

the scarlet zete



Delta Chapter of Zeta Psi at Rutgers University since 1848

MAD Foundation awards \$10K to chapter

On November 11, 2006, Ellen and Jeff Davidson, the mother and brother of our fallen brother Michael Davidson '96, generously donated \$10,000 to the Michael Davidson Scholarship Fund that directly benefits the Delta Chapter.

Pictured (below, right) is Joseph Concodora, the first recipient of our \$1,000 scholarship, along with Ellen and Jeff.

For more information about the fund or how to contribute, please visit www.michaeldavidsonfund.org.

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A Message from the alumni president

Hello, and welcome to another issue of The Scarlet Zete. I hope that the new year has gotten off to a good start for you, your family, and your career. As I begin another semester as the alumni president, I am reminded of a turning point back in my active years.

There was a point in time that we found ourselves looking forward to better times, both financially and as a brotherhood. It would seem that these two are very different issues for our beloved Zeta Psi, but they actually go hand in hand. When our brotherhood experiences hardships—whether it be in recruiting pledges for new semesters, issues with the university and our social calendar, or otherwise—it has a direct effect on our finances.

Without strong numbers living in the house, our revenue falls, and we in turn have less to spend on our house and activities. When we experience problems with the university, we often times find ourselves having to pay fines or wasting valuable time and resources to make sure we are in conformity with the rules.

Getting back to my days as an active president,

we found ourselves in a similar situation to today—where we have some issues, but we face them head on. Back in 1999, we were able to overcome our adversity with a strong pledge program and a renewed interest by our alumni association. As I write this article, our actives have made a lasting impression on me, as they have increased their active numbers, philanthropy, academic achievements, and social responsibility.

We, as alumni, have to step up as well. I encourage you to stop by the house whenever possible, you'll be impressed by our recent renovations. More importantly, you'll be impressed by the strong brotherhood that exists.

With the help Frank Dileo '00, Don Broderick '71, Mike Andrulis '88, Carl Burns '64, and too many other alumni to list, we are making great strides. I want to add your name to the list, so feel free to contact me and ask me how you can help: m_orozco_1999@yahoo.com or (732) 581 6254.

I remain yours in TKO,
Michael Orozco '99
Alumni President



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Renovations continue at the Delta

We will see this capital campaign through! Hammer and nail, sheetrock and tape, wiring and plumbing, room by room, the chapter house is being strategically and thoughtfully renovated.

Many thanks go to our loyal and new donors to our annual fund. When our elder giving is especially generous, the alumni association will have the ability to not only fund our scholarships and send our brothers to both the annual convention and regional LTIs, but also help finance some of our annual and capital renovations.

A much appreciated "round of snaps" goes out to all of our campaign donors. Your belief in our mission to continue our uninterrupted 159-year history of our Delta Chapter—which stands proudly situated on the hill at the end of College Avenue—has allowed the elders of the alumni association to confidently take on, and then complete, our much-needed capital renovation projects. So to all of our elder donors, we thank you for your continued giving.

During fall 2006, we completely renovated two rooms on the second floor. Both the 19th Hole and the Twilight Zone were badly needed remodeling, which consisted of completely gutting the rooms, installing new hardwood floors, new insulated windows, and updating the elec-

trical wiring and service, as well as installing new light fixtures. On average, it costs approximately \$6,000 to renovate these smaller single-space rooms.

Brothers Arlind Emini, XXXX, and YYYY all enjoyed moving into and hosting parties in the newest rooms in the chapter house. In addition to this, we ordered two new windows for the Mathews Dining Room that will be installed in the spring semester. These windows in the dining room have been a constant source of energy loss, and these new windows should much improve both the comfort level on the first floor but also our increasing utility bill.

Over winter break, we have begun the remodeling the Eagle's Nest (the old cook's room). This room will also be completely gutted and rebuilt to code with new hardwood floors, new insulated windows, updated electrical, and—of course—a new bathroom. We are anticipating that this renovation will be completed sometime in late February or March, followed by a city inspection allowing for occupancy by brothers either for fall 2007. The cost for this project is estimated to be \$25,000.

If you like what we have been able to do this past fall and what we have scheduled for the spring semester, then you will definitely ap-

preciate our plans for the summer and fall of 2007. Depending upon the availability of our well-managed resources, a new roof the house is long overdue. We are also planning on renovating the Mathews Dining Room—one of the most used rooms in the house—and finally replace the final three windows in that room. Costs for these projects are estimated at \$28,000 and \$40,000, respectively.

Looking further down our time line, during the winter break of 2007-'08, we will begin work on the long-awaited, much-anticipated renovation of the Apartment and review what other projects around the chapter house need to be done—both anticipated and often unanticipated.

We realize that there is much competition for your philanthropic dollars. Rest assured that your investment in your fraternity, the Delta Chapter of Zeta Psi, is being used to train and educate some of the best students at Rutgers University and also to thoughtfully and strategically renovate the highest and best use priorities of the chapter house.

Once again, we thank you for your trust and belief in our goals and mission here at the Delta Chapter and invite you to come back for Homecoming, your class reunion, or anytime you find yourself in or near New Brunswick and need a friendly place to rest or possibly enjoy a beverage with an active.

Mike Andrulis '88

Delta starts new year off on the right foot

As a new year begins, there is much to be thankful for at the Delta.

We have 29 brothers living in the house, as we recently reopened Heaven's Gate. A strong fall pledge class of nine has also given us much to look forward to, as they are eager to get involved in the house.

Not to mention the best gift yet—a winning football team. Yes I said it, with an 11-2 final record and the school's first bowl win, the Scarlet Knights have burst onto the mainstream of college football. A legitimately good team pro-

vided us with what I would argue were some of the best pre-game tailgate festivities this house has ever thrown. Whether it was Homecoming or the infamous Louisville game, the Delta was there to support the men in scarlet.

Never forgetting about the less fortunate people in the community, the Delta helped out at a charity holiday dinner for the underprivileged children and families around New Brunswick. More than 25 brothers were on hand to assist with everything from serving, cleanup, and even assisting Santa himself as he

gave out gifts. This philanthropy provided us with 150 total hours of community service.

The new year brings us excitement over what we will have to be thankful for in another year (maybe a third-straight Gold Award), but one thing is sure, it will be difficult to top the success that we had in 2006.

Dale Madden '08
Phi

Alpha Phi reflects on chapter accomplishments

As the Delta chapter begins the spring semester, I would like to reflect on the accomplishments made this past fall. With a solid and quality pledge class of nine, the brotherhood's numbers boosted up to over 60 actives, continuing our growth as a chapter.

Also, we have acquired four new brothers to reside within the Zeta Psi walls this semester—one of them being a pledge this fall. A feat such as this shows how well our

house is being run, along with the strength of the brotherhood residing in it.

Furthermore, as Alpha Phi this past semester, I had the honor of running and organizing our fall formal. With over 70 guests attending, the night proved to be one of the most entertaining formals I've been to since I entered the brotherhood, and many brothers felt the same way.

As of this writing, with spring rush heading our way, our brotherhood aims for an

even bigger pledge class than the fall's—one full of the quality brothers we have consistently been recruiting for the past year.

Best of luck to Zetes graduating this May, and I am looking forward to meeting with alumni coming back to see the house.

TK PHI,
Bill Rodriguez
Fall 2006 Alpha Phi

Brothers give back during the holidays

On December 16, 2006, more than 50 percent of the Delta's active brotherhood volunteered six hours of their time on a Saturday to make sure those underprivileged children not so far from the shadows of Rutgers University had a warm meal and a picture with Santa before Christmas.

It wasn't long into the semester when Philanthropy Chair Anthony Tessman, Phi Dale Madden '08, and other officers and interested brothers sat around the head table in the Mathews Dining Room during one of Brother Bone's infamous lunches and reflected on what they could do to make a difference. Brothers have read to and built libraries for local New Brunswick elementary children and danced for 32 hours at the university's dance marathon to benefit the Institute for Children with Cancer and Blood Disorders in New Brunswick. So what could be done next?

Thanks to a new brother, Tommy LeFever, the brothers came up with a new cause to help during the fall semester, helping underprivileged children locally during the holidays. "The holiday's can be a lonely time if you don't think that your parent's can afford to put presents under the tree, or even afford to put up a tree. What better way to make a difference in a child's life than to spend some time with them on a Saturday," recounts



Brian McCabe, incoming Alpha Phi.

Tessman and LeFever worked together with LeFever's father, a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, to help plan the community event. More than 25 brothers donned their letters and Rutgers logo wear and piled into a few cars and headed down Route 18 to join forces with the Order Of Odd Fellows at a local VFW hall.

Delta Zetes worked side by side with the brothers from the Odd Fellows to prepare the feast of salad, chicken, pasta, and cake for the local disadvantaged children. While the brothers weren't working the buffet line, they spent time breaking bread with the children,

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Delta just misses that elusive 3.0

The active brotherhood achieved a GPA of 2.941 for the fall semester. This placed the Delta ninth among the 21 fraternities on campus. Our new initiates placed third among their peers. The academic performance exceeded both the all-fraternity and all-men's averages.

Special congrats and snaps go to David Yvars, a new initiate, and Tom Deamus, who achieved a 4.0, and Nick Strauss, with a 3.9. In all, 24 brothers achieved a 3.0 or better. Five brothers were within striking distance, with a 2.9 or better, but close only counts in horseshoes. Seven actives made the dean's list.

Twelve actives who lived in the house last semester received room and board scholarships, perhaps proving that you can live in a fun environment and still achieve academically. We are the only chapter of Zeta Psi and the only fraternity at Rutgers to award academic performance with scholarships to in-house brothers.

Aaron Arshen * H	Arland Emini * H	Jan- Michael McClintic H
Thomas Bartlett	Michael Fox H	Donald Norbut
Juan Beltran	Chad Hubener	William Rodriguez H
Jonatan Chrin H	Stephen LaPorta	Gregory Scheffler
Andrew Cossa H	Richard Laskay	Luke Stadler *
Thomas Deamus * H	Thomas Lefever N	Nicholas Strauss * H
Anthony Duddzinski H	Dale Madan H	Benjamin Strumeier H
Joseph Dumont	Sean McBride *	David Yvars * N

*=Deans List, H=In-house brother, N=New initiate

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PAST EVENTS

Veteran's Day

In continuing a recent tradition, the Delta honored our veterans at our sixth annual Veteran's Day observance in a ceremony held in the Raven Room (aka Bum Room). More than 70 alumni, actives, pledges, and parents attended.

Gregory McElroy, our Phi Alpha, attended and gave a short memorable speech. A moment of silence was observed for our 14 brothers who gave their lives from the Civil War through the Vietnam War.

Alumni Franklin Kneller '49, Carl Burns '64, Gary Christ '67, James Riley '67, and William Quigley '00 spoke about some of their wartime experiences. Active brother Mike Pesce recited In Flanders Fields—the best-known war poem ever written—by our Canadian brother Lt. Col. John McCrae, Theta Xi 1894. Our Canadian brothers were recognized for their own ceremonial on their Remembrance Day.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Delta Day

Saturday, April 21 at 10:00 a.m.

Elders, please roll-up your sleeves for some light work around the property to make a difference in the appearance of the Delta while meeting the pledges and brothers. Please RSVP to Mike Andrulis at (609) 332-6051 or andrulism@alumni.rutgers.edu.

Annual Business Meeting & Reunion

Saturday, May 26, 2007

Continental Breakfast at 9:00 a.m.

Annual Meeting to follow

All Elders and those celebrating their Reunion in years ending in a "2" or "7" are encouraged to return to the Banks and 18 College Avenue.

2007 IHQ Convention

August 15-18, 2007

Embassy Suites, Lincoln, Nebraska

For more information, please visit zetapsi.org.

alumni officers

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Michael Orozco	Gary Christ	Frank Parrato
		Carl Burns
Vice President	Treasurer	John Amodeo
Mike Andrulis	Don Broderick	Frank DiLeo

delta alumni news & notes

"Nothing spectacular to report," writes **Donald C. Dawkins '47**. "Health OK. Enjoying five children and 14 grandchildren. My dear wife, Yvonne, and I travel to occasional Dixieland Jazz Festivals. Still in touch with good old **Charlie Dale '49**." Keep in touch with Don at 2030 St. George Ave., Winter Park, FL 32789.

Lawrence E. Priddy '54 writes, "Now I live in Bluffton after 10 years on Hilton Head. Still play golf there, church there (Stephen Ministry—chair scholarship committee and teach class there). Am also a certified lay pastor in Methodist Church. Fill in as needed as well as preach on Hilton Head in summer months. Four children, six grandchildren. All is well and happy." Write to Larry at 13 Spar Pole Ln., Bluffton, SC 29910.

"Active in senior softball league and golf," writes **Peter M. Roffman '57**. "Volunteer in Fairfax County General District Court interviewing indigent defendants seeking a court-appointed lawyer. Coach adult co-ed soccer team (two sons on team). Visit often with three grown children and six grandchildren, ranging from 2 to 9 years old." Send Pete greetings at 10850 Parcel Ct., Oakton, VA 22124.

Robert Laudicina '63, Carl Burns '64, Herb Johnson '64, George Hendricks '65, and Fred Kumpf '65 were among thousands of Rutgers fans rooting on the Scarlet Knights at the Texas Bowl.

Paul Allman '67 reports great interest in a multi-year gathering at the house during reunion weekend. Contact Paul at 2445 NW Westover, #212, Portland, OR 97210. E-mail him at paul.allman@comcast.net.

"Retired from the US Air Force in 2002," writes **Robert J. Courter '68**. "Have been leading IBM's DOD Air Force account since then. Just moved to Williamsburg. Built a new home one the Two River's Country Club golf course.

Wife, Patt, and I doing great—family now includes our three adult kids and seven grandkids. Congrats to the Delta Chapter for the national Zeta Psi recognition. Keep up the great work." Write to Bob at 2080 Hornes Lake Rd., Williamsburg, VA 23185. E-mail him at rcourterjr@cox.net.

John E. Bush Jr. '70 writes, "My wife, Barb, and I continue to enjoy living in the Denver area. **Ed Lorenz '70** resides in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and is still flying for Continental Airlines out of Newark. **Russ Vanella '70** and his wife, Brenda, continue to enjoy their lifestyle in Bridgeton. Over the years, we've enjoyed several summer vacations together and have visited some great places. And out annual guys-only winter golf trips to warmer climates are always entertaining." Write to Jack at 8144 S. Spruce Ct., Centennial, CO 80112. E-mail him at jackbush81@aol.com.

John Murin '85 reports the he and his wife, Christine, have moved to Worcester, Massachusetts. To find out more about John, e-mail him at johnmurin@cs.com. Send him postal mail at 1 Kensington Hts., Worcester, MA 01602.

Mike Andruslis '88 and Chris Andruslis

would like to announce the birth of their second granddaughter, Mackenzie Elena Shaw, on February 1, 2007. Mackenzie joins her older sister, Kyleigh, and mom, Rebecca, and father, Wayne. Mike, on the other hand, has a few more gray hairs, less free time, and now has to open another college savings account. Best wishes can be sent to: 21 Dark Leaf Drive, Hamilton, NJ 08610 or by phone at 609-332-6051.

"Passed the New Jersey and New York bar exams," writes **Nicholas Ponzini '03**. Send Nick congratulations at 577 Clarendon Ct., River Edge, NJ 07661; nponzini@hotmail.com.

Keep in touch with **John R. DeLorenzo Jr. '04** at his new address of 735 Cherry Tree Ln., Lawrenceville, NJ 08648. E-mail him at joedteam@aol.com.

deceased

We regret to report the death of:

Edward J. McNeill II '58



Brothers take a break from the formal to pose for a photo.

Brothers give back, continued

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and talking with them their classes, sports, things of interest, and, of course, their dreams for the future. Later in the afternoon, presents were delivered and each child had the opportunity to get a photo with Santa.

Dale Madden spoke from the heart after we had a chance to reflect back at the house, "While we were truly beat after the six hours preparing, spending time with the children, and cleaning up, it was a good tired. We could see in their eyes and smiles that we made a difference in their lives, if only for this one

day. I am proud of my fellow brothers for this effort.

(Editor's note: As this issue of the Scarlet Zete is going to press, the Brothers are knee-deep working on a winter clothing drive to be donated to the local Salvation Army.)