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Delta Tau Delta Fraternity at Stevens Institute of Technology

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President's Report: Re-establishing Our Leadership Position

The 2007 fall semester was a time for growth and learning for Rho Chapter. At the start of the year we held our annual executive and brother retreat. There we laid out our plans for the semester—no matter how big or small. Our two main goals were to improve our philanthropy and have a more diverse rush class. We did, however, encounter some roadblocks as the semester progressed. Historically, Rho Chapter has relied heavily on athletes for recruiting; therefore, many rushees were freshmen lacrosse and soccer players.

We learned early in this semester that new regulations placed on the lacrosse team restricted freshmen from pledging a fraternity. Faced with this challenge, the brotherhood had to adjust—and step out of our normal social circles to find recruits. Our events, such as the open barbecue, Monday Night Football, and comedy clubs, sparked interest among the freshmen on campus who are not athletes.

Although we did not always get the turnout we wanted, the brothers have learned invaluable lessons for future rushing seasons. We hope to move away from relying on any one group of men for a large pledge class in the future. Presently, we have about 20 freshmen who have expressed interest in joining the fraternity.

Another area of focus was Rho Chapter's philanthropy. We have held and supported several events such as Bleed Purple, Breast Cancer Walk, Tech-fest, and Adopt-a-School. Our pledge to support the national Bleed Purple philanthropy means that we have a goal—to raise \$25 dollars for each brother in the chapter—to help alleviate any cancer-related costs a person in the Greek community may have. We plan on meeting this goal with a raffle event where we will be selling tickets for a chance to win an iPod Touch. Furthermore, several brothers participated in a walk for breast cancer that took place in Jersey City,

New Jersey, in October 2007—an event arranged by Stevens' Greek advisor, Nathalie Waite. We also participated in the school's Tech-fest Car Show where we handed out beverages to those who donated to the Hoboken Medical Center. Another milestone for the chapter is our renewed participation in the Adopt-a-School program. With our partnership with Elysian Charter School, brothers have been given the opportunity to go to the school after classes and play sports with children in a nearby park. Brothers also help the school if they have a special function such as a Halloween party or a book fair. Future goals in the philanthropy department include having a fundraiser for neurofibromatosis research in the spring semester and continuing our Adopt-a-School program.

As my tenure as president of Rho Chapter comes to an end, I can't help but reflect on how much the brotherhood has grown in the past few years. The displacement of the brothers when the shelter was being renovated forced the men of Rho to adapt to not having a house. Originally, the brothers thought that the only struggle we would have from losing the house would be the fact that we would not have the house as a selling point for rushes. In reality, the shelter was what kept the brotherhood close and centralized. Without the shelter, members began to forget what it meant to be a brother and younger members did not properly learn the responsibilities that come with being a Delt.

When we finally moved back into the shelter in the spring semester of 2007, we began a rebuilding phase for the chapter. With a very young and inexperienced executive committee, we laid the groundwork for the future leaders of the chapter by implementing new programs such as our academic incentive program, membership education, and various philanthropy programs.

I believe that if we can continue building and adding to the great programs we have in place, we can re-establish our position as the leaders of Stevens Institute of Technology and fulfill our mission statement to be "committed to lives of excellence."



Andrew Richards '07, John Lynch '07, and Christian Pontier '07 at their graduation. Congratulations!

David Wang '09

The Body of Our Brotherhood... Winning is Our Business... And Business is Good

The Delta Tau Delta, Rho Chapter, consists of a rather diverse group of young men. We have brothers studying engineering, business, and various sciences. We have brothers coming from various ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds. We have brothers involved with numerous activities and special interest groups around campus. A common interest that unifies our brotherhood is athletic competition, having brothers participating in several club and varsity athletics including basketball, lacrosse, and soccer. Seventy percent of our brotherhood participates in varsity athletics. We take pride in our ability to thrive and succeed as the leaders of the fraternal community at our institution.

Power is the inherent ability and talents of each member as valuable resources. These qualities and talents give Delta Tau Delta the power and energy to continue looking and moving toward a grand future.

Strength of body and mind is vital to our brotherhood's mission of helping men achieve a high level of excellence. Our brotherhood uses our God-given talents to promote athletics for Stevens Institute of Technology and

foster strong competition within it. Essentially, athletics was a strong factor in the design of my path to this school and, eventually, this brotherhood. My recruitment for Stevens' soccer program, coupled with my desire to study engineering compelled me to leave the South [Atlanta, Georgia] and venture to a new metropolitan area. After a year and a half of being on my own, I joined the brotherhood where many of my friends and teammates were already members. A couple of years later, as a senior, I look back on the successes that I have been able to be a part of.

During my time here, I have been on a team that has recorded 49 consecutive conference wins and 57 straight home victories at the DeBaun Athletic Complex. We have recorded three straight Skyline Conference Championships with complementary automatic bids to the NCAA Tournament in each of those years. Excellence is not an act, but our tradition. We have managed to win NCAA regional and sectional games in New York, New Jersey, Maryland, and Washington state only to have the same outcome: a late exit from the NCAA tourney in the Sweet Sixteen.

This year we hope to improve upon the successes of our past teams. We believe that this is the best team that our school has seen

yet. As Stevens entered its inaugural season in the tougher Empire-8 Conference, the men's soccer team was up for the challenge. We have managed to replicate an undefeated conference season, my fourth, with a record of 7-0. We look forward to hosting and winning the conference semifinals and finals. Then, God willing, we can expand upon our NCAA history and advance past our former roadblock. Ideally, we will be able to persist, build on our current achievement and, with a little bit of luck, participate in the 2007 NCAA Final Four Championship at Disney's Wide World of Sports. In many ways, the principles and organizational structures of our respective club, intramural, and varsity athletic teams mimic the structure of our fraternity. Each feeds off of the other and supports our commitment to lives of excellence.

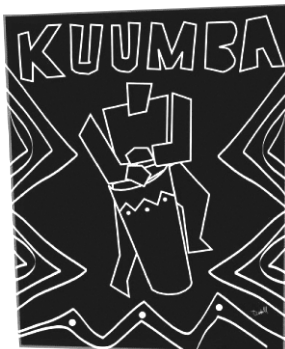
Brotherhood Sustains Us. Delta Tau Delta is an organization that relies on Brotherhood to hold us together. Brotherhood involves individual responsibility to one's self and to others.

Vershima Tivzenda '08

Service Chair Update: DTD Stevens Rebuilds Adopt-A-School Program

Last fall our chapter began engaging in the Adopt-a-School program again. National DTD management has presented this as one of our most important service opportunities. Therefore, with the help of Dean of Student Life Ken Nilsen, we began discussing ways to volunteer at the Elysian Charter School. Mike Malter and I went down to the school building at the corner of Third and Garden Street and discussed our goals with Melissa Landera, Elysian's assistant principal.

We decided that we could help at their after-school program on Monday afternoons as well as with major events. So far, we have successfully helped their staff with the after-school program on Mondays for the several months. We usually have three or four brothers helping children with homework, supervising play, or playing sports with the kids. We have made friends with students between the ages of 5 and 12. The experiences have been fun and



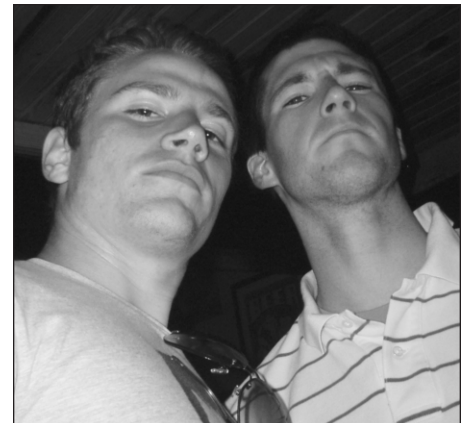
valuable for brothers and children alike. In addition, we have helped the school run their annual book fair and are looking forward to a large event called "Kuumba Day."

We've also expanded several of our other charitable commitments. This semester, we have helped SGA run a charity car show through TechFest. We are raising money for our national charity, Bleed Purple (www.bleedpurple.org). Brothers also participated in "Walk for the Cure," both in Jersey City and in Central Park.

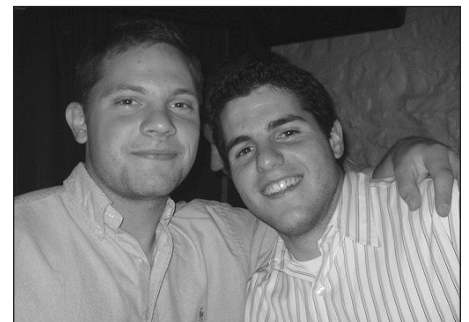
Thanks from the Service Chair and don't forget to keep giving.

Philip M. Jonat '08
Service Chair

Elysian
Charter School of Hoboken



Phil Jonat '08 and Kevin Clerkin '07



John Dolny '08, Frank Sorrentino '08

ΔΤΔ Spotlight: Alumni Interview With Ken Tichy '91

Q: What's your history? Tell us about yourself.

KT: I'm from Ringwood, New Jersey. I graduated Stevens in 1991. While a student I played intramural and IFC soccer, volleyball, softball, and floor hockey. I was a member of a quite a few championship teams.

Q: What is your life like now?

KT: It's mostly family; I have two daughters, Anneka (6) and Marissa (2). My hobbies include bicycling: in 2007 I rode 2,300 miles total and also did my first "century" ride (100 miles). I'm a high school football official—the head referee—and I'm hoping to work my third state final this year (my first as referee.)

Q: What was your favorite job and why?

KT: I've been lucky as I've been in a number of positions where I have genuinely enjoyed what I was doing.

Q: What is your current position and what does ABT do?

KT: I'm a project manager for equipment design, manufacture and installation of low emission combustion systems for coal fired power plants.

Q: How has Delta Tau Delta affected your personal and professional life?

KT: Most of all, Delta Tau Delta has provided lifelong friendships and contacts. A number of 1991 brothers have children in the same age range and they are basically growing up together, we vacation together, and see each

other at many events throughout the year.

Q: What are your goals for the future?

KT: Giving my daughters as many opportunities as possible.

Q: Any advice for the current brothers?

KT: Some of these are going to sound somewhat cliché, but they are accurate:

1. Work hard and always enjoy yourself.
2. Don't ever be content with where you are—always strive for improvement.
3. Everyone makes mistakes—use them as a learning experience.
4. Make sure you have no regrets.

Interviewer: Phil Jonat '08

Brothers Walk To Raise Awareness And Money For A Great Cause

On October 14th, a group of Delts participated in the American Cancer Society's "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" event in Jersey City. This charity walk was organized by Nathalie Waite, the director of Greek Life at Stevens. We joined over 4,500 other people, including other members of Stevens' various sororities and fraternities, all aiming to raise awareness and to make a real difference in the fight against breast cancer.

The day started out with an early morning wake up and a quick ride on the PATH train to Jersey City. Once we arrived, we signed up at the rally and waited for the two-mile walk to begin.

Prior to the walk, there were a few people who spoke about the dangers of breast cancer, the importance of mammograms, and the need for more research funding. We learned that, thanks to early detection and new treatments, the five-year survival rate for people with breast cancer that has not spread has increased from 80 percent in the 1950s to 98 percent today. The speakers ranged from cancer survivors to people who had lost loved ones to the awful disease. The speakers helped convey

to the group that breast cancer is real and potentially deadly, but, through research and early detection, it can be defeated. This portion helped set the tone for the walk itself.

The walk itself took a while to get under way because of the large volume of people. It was quite a sight to see 4,500 people start to move in the same direction. The route of the walk was very pleasant and wound along the Hudson River, giving all of the participants a great view of the New York City skyline.

Thankfully, the weather was a perfect fall morning,

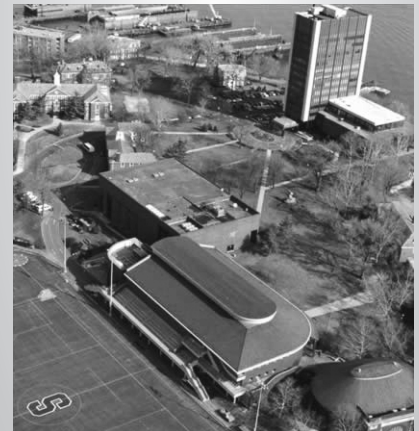
which made the walk very comfortable.

The reaction from the brothers who were able to attend was a positive one. Bryan Brown called it "a fun and rewarding way to spend a Sunday morning." All in all, the walk was a great experience. It helped us show support for a great cause and to help shine a positive light on our fraternity as a whole. It also made us get out of the house and stretch our legs rather than doing what we normally would do—sit around all day...I mean study.

Brian Reckdenwald '10

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ΔTΔ Alumni Send News From Far And Near

Howard W. McCall '45 recalls that he received from **Thomas Trent '41** (now deceased) a brick from the original Delt house at Stevens. Built in 1907, it was one of the first houses ever built "to order" for a fraternity. He's offered the brick to the current chapter. Reach Howard at 9 Stratton Pl., Greenville, SC 29615.



"Delta Shelta," the first Delt house

Peter J. Brunetti '91 writes, "After 15 years at Ethicon/Jonson & Jonson, I was offered the opportunity to start up the life sciences practice at Alvarez & Marsal Business Consulting. The move has allowed me to expand beyond operations/supply chain into areas such as restructuring, mergers and acquisitions,

and due diligence. The new role has also helped me reconnect with some old Delt friends." Stay in touch with Pete at 13 Horse-shoe Dr., Flemington, NJ 08822; send e-mail to pjbrunetti@yahoo.com.

Kamal D. Sinha '96 has a new address: 162 Blue Heron Dr., Secaucus, NJ 07094. He now works for Pfizer. Send e-mail to kamalsinha@gmail.com.

Rodrigo A. Cruz '00 is now project manager for superstructure concrete (with Interstate Industrial) at the new Yankee Stadium. Stay in touch at 90A Troy Dr. Springfield, NJ 07081; rcruz490@yahoo.com.

Leonardo Palazzo '00 has a new address: 196 Martin Ave., Clifton, NJ 07012; send e-mail to lenny.palazzo@gs.com.

Nicholas G. Prybella '02 has moved to 240 Cotton St., South Plainfield, NJ 07080; nprybella@yahoo.com.

Joshua L. Ottinger '06 is technology transfer associate with Air Products. He has a new address: 5530 Stephanie Dr., Schnecksville, PA 18078; send Hosh e-mail at joshuaottinger@gmail.com.

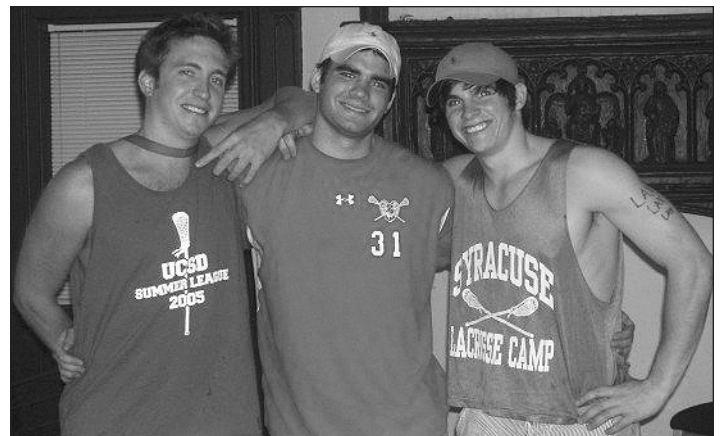
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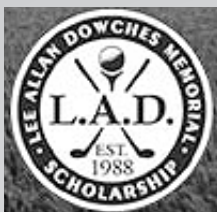
Richard W. Janssen '41
on July 8, 2007



Brett Robison '10, Andrew Dolny '10, and Jimmy Napolitano '10



Trevor Serfass '08, Bryan Brown '10, and Brian Reckdenwald '10



Lee Allan Dowches MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

The 12th Annual Lee Allan Dowches Memorial Golf Outing



Saturday, June 21, 2008
Farmstead Golf & Country Club
[Same location as last year]

Online registration and sponsorships at:

www.deltgolfouting.com

Please respond by June 1, 2008

The Lee Allan Dowches Memorial Golf Outing was established in 1998 in support of the Rho Delt Alumni Scholarship Program. Since that time, the outing has raised over \$40,000 towards the program's endowment, which is currently in excess of \$250,000.

The scholarship program has awarded over \$30,000 to undergraduates since its inception in 1998.



1969-1988
Lee Allan Dowches