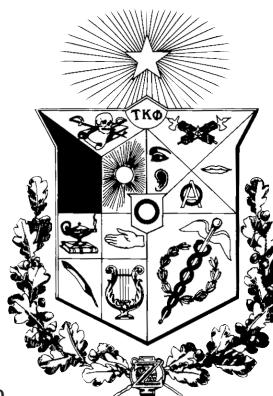
The day finally ended for me at 6:00 p.m. Afterward, I went to an inaugural ball in the convention center. I was pretty exhausted, as you can imagine, so I bowed out around at 10:30 p.m. This was a good idea, since I had to report back to work the next day at 7:30 a.m.

The inauguration was the centerpiece of a very large and special transition period in our country's political process leading into the Obama administration and the 111th Congress.

The days are still long, on average 11 to 13

hours, but I enjoy my work, and I am thankful to have a job during such a difficult economic period.

In Tau Kappa Phi,
Stefan J. Bieret '03
Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms,
U.S. House of Representatives
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Editors Note: Stefan was a valuable part of the active chapter as an undergraduate. He responsibly took on the duties of house manager and intelligently participated in our alumni board meetings.

He was our second graduate from the Zeta Psi Washington Scholars Fellowship Program. This program places many politically minded Zetes in outstanding internships ranging from government agencies, media outlets, and certain non-governmental organizations.

Other graduates of the Washington Scholars Program are Phil Castrogiovanni '02, our first graduate, Josh Underwood '05, and Dale Madan '08.

Last heard, Phil has completed his tour with NCIS and is now living in North Jersey; Josh did the sergeant at arms internship at the capital building and shared that it "was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity" that he truly benefitted from.

Dale interned in the House of Representatives' sergeant at arms office. They were in charge of security for the House side of the capitol. He worked with many different agencies such as the secret service, police, bomb squad, etc. The internship confirmed that he wanted to work in law enforcement.

The Wall Street Scholars Program, started more recently, has been providing inroads to the financial services industry. The Delta has been the summer home for four Zetes over the past two years.

IHQ is now working to start a new program aimed at meeting the critical needs of future leaders in the sciences and engineering by way of the Science Engineering Leadership Fellows (SELF). See page four for more details.

Renovations and Upgrades:

Elders Work Hard to Negate Effects of the Economy

The economy has also affected the Delta. Unfortunately, our donations year-to-date are down, and some of the brothers who were expecting to move into the chapter house were not able to as originally planned and budgeted for. Both of these have impacted our reserves and budget for our annual and campaign renovations. Unfortunately, we were not able to take advantage of the brothers being on winter break and complete any major remodeling this winter.

Depending upon the generosity of our alumni and friends, our plan for summer 2009 will be to do a complete renovation—gutting down to the studs, upgrading electrical, replacing windows, and refinishing or installing a new wood floor—of one of the second-floor Fun-house bedrooms (estimated to cost \$8,000) and finally replacing the beautiful and rare wood panels on the Bum Room interior wall next to the main hall.

This major project—estimated to cost \$10,000 and which was originally reported on in the Fall 2008 *Scarlet Zete* to be completed

during winter break 2009—needed to be put on hold due to the drop off in our level of donations and due to the extensive work and time needed to find the wood paneling that can be used. If funds become available, our next highest priority project to be completed this summer would be the second-floor small bathroom—estimated to cost \$8,000—known to many as the women's bathroom.

Some might suggest saving money by having the active brothers do the work. Back in the 1980s and earlier, this type of renovation was often done by brothers who were trained tradesman or had the experience from working with their parents or on the job. However, we have found during the past 10 years or so that the active brothers do not often have these same skill sets. And rather than cutting corners to save money, it is less expensive in the long run to hire a licensed contractor to do the work right the first time. This has proven many times over to be the right decision in terms of quality of work, the extended lifespan of the renovation, and minimizing insurance liabilities.

After these projects are complete, it is our plan to replace the beautiful arch window in the Bum Room on the driveway side of the house and the chapter house's main furnace, estimated to be 90 years old. While working on the Bum Room window, we also plan to replace the floor in the room and in hallway. Estimates for these project are \$8,000 and \$10,000. These important projects are slated for the summer of 2010.

On behalf of the chapter, thank you for your generosity over the years! Your devotion to the Delta has enabled me and the rest of the alumni board to carry out necessary and timely projects to keep the house not only looking its best for you and your family's next visit, but also safe and appealing for our many actives who, like you once did, call it "home."

In Tau Kappa Phi,
Don Broderick '71
Vice President, Treasurer,
and Physical Plant Manager

Alumni President Reports on the State of the Chapter

This has been a good semester for the Delta Chapter. We are moving forward. As you read in the last issue, the Delta was venturing into uncharted territory with the possibility of a temporary parting of the road with the university.

The alumni board worked closely with IHQ to monitor and enforce the new five-point guidelines for the actives, and the brothers have responded well in a "dry house." The active brothers during the fall semester and so far this spring semester have done a fine job in recruiting new pledges to become valuable and contributing members of the brotherhood, managing themselves with regard to the university and the City of New Brunswick, and have so far received a "thumbs-up" from IHQ.

During the fall semester, 12 new pledge brothers were given their pins during the invite dinner, leading to 11 new brothers being initiated in December. Representatives from IHQ came down from Pearl River to conduct a recruiting and pledge education program and returned to oversee the initiation of our new brothers.

Community service remains strong. Broth-

ers once again volunteered their time at what has become a holiday favorite—the Odd Fellows Christmas Dinner, benefiting disadvantaged children in the area. Phi Adam Elias '10 and his officers took the initiative to forge a new relationship with the local Ronald McDonald House right here in New Brunswick. Working with their local director, brothers hosted a holiday party for their patients and families where good tidings and cheer were shared when they distributed the various toys purchased and donations received from local businesses.

Adam shared, "I am really glad we did this. It meant a lot to the kids and their parents and helped to remind brothers how fortunate we really are to be healthy, able to attend Rutgers, and have a good roof over our heads—and not to worry about whether we can get to the hospital for the care we need."

Looking forward to the spring, we are working closely with the actives on their strategy to recruit new brothers to ensure a strong pledge class of 15. Despite the issues we had with the university last summer, I am pleased to share

the actives have followed the recommendations made by IHQ to: not have parties this year; improve the recruiting and pledge program; adhere to university guidelines of not recruiting first-semester freshmen; meet community service and philanthropic goals; and basically to keep their "noses clean" in order to come of their probation. When the time comes, the board and IHQ can evaluate the merits of once again being recognized by the university.

As always, I welcome and encourage your energies, experience, and leadership to help to make the Delta Chapter not only the longest continuously operating fraternity at Rutgers and within Zeta Psi, but also the very best it can be—living up to our reputation of being the "mother" of all chapters.

Please consider our request to recruit eager and talented Delta Zetes into your company or business, volunteer your time as a guest speaker, adviser, or member of our alumni board, or to give as generously as you can to our annual appeal or, more importantly, to help to finish our projects on the Delta's capital campaign.

Together, we can make a difference in the future of our active brothers and the experience of our future brotherhood.

In Tau Kappa Phi,
Mike Andrulis '88

Vision + Execution = Stronger Brotherhood

When I return from class, I see a large group of brothers sitting at the dining room table doing their work together. I have seen brothers waking up many a Saturday morning to participate in philanthropy projects, and in general, brothers interacted and showed more interest in pledge brothers and the program as a whole. We have interacted more with other Zeta chapters—one memorable weekend was traveling to MIT's all-Zeta weekend.

This spring, we will be hosting the Leadership Training Institute (LTI) here at the chapter. Chapters from across our region will see for themselves what makes the Delta and our chapter house so special. This past fall, we recruited a pledge class of 12—all eligible by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs and University guidelines—and initiated 11. Many thanks to our pledge educator, Greg Scheffler, who did a great job mentoring our fall pledge brothers. This spring, we have started with 16 solid pledge brothers and hope to initiate all 16. If this is the case, we would have added 27 new links to the chain of brotherhood at the Delta.

Regarding our philanthropy, in December, we renewed an old tradition of the chapters, back when they used to hold holiday decorating contests for Greek Life, and decorated the house for the holidays by "candy caning" our majestic pillars and stringing lights around the windows and the outline of the perimeter of the house. We once again assisted with the Odd Fellows holiday dinner.

I am most proud that we established a new relationship with the Ronald McDonald House

here in New Brunswick. Our goal was to raise enough money to decorate the house and provide a special gift to every child at the Ronald McDonald House. We accomplished this and more! Our tree was decorated with candy canes and a gift tag. During the toy exchange, we played holiday music and served hot cocoa and warm apple cider to everyone attending. It was a good day to be a Delta Zete!

During the rest of the spring, I want to make sure that the brotherhood continues to make a difference in important programs outside of the university while also working hard on increasing the size of the brotherhood. While it has been difficult not having any of our renowned parties, it will be well worth the wait when we can hopefully host one at the end of the semester or over the summer!

We have proven to ourselves and to the community that the Delta is not just about being one of the best social locations on campus, but that it is also a cohesive group of focused brothers, living in the best house on campus and working toward the same common goal.

On behalf of the chapter, I invite and encourage our elders to return to your house at 18 College Ave.—join us for dinner, attend a monthly board meeting, stop by after a home football game, during Homecoming, or any other time your back on the Banks.

In Tau Kappa Phi,
Adam Elias '10
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Annual Appeal Affected by the Economy

Is it the economy? We hope so. Back in New Brunswick, it has been a rebuilding year for the Delta active brotherhood, and I hope that you will reaffirm our efforts by making your first donation this academic year or—if possible—by making another donation to support our efforts!

Your ongoing annual support enables the alumni association to reward the active brothers when they do well academically, with scholarships and important funding to attend regional and national leadership seminars like the Leadership Training Institute (LTI) and Annual Convention. For instance, the Delta was recognized by the IHQ and asked to host the region's spring LTI; while we did save money on transportation expenses for this LTI, we incurred expenses as the host. When your support is especially generous, the alumni association is able to fund additional capital

projects or replace items around the house that are worn-out or obsolete—projects not covered by room and board.

Annual Appeal results as of March 16, 2009:

Donations YTD:	\$10,290
Donations Goal:	\$27,500
Donors YTD:	85
Donors Goal:	150
Average Donation:	\$151

Your donations, whether they be mailed directly for our benefit and the benefit of the chapter house or invested with IHQ as part of the Delta Endowment, truly make a difference in whether a brother can dedicate more time to his academics, recruiting new brothers, or on the general

improvement of the chapter or, unfortunately, will need to spend his time working outside the university and fraternity.

While the alumni board was not able to work on projects this past winter break, undergraduate brothers living up on the third floor really enjoy the new heating system. Gone are

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Veterans Day Remembrance

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2009

Please save the date as we honor our fallen brothers. More details to follow in the fall 2009 *Scarlet Zete*.

Parents' Day

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2009

Come meet the alumni board, ask questions about the house, meals, renovations, semester bill, or just come to find out why elders from the '60s, '70s, and '80s have made the Delta Chapter of Zeta Psi Fraternity a labor of love.

Philanthropy Update

NOT AN 'ODD' RELATIONSHIP

It has become an annual affair! At the close of the fall semester, many brothers rolled up their sleeves to support the efforts of the Odd Fellows Charity Christmas Dinner.

The brothers served underprivileged families from Old Bridge, New Jersey, and helped bring some holiday cheer into their lives.

Making a difference in these family's lives reminds us all of the true meaning of the holidays and why it is so important that the Delta Chapter of Zeta Psi shows the bonds of brotherhood by giving back through community service initiatives.

Alumni Board Meetings

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

delta alumni news & notes

Frank E. Gillam '43 has written a small book about his WWII experiences—*My Part in the Good War*. Write to him if you would like to obtain a copy: 2400 McClellan Blvd., #906, Pennsauken, NJ 08109.

Lawrence E. Priddy '54 writes, "I had a busy year in 2008. I celebrated my 75th birthday in August with my four children and six grandchildren. Of the grandkids, two are in high school, one is a medical doctor, and three are in college. I remain active in my local church in Hilton Head and am now a certified lay pastor in the Methodist Church. I retired after about 30 years with Johnson and Johnson. My last position there was VP of marketing and sales. I play golf. This retirement thing isn't too bad!" Reach Larry at 13 Spar Pole Ln., Bluffton, SC 29910.

Frederick G. Kuhn '63 lives at 128 Holly Reserve Pkwy., Canton, GA 30114. He retired as a captain from Delta Airlines in 1998 and is a retired lieutenant colonel of the U.S. Air Force. Send e-mail to fandjkuhn@aol.com.

Alan G. White '68 lives at 73 Johnson Ave., Bloomfield, NJ 07003; send e-mail to awhite@bktc.net. He now works at the law firm Bonner Kiernan.

"I hope all is well at the Delta," writes **Joshua B. Underwood '05**. "I just entered my third year with PNC and feel very fortunate to be with a financial firm which has benefited from our conservative/moderate portfolio given the current economic conditions. As of April 6, I was promoted to a position with PNC's Private Client Group. My title is licensed relationship manager, banking officer. I'm responsible for

growing the revenue generated by sales to a targeted group of affluent clients in my book, also tasked with bringing on new affluent households. I look forward to hearing from my fellow brothers! Please contact me at underwood.jost@gmail.com or 609-254-4391."

Dale S. Madan '08 writes, "I am applying to different police agencies and hope to get into one of their academies by the summer." Feel free to contact Dale at dalemad81@gmail.com.

deceased

We regret to report the death of:

Franklin J. Kneller '49

Program Works To Promote Zetes in Science and Engineering

I'm Eric Romeril, a recent elder from our University of Waterloo/Alpha Theta Chapter and the new executive director of the Science and Engineering Leadership Fellows (SELF). My first job is to raise awareness of the program, since I have been told it is hard to get applicants when no one knows you exist.

It is for this goal that I ask your help. If you know of any Zete who has been published or received a high honor in the fields of engineering or science, please contact me with information so that he may be recognized. If you are on Facebook, please log on and join the SELF group. Then add every Zete you know that would be interested to help spread the word! We are currently seeking partnerships with science and engineering companies that would be interested in being involved with the program and hosting an intern.

There are two levels of involvement that a company can have with the SELF program—either as an affiliate or a partner. An affiliate company is open to the idea of employing a SELF intern, but not fully committed. The internship can be paid or unpaid. SELF would then seek out candidates for that affiliate company via our website, Facebook group, and communications with active chapters. We will pre-screen the applicants and submit the most promising applicant(s) to the affiliate for consideration. Affiliates are not obliged to take a candidate, so there is zero risk in our providing promising candidates.

A partner company has a stronger relationship with SELF program with one or more dedicated internship positions for our fellows within their company. In return, we feature these companies on our website and in our

communications as "flagship" placements for the SELF program and give the partners priority for funded interns and candidate consideration. We also plan to profile our partners in our updated brochures and UpZete communications.

Additionally, one thing we request of all our companies (especially ones with unpaid positions, which we support with ZPEF dollars) is that they make a concerted effort to have our fellow involved in creating an important technical document. This could be a published journal article, review article, patent request, design schematic, architectural plans, or other important professional document.

Always in TKPhi,
Eric J. P. Romeril (Waterloo '08)

Annual Appeal, continued

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the days of sleeping in the Cold Dorm or using it as a weight or social room. We now have three dedicated singles in its place and are the envy of many in the Greek community with so many quality rooms.

I hope that you will make a difference in the lives of each and every active brother by making your first or an additional gift to this year's annual appeal! Your donation of \$125,

\$250, \$500, \$1,000, or more will help increase our scholarship money or academic rewards, enable us to attend a leadership conference, or improve the quality of life in the house.

If you wish to make a tax-deductible donation to the remodeling efforts, you can do so by sending your donation of \$1,000 or more to the Delta Endowment Fund, c/o Zeta Psi Educational Foundation, 15 South Henry Street, Pearl River, New York, 10965, or you can send in your dues/donation in the at-

tached envelope to the Delta Alumni Association of Zeta Psi.

Come back to your home on the Hill, your chapter house at 18 College Avenue, the oldest continuously operating fraternity at Rutgers and chapter within Zeta Psi Fraternity. Thank you in advance for your support.

Rob Casale '68
Alpha Phi