

Good news to report on many fronts

By Miguel Quintanilla '03
Alumni Relations Secretary

Delta Tau Delta and her members were highly visible in the spring '09 edition of *The Stevens Indicator*, the magazine of the Stevens Alumni Association, which reaffirms the fraternity's standing as the leading student organization on campus.

The Indicator featured a two-page spread about our marquee alumni event, Career Connections. Career Connections and Casino Night were held on January 24, 2009, in the Babbio Center on the Stevens Campus. Career Connections included a networking seminar by fellow Rho Delt Gerry Crispin '69 and a panel discussion titled, "Careers in Today's Turbulent Economy." Following Career Connections was Alumni Casino Night, which was attended by approximately 75 Delt alumni. In addition to being a social event, Casino Night helped raise \$2,000 for the Bleed Purple Corporation, a non-profit or-

ganization that supports college students diagnosed with cancer.

Crispin appeared in a second article, as he was awarded the Stevens Honor Award this past winter. Crispin is a worldwide leader in the field of employment issues and networking. The Stevens Honor Award was established in 1945 and recognizes a person for his or her significant contributions to the world through his or her professional work. Crispin joins an elite company of award recipients that includes General Motors co-founder Charles Stewart Mott, class of 1897, and leading 20th-century artist and Rho Delt Alexander Calder '19.

The headline story of the alumni magazine was about the men's soccer team's historic run to the national championship game. The men's soccer roster is stocked with Delt brothers. Additionally, Justin Brinkerhoff '02, a four-year starter in both soccer and lacrosse, was featured in an article for his induction into the Stevens Athletic Hall of Fame.

Actives and alumni get together at April smoker

By Ben Scatuorchio '10

Alumni and actives from Stevens Rho Chapter congregated outside on a beautiful April day for a summer kick-off barbecue and alumni smoker. Everyone crowded into the backyard to smoke cigars and play horseshoes. Burgers were grilled up on the old grill, and the alumni were led on house tours of the recently renovated shelter. At an event similar to our casino night, alumni and actives had the opportunity to take a break from their busy schedules and relax while strengthening their relationships as members of Delta Tau Delta.

Some brothers spoke with alumni about job opportunities, while others enjoyed rem-

iniscing about the past and setting goals for the future of the fraternity.

After hearing about the success of our casino night event, our alumni did a great job getting the word out to those brothers who have been absent from the Delta Tau Delta scene for a while. There were many faces in attendance that we had never met before. However, with a view of the sunset over the New York City skyline, we were able to take big steps toward becoming a tighter-knit group of Rho Chapter Delta Tau Delta brothers, regardless of age or graduation year. We would like to thank all of our alumni who made the event possible, and we hope to see all of you again soon.

Brothers work to strengthen bonds

By Ben Scatuorchio '10
President

As the seasons change and the weather grows warmer, the fraternal bonds between us grow stronger. Rho Chapter has re-evaluated and reprioritized by leaving trivialities by the wayside and once again embracing those core values that drive men to succeed.

When I joined Rho Chapter just over a year ago, I saw a group of men who valued their friendship as well as their membership. But some of these men were stuck, stuck in a place where they could not use their time and talents to the best of their abilities. And sometimes when good men get stuck, all they need is a little nudge in the right direction.

In the past few months, there has been a huge attitude change in the men of Rho Chapter. Apathy is a thing of the past. I see brothers all around me rising to help their school, their community, themselves, and those less fortunate, to bring about that happy and fulfilling life. Never has there been such a group of individuals willing to contribute; and when these individuals come together, they form a seriously motivated brotherhood.

I am truly honored and privileged to lead and serve this noble brotherhood of which I am proud to call myself president. I eagerly look forward to living and working with this group of the most excellent men I have ever known.

Growing with Delta Tau Delta

By Burke Reynolds '10

"Hi, my name is Burke Reynolds, and I like to party." That would basically describe my first few years at Stevens. I'll spare you the details and just say I had a good time. Most people who know me would even argue I had a great time. I was, as my lacrosse coach so eloquently put it, Mr. Fun Guy. And why shouldn't I be? I had a ton of friends, every fraternity knew me by name, and the ladies were all over me... sort of. I did well enough in school to get by so I could focus on the finer things in life, like being able to flip a cup off the edge of a table and have it land facing up. I mean, who doesn't need to know that? I'm sure if I brought it to an interview, they'd give me the corner office with my own private table to practice.

Things only got better when I joined the House of Champions. I was good before, but now I'm a champion. You can't beat me; I'm already a champion, game over. But

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Donald G. Kress (Nu Chapter, '58) recently moved to 116 Chota Shores Way, Loudon, TN 37774. Drop him an e-mail at doninsearch@hotmail.com.

Robert G. Schwab '60 writes, "I retired as general manager of the Port Authority Transit Corporation (Lindenwold, NJ) in 2000 after 18 years. I returned to a former employer, LTK Engineering Services, as a consulting engineer in 2000. I worked as a project manager for Path Ralcar & Signal project from 2002-2005. I've been a consultant to MBTA (Boston), NYCT (NYMTA), DART (Dallas), and Denver RTD. Five holes in one!" Get in touch with Shab at 533 S. Brentwood Dr., Mt. Lau-

rel, NJ 08054; rgschwab1@comcast.net.

"Both my wife and I retired at the end of December 2008," reports **John Thielke '65**, "and we have busy with a remodeling project. In addition, I volunteer at a local community radio station (although you won't find me behind a microphone). I recently stepped down as the editor of our local community newspaper. I still enjoy playing basketball and am usually in the gym 4-5 times a week. We have four grandchildren ranging in age from 3-9. We are hoping that at least one of them will be interested in attending Stevens. In the meantime, we greatly enjoy their company. I had the pleasure of seeing **Bruce Boylan '63, Dick Le-**

ichus '62, Dave Whiteside '66, and Wayne Siscoe '66 last year. Wayne and his wife live on the Olympic Peninsula, and they provided a fantastic meal of locally harvested seafood and other specialties. Bruce was a great wine steward!" John can be reached at 19518 14th Ave. NW, Shoreline, WA 98177; john.karen.thielke@verizon.net.

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We regret to report the death of:

Richard MacHenry '35
July 28, 2008

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Chris Laurita, going green one can at a time

By **Bobby Steinhauser '10**

In several different ways, we see individuals, companies, and environmental groups all over the world working to reverse the negative effects our actions have had on the environment.

From driving hybrid cars to simple things like recycling, people are taking the necessary steps to improve the world we live in. In our

fraternity, one individual has taken it upon himself to single-handedly make his contribution to the environment.

Chris Laurita, a sophomore Delt, has assumed the role of waste manager this year. Unlike previous years in which cans, cardboard, and plastics all went into the trash, he has started a very efficient recycling system.



Chris has dedicated a section of the house to collect cardboard and has purchased recycling bins for all of our plastics and cans. In accordance with the Hoboken recycling program, he has delegated duties to the brothers to take out the recycling on the given nights.

Along with helping the fraternity go green, Chris has furthered his dedication to preserving the environment by not using

the Styrofoam dishes and plastic forks the house supplies to eat his meals. Despite the hassle of having to do his dishes every meal, Laurita has made the effort to use glass plates, bowls, and metal silverware. Chris Laurita's efforts should inspire all Deltas to do their part in preserving our environment.

Growing with Delta Tau Delta, cont.

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I still wanted to play like a champion, so I had to triage a little school work to get to the level I needed to be at. And when I finally got there, I realized that the practice was more fun than the result, so I went back to practicing. I went to house meetings because I'd get fined if I didn't. I went to practice because I'd run if I didn't. I went to class because I'd fail if I didn't. Anyway, I needed to nap somewhere.

I was a decent student and a good friend, I believe, more or less a typical college student. But the picture I painted looks quite dismal because I'm not glorifying any of my actions. At the time, I thought I was fine, but when I look back, I can see how much I've grown in my thinking. A lot of that growth can be attributed to Delta Tau Delta.

When I joined the ritual committee, I got a chance to read all the stuff that had been said to me during my initiation, and the ideas presented in the passages blew me away. I started paying attention to what the EC did, and how far beyond the weekly meetings his duties went. I figured out why our parties were so popular—the planning that goes into them. I respected all the brothers individu-

ally at first, but I grew to love the brotherhood as a whole. Slowly but surely, my perspective changed on a great deal of subjects.

I began to see how much more I could get out of any venture by devoting more effort to it. I became a more active brother, student, and teammate. I joined the co-op program to get some work experience. I took on more responsibility in the house. I began organizing some events myself instead of enjoying what others had set up. It was really this year and last that I noticed how much more I was enjoying life at Stevens. I made the dean's list for the first time, became a leader on the lacrosse team, and a respected member of the house instead of an infamous one. And all the while, my social life never suffered, but became a more dynamic one. Mr. Fun Guy's still around; he's just got better timing now.

Today, as the second vice president of the chapter, I'm working to make sure that our rituals have better production value. I also reside over judicial with an iron fist, or at least Reynolds Wrap crumpled up really tight, and I assist with organizing house projects. Lastly, I'm in the process of organizing what will, I hope, be one of the most successful

Senior spotlight on David Wang '09

By **Chris Ciabattone '11**

On May 21, one of our most valued and respect brothers, David Wang, became an esteemed alumnus of Delta Tau Delta. Graduating in May with a master's in financial engineering, plus a bachelor's in mechanical engineering with a minor in economics, Dave Wang was a crucial influence on the fraternity. After the shelter was renovated, Dave became the first president. He was involved with pledge education, the executive board, philanthropy events, community service events, and he even attended a few conferences, including President Conferences and the Bethany Leadership Academy, as well as two Eastern Division Conferences representing the Delta Tau Delta Rho Chapter to the best of his ability.

On campus, Dave was extremely active in a number of clubs and organizations. Currently, he is finishing up work at Movado Group, where he worked a few months for co-op. He has worked previously at North American Parts Distributions and Survivor Windows. In July, Dave will be entering the graduate training program at UBS Financial Management as a full-time employee. He is in the process of buying a condo in Hoboken and will be leaving his hometown of East Brunswick, NJ, where he played lacrosse.

One of his future goals is to start a hedge fund. As one of the most influential seniors in the fraternity, Dave has been a model of respect, hard work, and leadership in the fraternity, and he will be severely missed. He was a great presence in the house, and we hope he will become an active alumnus, always willing to help a brother out.

work weekends to date. In lacrosse, I'm one of five seniors trying to lead the team to our best season in decades. I still have trouble getting my eight hours in, but now it's because my professors all seem to think their class is the only one I'm taking this semester. When I think about all I've accomplished so far, I can trace almost every turning point back to the brotherhood. I hope that next year, in my final year at Stevens, I can only contribute more to a fraternity that's done so much for me.