

THE

# Scarlet Zete

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## Delta Capital Campaign: You Can Make A Difference In Our Future

The grand house at 18 College Avenue has not quite stood since the time of the flood, but I am confident we would all agree that 88 years is remarkable. The Delta remains the longest continuously operating fraternity at Rutgers. The chapter continues to make progress in our physical improvements, mandatory, planned, and the unexpected. The brotherhood is also moving in the right direction.

First, I would like to thank all of the elders and friends who have already made a commitment to Building On The Tradition, the campaign for the Delta Chapter of Zeta Psi Fraternity (see insert). If it weren't for you, we would not have been able to make the significant progress we have been able to accomplish so far. The house has not looked this good in many years. The elders who have visited have indicated they are pleased with the progress, while

the active brothers are even prouder to call it home. These are not just cosmetic improvements—they are part of a strategic and coordinated renovation of specific areas of the house. In addition to recognizing and thanking all campaign donors to date, I would also like to recognize a few noteworthy and timely efforts.

F. Howard Lloyd '42 is the first contributor to the capital campaign to complete his pledge. His original five-year gift of \$10,000 was completed in just two years. His generosity has enabled us to maintain our timeline on many projects. Next, an anonymous donor from the 1960s was pleased to see the progress being made on the house. During his visit prior to winter break, he noticed that the main floor needed sanding and polyurethaning. He did not want the window of opportunity available during break to be missed, so he made a \$3,500 donation to the

campaign. His generous and timely gift enabled our contractors to take advantage of an empty house and complete the refinishing of the main floor. The actives were left breathless when they returned to find practically brand-new floors.

Another act of generosity was shown by Bob "Doc" Laudicina '63. Doc Laudicina will frequently visit the Delta for an alumni board meeting or when in the area for business or a meeting at Rutgers. He noticed that the rooms on the main floor had been coming together nicely, except for the bathroom. Doc wanted the entire main floor to present a positive image, so he generously contributed the money needed to upgrade the first-floor bathroom.

Thanks to these three elders and the rest of the dedicated brothers who have already made pledges or gifts to the campaign, much progress

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## Delta Prepared Me For Life's Challenges

The Scarlet Zete recently interviewed Billy Matthews '88 for our alumni profile. Billy has won six Emmys for sports production on subjects ranging from the Olympics to PGA Tour golf coverage. Here's what he said:

*Tell us about your current job. What is your title, whom do you work for, how long have you worked there, and what do you do?*

I'm a producer for NBC Sports. I started in 1987 while I was an intern at Rutgers. I've been a full-time producer since 1990. I've produced various events like NBA basketball, NFL football, and women's gymnastics at the Olympics. I've worked with various announcers ranging from Bob Costas to Bryant Gumbel to Gabby Reece.

*What do you enjoy most about your job?*

Traveling and the sense of completion after the show airs. I've been everywhere from Seoul, Korea to Helsinki, Finland. (I've traveled over 900,000 miles just on American Airlines.) I also enjoy the rush of going live on the air (like in the movie *Broadcast News* and the deadline pressure of a show).

*Has your job changed since you started?*

Technology has made my job easier. But for the most part, covering a live sporting event is still the same. Even though we may broadcast in high definition, the actual execution is still the same as it was in 1987.

*Where do you see your job and your field going over the next 10 years?*

With the growth of ESPN and other cable channels, network sports departments will only be used for the "big events." You'll see a lot more games on cable (if that's possible) and the play-offs will air on the network. I could also see using pay-per-view for additional sources of income for the leagues. If you want to watch all the NFL games, you will be able to buy a package (like Direct TV) or only an individual game. *What interested you about the Delta Chapter before and during rush? Why did you decide to join?*

I rushed during the first semester of my freshman year. I did that because I knew a few brothers from my high school. It was a trust factor. I knew them and I trusted them that Zeta Psi was the house for me.



Billy Matthews '88 (left) of NBC Sports is pictured here with Bonnie Bernstein of CBS Sports and Shawn Robbins of CBS.

*What do you remember most about the chapter? The house?*

It was always the house that was the most  
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## Brothers Launch "Books For Kidz" Program

Active members of the Delta have begun a new and exciting philanthropy project, "Books for Kidz," under the umbrella of the Zeta Psi Grand Chapter "Zete Kidz" program.

The \$1,000 grant from the Grand Chapter will be used for the purchase of books for a New Brunswick day care center, The Tiny Tots Spot. The books will be purchased to enhance the school's library and for the 30 four-year-old students to take home and enjoy on their own.

Ken Plis, the philanthropy chair for the actives, is coordinating the project. The project will

include training for the actives on the proper techniques for reading to children and engaging them in the reading session, as well as four sessions of reading at the school. Ken is pleased to be coordinating this effort. "It is exciting to be involved in the Grand Chapter's 'Zete Kidz' program and to give back to our community by reading at The Tiny Tots Spot day care program. We hope to make a difference in their education, inspiring them on to further learning."

In Tau Kappa Phi, Ken Plis '05

## Michael Davidson Scholarship Helps Future Rutgers Lawyer

I would like to start by thanking all who have made a donation to the Michael Davidson Scholarship in memory of alumni brother Davidson '97 who passed away on September 11, 2001. It is truly an honor to be the recipient of an award that is named after an individual who was highly respected by both his Delta brothers and his coworkers, and dearly loved by his family and friends. The fact that there is a scholarship in memory of a brother who was not much older than we are is inspiring to us.

I thought it might be appropriate to share with the Davidson family and Delta elders how important this scholarship is to me. My parents divorced when I was very young. I lived with my mother and fortu-



*Josh Underwood '05 plans to give back to the Davidson Scholarship to help future Delta brothers.*

nately, I kept in close contact with my father throughout my adolescence. I am in my junior year at Rutgers, and I have been a brother at the Delta Chapter since my freshman year.

It has been a privilege to live at 18 College Avenue for the past two academic years, and the friends, experiences, and memories I have made will never be forgotten. So many undergraduates do not realize what they are missing by not being active in Greek life, especially at the house with the longest and most prominent history and reputation at Rutgers. I hope you will be pleased when I tell you that my academics

are not forgotten because I am a brother. Last fall I attained a 3.7 GPA, raising my

cumulative GPA to a 3.5. When I graduate, I plan on attending law school, preferably Rutgers Law in Camden, close to where I live in southern New Jersey. From there I hope to practice law in the Philadelphia area.

To all who have made the Michael Davidson Scholarship possible, please accept my deepest thanks and appreciation for your generosity. Your generosity enables me to dedicate more time to my schoolwork, which will lay the foundation for my future, instead of working more hours to pay my way. When I graduate from law school and have a job, I plan to give back to the Davidson Scholarship to help those future Delta brothers who have experienced the added challenges of being raised in a single-parent household.

In Tau Kappa Phi,  
Joshua Underwood '05

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has been made, and we are poised to capitalize on the future generosity by the rest of our elder brotherhood. Since our last newsletter, renovations have included a new electrical system for the second floor, fixing the hallway ceiling on the second floor, draperies on the first floor, and an electrical system in the basement. The third-floor rear area, known to many of us as the "cold dorm," has been gutted. The plans for this spring and early summer are to stud out rooms, insulate them, and install the final phase of the mandated sprinkler system. Unfortunately, our plans are dependent upon payments on existing pledges and new commitments being made.

No matter how well you plan for the timing of each project and investment of each dollar raised, sometimes the unexpected occurs. Before we could continue our targeted projects, we had to replace the main support beam in the basement. This project could have totaled two to three times the actual project price. Fortunately, we were able to complete the project for

\$3,000. Special thanks need to be given to Geoffrey Vitale, Penn State Zete '97. Geoff and his team of contractors have been doing much of the quality work at below-market rates.

How will we complete the rest of the renovation of the Delta? Only with your dedication and generosity.

The Delta Chapter will not be able continue to serve as a residence for the undergraduate brothers and a resource and home-away-from-home for elders unless more brothers answer this call for support and give back to the Delta. I encourage you to answer the call when asked to become a volunteer and to make a sacrificial multi-year pledge by using the pledge form in the back of the case statement you received in December. Our chapter's home, 18 College Avenue, has united thousands of brothers since the days of Hub Waldron. Please make a difference now in the future of the chapter.

In Tau Kappa Phi,  
Carl Burns '64  
Campaign Co-Chair

## Brothers Support Squam

The past semester was an active time for philanthropy by Delta Zetes. We were able to raise money for the Grand Chapter's philanthropy, Zete Kidz, and by partnering with other Greeks on campus for other important causes.

One cause that was especially important to me was how the brotherhood of Zeta Psi was able to raise \$310 and donate it to the Squamish Fraternity here at Rutgers University. (Squamish is known by many elders as Chi Phi). In addition to the fundraising, the entire brotherhood that wasn't in class attended a candlelight vigil for John Morin and Robert Morgan, who were hospitalized after being maliciously attacked in a fight last October. For many days, 18 College Avenue proudly displayed its support for John and Robert by lighting our own candles on our steps and porch. It was a uniform show of Greek support that made us proud to be Greek and a Delta Zete.

Honorably in Tau Kappa Phi,  
Ken Plis '05  
Philanthropy Chair

## Ken Ryan, Esq., '75 Hosts Seminar For Brothers

The seminar given by Ken Ryan '75 turned out to be both informative and useful. After the unfortunate incident at the Squam Fraternity (previously known as Chi Phi), the active leadership realized that it was important for us to understand our rights. Attorney Ken Ryan helped us to better understand this timely topic and answered many questions. He talked about the 4th amendment of the U.S. Constitution, along with the basic rights of trespassing and probable cause. His presentation was not long nor was it a lecture, but instead more of an information session on what rights we have as brothers in our house. All of the brothers in attendance responded positively to his seminar.

This was an educational seminar that provided much tangible value for the house. Elder brother Ryan also discussed social functions,

drinking, and probable cause. We all left with a greater certainty of our rights within our house. Brother Menzella, our risk management chairman for the fall, said, "This is one of the best seminars the brotherhood could have, as it deals with real issues that are encountered every day at Rutgers."

I could not agree with him more. We sincerely thank alumni brother Ken Ryan for taking time out of his busy day to help the active brotherhood of the Delta Chapter better understand our rights and how to protect ourselves, the chapter, and our guests. We hope to report in future issues of the *Scarlet Zete* on other educational seminars offered by our elder brothers.

Honorably in Tau Kappa Phi,  
Donny Lee '04, Phi

## Remembering Our Deceased Vietnam Vets

Elders, brothers, and friends gathered for the annual Veterans Day remembrance on Saturday, November 8, 2003. This year we honored our brothers, Ned R. Herrold '62 and Charles V. Lang '63, who made the supreme sacrifice during the Vietnam War. We were pleased to have a director of the Rutgers Oral History Archives, Sandra Stewart Holyoak, share her experiences from working with the University and Delta veterans. The Delta, Mark Friedland '05, read "In Flanders Fields," written by Lt. Col. John McCrae,  $\Theta\Xi$  1894. One of the highlights of the afternoon was when Alumni Board President Carl Burns '64 shared some of his memories from the fox-hole, then encouraged reflection by fellow Delta Zetes in attendance.

Please save the date for this fall's Veterans Day event, to be held on November 6.



Frank Kneller  $\Delta$ '49, Rutgers Oral History Archives of WWII Coordinating Committee, shares his memories at the remembrance.

## Fall Delta Day Makes Strong First Impressions

This fall's Delta Day targeted improving the first impression made by the Delta Chapter. Active and elder brothers gathered on Saturday, October 11, to paint the front door, the exterior of the French doors in the blue and bum rooms, and the front patio, and to plant new shrubs in the flowerbed.

Phi Donny Lee was pleased by the coordinated effort. "It is encouraging to see both undergraduates and alumni working towards the same goal. Everything we do will make a difference in how we recruit new brothers and set us ahead in the Greek system at Rutgers. I hope that the word spreads and more alumni join us in the spring." Join us on April 3 for this spring's Delta Day.



Matt Schwartz (l.) and Donnie Lee (r.) show their spirit at the Fall Delta Day.

## Upcoming Events At The Delta

### Spring Delta Day

**Saturday, April 3 at 10 a.m.**

Take a day off to meet the brothers while lending a hand. RSVP to Mike Andrulis: (609/581-6981, mandrulis@fas.rutgers.edu).

### Annual Meeting Of The Delta Alumni Association

**Saturday, May 15 at 9:30 a.m.**

See the progress being made at the Delta and vote in the annual election of officers.

### Rutgers Reunion 2004

**May 14-16, 2004**

Visit [www.RutgersAlumni.org](http://www.RutgersAlumni.org) for more information.

### Veterans Day Remembrance 2004

**November 6, 2004**

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spectacular—from the dining room to the bar to the individual rooms, you could see that the brothers cared about the house.

*How did the Delta Chapter help prepare you for your career? For life in general?*

I lived in the house for seven semesters and I met many brothers from various backgrounds and beliefs. That diversity helped me deal with situations in my professional life.

*What recommendations can you give to the active brothers of the Delta?*

Enjoy it. It's the best four years of your life. What you think is stressful now is only a test for later in life (whether it's schoolwork or relationships).

*Why is the Delta Chapter still important to you?*

When I was at Rutgers, I realized the importance of a strong alumni. I vowed that, once I graduated, I would continue to support the active chapter. Because of my travel schedule (mostly weekends) I try to do it financially.

*What do you enjoy doing with your free time?*

Enjoying New York City. I travel so much for my job that, when I'm not working, I just like to stay home.

*What is your favorite vacation that you've taken so far?*

I've never really gone on an extended planned vacation. Say when I'm in Hawaii for work, I'll stay a few more days.



# Alumni News & Notes

F. HOWARD LLOYD JR. '42 writes, "At this point, I may as well start to brag. Elected: top teacher six times by students; most meritorious teacher by colleagues; Hall of Fame by alumni; New Jersey teacher of the year; presidential citation." Send congratulations to Howard at 167 Main St., Matawan, NJ 07747.

PAUL J. TRUSCOTT '55 reports a new address of 10 Tulip Court, Marlton, NJ 08053.

When JAMES V. TOSCANO '59 last wrote, he was expecting his ninth grandchild—a girl—in December. "I continue to be at Park Nicolbt Institute, a research and education subsidiary of Park Nicolbt Health Services, an integrated health care provider with 600 doctors, two hospitals, and 7,000 employees. I also serve on many non-profit boards and write a monthly column for CharityChannel.com." Say hello to Jim at 1982 Summit, St. Paul, MN 55105; jvt2@comcast.net.

RICHARD M. COLLEY '62 recently moved. His new address is P.O. Box 583, Wilton, CT 06897. Send him e-mail at rmcollet@snet.net.

LAWRENCE W. "Larry" JORDAN '63 reports, "I have been in Florida for almost 30 years. Keep talking about retiring and moving to Florida...but then my wife, Peggy, reminds me that I already did that! I play tennis and golf and spend much time with my six grandkids, all local. Very blessed!" Larry can be reached at P.O. Box 276235, Boca Raton, FL 33427.

ALAN G. WHITE '68 is a lawyer at Bonner, Kiernan, Trebach & Crociate. He resides at 73 Johnson Ave., Bloomfield, NJ 07003. Send him e-mail at awhite@bktc.net.

MICHAEL P. "Nate" NATHANSON '75 works at Pearson Education in Cranbury, New Jersey. Drop him a note at 10 Stony Point Rd., Oakland, NJ 07436. His e-mail address is michael.nathanson@pearsoned.com.

ROBERT E. BERG '76 reports that he is "healthy, wealthy, and wise." Stay in touch with him at 203 Dunellen Ave., Dunellen, NJ 08812. His e-mail address is roberteberg@optonline.net.

ANTHONY T. VENTRE '76 is an account manager at Advanced Hospitality Systems in

New Jersey. He writes, "My daughter, Carleen, is now attending Rutgers and lives about 100 feet from 'the house.' Scary!" Tony recently moved to 20 1st St., Somerset, NJ 08873. Send him e-mail at tony.ventre@posamerica.com.

HOWARD A. FIELDS '77 can be reached at 502A Heritage Hills, Somers, NY 10589. Send him e-mail at hafields@earthlink.net.

MICHAEL J. ZEVITS '83 is pleased to announce the birth of his son, Mustafa Zevits. Send congratulations to him at 33 Bear Mountain Rd., Ringwood, NJ 074356.

ARTHUR J. DiPATRI '85 is an assistant professor of neurosurgery and the chief of pediatric neurosurgery at the University of Maryland Medical School. Say hello to Art at 2036 Haverford Dr., Crownsville, MD 21032. His e-mail address is adipatri@comcast.net.

Note this new address for EDWIN C. LaPERCHE JR., 86: 1102 Redtail Rd., Norristown, PA 19403.

WILLIAM D. SMITH '86 recently moved to 27 Ketch St., #4, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292. E-mail reaches him at dsrucihsm@aol.com.

JONATHAN O. YEDVAB '87 writes that he has passed the NCLEX RN exam and is a registered nurse in New York State as of October 1, 2003. Send congratulations to Jon at 47-27 Little Neck Pkwy., #4G, Little Neck, NY 11362.

MIKE ANDRULIS '88 writes, "On October 4, 2003, I undertook one of the most challenging personal goals in my life. I entered and completed the Osprey Sprint Triathlon in Public Landing, Maryland. It was the first time I had ever even attempted anything like this. It was both an excellent physical and mental experience for me. I had set three goals for the event: first, to finish the race; second, to complete the race in under two hours; and last, to raise a minimum of \$500 for the race's cause, the Maryland Coastal Bays Foundation <<http://www.md-coastalbays.org>>. I am pleased to share that I exceeded all of my goals. I welcome any fellow Delta Zetes who may want to join me in October 2004 on the beautiful eastern shore of Maryland." Mike can be reached at 21 Dark Leaf Dr., Hamilton, NJ 08610. His e-mail

address is mandrulis@fas.rutgers.edu; his home phone is 609/581-6981.

STEPHEN P. "Steve" ETZLER '88 reports a new address of 181 Wrenfield Way, Harleysville, PA 19438. He receives e-mail at balers@prodigy.net.

SCOTT T. HAMILTON '90 writes, "My wife, Jenn, and I are pleased to announce the birth of our second daughter in June 2003." Send best wishes to Scott and Jenn at 110 Rebecca Way, Folsom, CA 95630. Scott's e-mail address is thehammys@attbi.com.

JAMES BODNER '94 recently moved to 901 Madison St., #6E, Hoboken, NJ 07030.

When SCOTT A. SOUDERS '94 last wrote, his third child was due in late fall. Send congratulations to 1012 Southfield Court, Harrisburg, PA 17111.

LEE HUNTER '95 is a vice president floor trader at Merrill Lynch on Wall Street. His address is 30 Main St., #4A, Brooklyn, NY 11201; lhunter9@nyc.rr.com.

Please note this new address for MATTHEW S. ALTMAN '97: 2801 Gail Ave., Northfield, NJ 08225.

TOM MEANS '97 is a lecturer at Rutgers University and the author of the *Instant Vocabulary Builder* series. Tom completed a book tour in the fall of 2003. He can be reached at 310 W. 55th St., #2J, New York, NY 10019. Send him e-mail at tom@meanslanguagecenter.com.

ERIC M. BASTERRECHEA '01 writes that he is graduating from Pace Law School in May 2004. Say hello to Eric at 5 Lincoln Ave. E, West Harrison, NY 10604. His e-mail address is ericbasta@hotmail.com.

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## DECEASED

*We regret to report the death of the following alumni:*

WILLIAM GILLAM '40  
January 24, 2004

JOHN K. POWELL '48  
May 7, 2003

C. FRED RUNYON '35  
December 19, 2002

WALTER S. TALAN '49  
January 8, 2003

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