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# PGL Message

Making a difference...



Some may argue that fraternities these days are nothing more than drinking clubs. As much as we detest and disagree with this perception, you are what you are perceived to be.

Anyone who was at the 159th convention in New Orleans saw the opposite of this opinion. After at least two nights on Bourbon Street, getting up at 8 am was highly improbable for any college student. Much to my surprise and delight, we had 100 % attendance from convention delegates. In addition, there were volunteers who were not required to attend on hand as well. Go figure. Congratulations to those who attended the convention and truly made a difference in the world around us.

My hope is that we can take this positive attitude of making a difference at every level in our lives—as individuals, as members of a fraternity, as members of a college community, as members of a college town, as members of an international fraternity, and make a difference.

As we celebrate the 150th anniversary of Kappa at Tufts—the longest continual Charge in Theta Delta Chi—I challenge each and every brother, undergrad or alum, to make a difference, so that we all can celebrate such great milestones in our own lives and the life of our fraternity.

### Together making a Difference in our Community.

In the Bonds,  
Bob LoParo  
61st President of the Grand Lodge

## Deadline

Deadline for the Winter 2007 Shield is December 1. Please submit your Undergraduate or Alumni notes and pictures to [shield@tdx.org](mailto:shield@tdx.org) or by snail mail to The Shield of Theta Delta Chi, 214 Lewis Wharf, Boston, MA 02110. The Winter issue will be mailed in January.

## New Scholarship

The Davenport Family Foundation has made possible a second annual scholarship in the amount of \$4000 for study at the junior or senior undergraduate level. The conditions are the same as those for the existing \$4000 award. Visit [www.tdx.org](http://www.tdx.org) for scholarship information. Applications are accepted in the spring for awards made in August and disbursed in October.

### About Our Cover

Most of the Theta Delt attending the 159th Convention managed to get assembled for this spontaneous picture. The place is New Orleans' Jackson Square, and the horseman in the background is President Andrew Jackson, not known to be a Theta Delt, but welcome nonetheless. *All Convention photos: Kevin Davila*



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## Mark Your Calendar

Convention 2007  
August 8-11

Omni Hotel, Charlottesville Virginia. More information in forthcoming *Shields*. The Convention will celebrate the 150th anniversary of Nu Charge at the University of Virginia and will conclude with a Grand Banquet at the idyllic Boar's Head Inn, just west of town.

Convention 2008  
August 5-9

Las Vegas, Nevada—watch for announcements of hotel and events in forthcoming *Shields*.

# Theta Delt Quiz

What is the name of the first Charge of Theta Delta Chi west of the Mississippi River to be chartered and when did that happen?

# Lending Our Hands to Help a Stricken City:

## Convention 2006 in New Orleans

Theta Delta Chi's 159th Convention was unlike any other. Post-Katrina, the Grand Lodge, Educational Foundation, and Founders' Corporation agreed to see it through and honor the commitment already made to take Minerva's annual festival to the Crescent City, devoting the day usually spent in educational sessions to work in the ravaged neighborhoods of the city.

Under the direction of Peter Niche, Chi '77 (Rochester), and under the auspices of the Archdiocese of New Orleans' *Helping Hands* project, undergraduates and a respectable contingent of alumni toiled in New Orleans' humid August heat to clean up storm-wrecked houses and gardens in the Mid-City area.

Thanks to Bro. Niche's direction, the project was achieved without problems and the returning Good Samaritans reported a strenuous but rewarding day of useful labor. Hats off to all of them. *See full story opposite.*

### Elections and Other Business

The serious business of a Convention usually falls into two categories: legislation and elections. This year there were no legislative proposals, rendering the business sessions comparatively brief. The Nominating Committee, however, chaired by Bro. **Larry Sarchin**, Xi Deuteron '77 (Washington), met for long hours interviewing candidates for the three Grand Lodge positions in play this year: Graduate Treasurer (a two-year position) and undergraduate Treasurer and Secretary (one year each).

Results are that former Charge Consultant **Jerome Arnold**, Xi Deuteron '00 (Washington), stood uncontested for the Graduate Treasurer position and joins the Grand Lodge until 2008. At the undergraduate level, 2005-06 Treasurer Andrew Welch, Epsilon '07 (William and Mary), achieved re-election in a contested election and **Marc Tohme**, Alpha '07 (Union) overcame opposition to win the position of Treasurer. Both will serve until Convention 2007.

PGL **Bob LoParo**, Alpha '87 (Union) and Graduate Secretary **Adam McCready**, Chi Deuteron '02 (George Washington), will complete the second year of the terms to which they were elected at the 2005 Convention.

The delegates also have the responsibility of choosing two one-year (alumni) members of the Board of Directors of the Educational Foundation; these positions will be filled in 2006-07 by **Diego McDonald**, Chi Deuteron '00 (George Washington) and **Scott Kniaz**, Kappa '06 (Tufts). Diego served in this position the previous year and Scott has logged in several years of part-time work at the CFO in Boston.



Right in the heart of the city, Adam McCready, Chi Deuteron '02 (George Washington), a member of Kappa's Steering Committee, with Kappa Corporation President Ken Nimblett, Kappa '69 (Tufts). Kappa's 150 years of continuous existence were honored at the Grand Banquet.

New Orleans residents Joann Pretulak and Joan Brennan were present with husbands Ron Pretulak, Sigma Triton '68 (Penn State) and Vaughn Brennan, Kappa Deuteron '57 (Illinois).



### The Entities

Convention is when the other two entities of the Fraternity, the Founders' Corporation and the Educational Foundation, meet to elect their own officers and directors. Long-time Founders' Corporation President **Don Nouveau**, Beta '70 (Cornell) had announced his intention to step aside this year and in his place **Phil Curley**, Kappa Triton '76 (Northwestern), a Chicago lawyer and a serious golfer, now guides the fortunes of the entity that serves as a holding company to support the Grand Lodge.

Also new to the rank of the Governors of the Corporation is **Jamie Phillips**, Kappa Deuteron '91 (Illinois).

At the Educational Foundation's meeting, the resignation as Director by long-time member **Marshall Baker**, Theta Deuteron '49, was received with appreciation of his service and thanks for his continuing to serve on the Foundation's Investment Committee. Replacing him as a Director is **Adam Marks**, Nu Deuteron '99.

**John "JB" Geisler**, Gamma Triton '83 (Michigan State), continues to lead the Foundation as President.

### Honors

The Awards distributed at the Grand Banquet were numerous and are summarized elsewhere in this issue. Outstanding among them, however, was the recognition of **Boine T. Johnson**, Iota Deuteron '53 and 45<sup>th</sup> PGL, as **Theta Delt of the Year**. Boine was instrumental as a Trustee of the Partridge Trust in transforming a modest legacy into an approximately \$1.4 million fortune, one-half of which was destined to the Fraternity (the other to Williams College) and which is now the major part of the endowment of the Founders' Corporation.

Also noteworthy are the new *Philanthropy and Service Awards*, recognizing Charges that were outstanding in good works to others. **Theta Deuteron** (MIT), as has been the case for many years, walked away with the *Loyalty Cup*, and **Omicron Deuteron** (Dartmouth) with the *Victory Cup*.

Grand Lodge Counsel Dan Keefe, Xi Deuteron '91 (Washington).



by Junior Charge Consultant Eric Kelley, Sigma Triton '04 (Penn State)

## Helping Hands in New Orleans

With the passing of the 159th Convention of our beloved fraternity, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on one of the most unique occurrences of the week for those who could not be in attendance. Saturday afternoon, every undergraduate, accompanied by staff, alumni and their wives took some time away from Bourbon Street to help the city get back on its feet after the Hurricane Katrina disaster.

Brother Peter Niche, Chi '77 (Rochester) graciously coordinated the day-long project in conjunction with Helping Hands Catholic Charities, a program which had gained momentum as one of the most successful agents of revitalization the New Orleans area. The program had taken over an abandoned diocese in one of the most affected areas of the city for its headquarters. The fact that the church had been converted was a direct result of the hurricane, as nearly the entire congregation had been displaced. This was the first of many eye-opening truths that many of us would come to learn regarding the tragedy; I certainly had no idea how personally affected I would be until I actually found myself face to face with the devastation and its remnants.

We broke into groups of about a dozen or so volunteers after a thorough safety presentation from the group leaders. The type of work that would be done varied from site to site but generally followed the same sort of schedule. First, all of the personal possessions that could be saved were removed from the houses in order to be returned to their owners. Next, furniture, carpets, and any personal belongings beyond salvage were removed to be discarded. Many of

our groups were involved in this step of the process. To see a home that had been waterlogged eight or ten feet high was so much more shocking than the news images to which many of us are accustomed. The watermarks on the walls are easily visible and drew numerous looks of amazement as students realized that the water had



*Masked and goggled against the dust, two undergraduates on site in a post-Katrina house.*

been well over their heads.

The next step of the process involved removing all of the old ceilings, walls, and floorboards down to the studs and removing every last bit of debris. This process was lengthy and dirty but was an absolute necessity before new drywall, carpets, and floors are installed. The construction part of the process would be completed by professionals but our team leaders told us almost all of the stripping process was done by volunteers like ourselves.

When my group arrived at our site, we had the opportunity to meet the elderly woman whose home we would be working to repair. Adding this face to the tragedy reminded us all that these were real people with real lives who had been uprooted by

an unforeseen occurrence. Moreover, our team leaders really tried to impart to us how important it was to treat their property with respect because for many of the elderly homeowners, their things and the memories associated with them were all they really had left.

The work itself gained momentum as we went along. Unsure of exactly what we were doing at first, we slowly gained confidence and purpose. Through the first hour, our efforts were unorganized and slow, but as the day progressed, our group, most of whom had met only days before, began to feel like a long seasoned work force. The teamwork and enthusiasm increased exponentially as we worked and when the end of our volunteer shift arrived, many of us remained with our team leader talking about future opportunities to help and hearing stories about his personal volunteer experiences.

Overall the day was a rousing success and a unique experience that many of us had never had. To really see the devastation from Hurricane Katrina first hand gave it a texture and a reality that no news coverage did justice. In addition, including this event with our normal convention routine created a deep connection to the city that I had not experienced in past conventions. All in all I believe it was a rousing success and many thanks are due to the Theta Delta Chi Educational Foundation, Helping Hands Catholic Charities, Brother Peter Niche, all of the volunteers and the city of New Orleans for its hospitality.

*Brother Kelley will be leading another volunteer trip to New Orleans this December. For more details, please contact him at [ekelley@tdx.org](mailto:ekelley@tdx.org). Housing and some meals will be provided.*



*Cleaning up after Katrina.*



*Charge Consultants past and present, with dates of service: l-r, Will Rossen, Sigma Triton '05 (Penn State), 2005-present; Ryan Aggergaard, Xi Deuteron '03 (Washington), 2003-06; newly elected Graduate Treasurer of the Grand Lodge Jerome Arnold, Xi Deuteron '00 (Washington), 2001-03; Graduate Secretary of the Grand Lodge Adam McCready, Chi Deuteron '02 (George Washington); and Eric Kelley, Sigma Triton '04 (Penn State), 2006-present.*



*Assorted dignitaries post-Omega Service: left to right, new Founders' Corporation Phil Curley, Kappa Triton '76 (Northwestern); Theta Delt of the Year Boine Johnson, Iota Deuteron '53 (Williams); Executive Director Bill McClung, Iota Deuteron '66; Director of Development Geoff Fitzgerald, Xi '67 (Hobart); Charge Consultant Ryan Aggergaard, Xi Deuteron '03 (Washington).*



*Listening intently to the Banquet presentation are (l) Ira Dunn, Rho Triton '88 (Virginia Commonwealth) and (r.) Jacob Dababneh, Lambda Deuteron '03 (Toronto).*



# The 130th Grand Lodge

## Robert LoParo, Alpha '87 (Union), 61st President

*Elected in 2005 for a two-year term expiring in 2007*

**Bob** is well known, having served continuously on the Grand Lodge as Graduate Treasurer and President since 1999. Bob was initiated into the Alpha Charge at Union College in 1983 and is active in the alumni association. He lives in Ridgewood, NJ, and adds, "my wife, Gina, the sister of brother Chris Mohr, Alpha '88, has given me three beautiful children, Peter, Matthew and Mia."

## Adam McCready, Chi Deuteron '02 (George Washington), Graduate Secretary

*Elected in 2005 for a two-year term expiring in 2007*

**Adam** was initiated into the Chi Deuteron Charge in 1999. After graduating from George Washington in 2002 with a Bachelor of Science, Bro. McCready joined the Central Fraternity Office staff as a Charge Consultant, a position he served through the 158th Convention in Boston, 2005. Bro. McCready currently resides in Bowling Green, Ohio as he pursues a Masters of Arts in College Student Personnel. Bro. McCready also serves as an advisor to the University Activities Organization, the university's programming board.

## Jerome Arnold, Xi Deuteron '00 (University of Washington) Graduate Treasurer

*Elected at the 159th Convention in New Orleans  
for a two-year term expiring in 2008*

**Jerome** was born and raised in the rural Northern California community of Alturas. At age 13, Jerome moved with his family to Seattle area. He attended Highline High School, where he participated both in varsity athletics and various leadership roles.

Upon graduation from high school, Jerome was accepted to the University of Washington. Jerome had originally planned to go the dorm route, but would change his mind after visiting Theta Delta Chi the summer before school started. After a prolonged recruitment period, Jerome had decided that going the Fraternity route would suit him much better.

While an undergraduate at UW, Jerome studied English with an emphasis on education. His time was stretched as he focused on his studies, coached high school football and baseball, as well as performing his duties as a Theta Delta Chi Brother. Jerome held numerous positions as an undergraduate, including serving two summers as the Recruitment Chairman and Charge President as a senior.

Wanting to give back to Minerva, Jerome accepted the role of Charge Consultant and moved to Boston in January of 2001. What was originally supposed to have been a six-month position quickly turned into 2.5 years of service. After a two-year hiatus, Jerome is now diving head on into the position of Graduate Treasure of the Grand Lodge.

## Andrew Welch, Epsilon '07 (William and Mary), Treasurer

*Re-elected at the 159th Convention in New Orleans  
for a second one-year term*

**Andrew** is a senior year Government major at the College of William and Mary. One of five Epsilon Charge re-founders in 2003, he has served as Charge President, Corresponding Secretary, Risk Manager, and as a member of both the Charge and All-Fraternity Judicial Boards. He is the President of ThinkPublish, an Internet software development company that he started with a high school friend, and works there with four other Epsilon Theta Deltas, and the Charge's Sweetheart.

To Andrew, the highlights of his time as a Theta Delt have been becoming friends with an amazing group of guys who have grown together as a group and as individuals, being tied to his Brothers through ritual, and sharing the experience with his uncle, who is an alumnus of the Epsilon Charge. His primary goal for the Grand Lodge in the coming year is to develop a national member development program, focused on improving Brothers' intellectual, moral, and social being, that can be a leading example of how Theta Delta Chi is truly one of the nation's best fraternities.

## Marc Tohme, Alpha '07 (Union), Secretary

*Elected at the 159th Convention in New Orleans  
for a one-year term*

**Marc** is a senior Political Science major with a double minor in East Asian Studies and European History at Union College in Schenectady, N.Y. Having attended high school in Ridgewood, NJ, Marc is a brother at the Alpha Charge where he currently serves as Social Chairman. He spent his last summer working in New York City at the Research Office of Mayor Michael Bloomberg and returns to Union beginning work on a thesis focused on resolving the conflicts of the Middle East.

As a newcomer to the workings of Theta Delta Chi on the international level, Marc is excited about immersing himself in a position which will first allow him to attain a deeper understanding of his beloved fraternity and then aid the Grand Lodge in more effectively reaching out to the undergraduate community.



# Awards Presented at the 159th Convention

## Victory Cup

Awarded to the Charge with the best overall record for the year

OMICRON DEUTERON (DARTMOUTH)

## Theta Delt of the Year Award

Given to that Theta Delt alumnus who most distinguishes himself in service to the Fraternity

BOINE JOHNSON  
Iota Deuteron '53 (Williams)

## Alumni and Undergraduates of the Year

### Alumni:

KEN NIMBLETT, Kappa '69 (Tufts)  
ROBERT FREEMAN,  
Nu Deuteron '87 (Lehigh)  
PATRICK FLYNN, Xi Deuteron '01  
(Washington)

### Undergraduates:

JUSTIN BURROWS, Gamma Triton '07  
(Michigan State)  
RYAN DAY, Mu Triton '01  
(Greensboro)  
ALEC HILL, Xi Deuteron '06  
(Washington)

## Theta Delta Chi Achievement Award

For accomplishment in business, professional, community or public life

NOT AWARDED THIS YEAR

## Theta Delta Chi Philanthropy and Service Awards

Awarded to the Charges who have devoted themselves to bettering their social being

NU (Virginia)  
SIGMA TRITON (Penn State)

## Glen Marston Travel Cup

Awarded to the Charge which has the most cumulative mileage traveled by undergraduate non-delegate attendees

NU (Virginia)

## Graduate Attendance Trophy

Awarded to the Charge with the most alumni registered for Convention

SIGMA TRITON (Penn State)

## President's Cup

Awarded to the Charge with the greatest knowledge and strongest participation in the Ritual

BETA DEUTERON (Iowa State)

## Theta Delta Chi Ritual Improvement Cup

Awarded to the Charges that show the most improvement in the knowledge and participation in the Ritual

NOT AWARDED THIS YEAR

## Guy C. Pierce ROV Improvement Cup

Awarded to the Charge that shows the greatest improvement in their Record of Official Visitation, in their dealings with the Grand Lodge, and their operations

XI DEUTERON (Washington)

## Charles P. Schmid Loyalty Cup

Awarded to the Charge with the highest percentage of alumni contributing to VG Dues

THETA DEUTERON (M.I.T.)

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Psi Deuteron '64 (UCLA)  
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Lambda Deuteron '64 (Toronto)  
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Gamma Triton '73 (Michigan State)

PHILIP CURLEY,  
Kappa Triton '76 (Northwestern)

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Lambda Deuteron '78 (Toronto)

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Epsilon Triton '83 (Arizona State)

STEWART M. ROBERTSON,  
Lambda Deuteron '85 (Toronto)

MICHAEL J. SAYLOR,  
Theta Deuteron '87 (M.I.T.)

JAMES A. CONLIN, JR.  
Nu Deuteron '89 (Lehigh)

## Educational Foundation Scholarship Recipients

### Winner of Davenport Scholarship (\$4000):

CHRISTOPHER NICOLAIS,  
Sigma Triton '08 (Penn State)

### Winner of \$2500 Scholarships:

BRIAN FERLIS, Rho Triton '07 (VCU)  
ALEC HILL, Xi Deuteron '06  
(Washington)  
ADAM MCCREADY,  
Chi Deuteron '02  
(George Washington)

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Delta Deuteron '07 (Berkeley)

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Delta Deuteron '07 (Berkeley)

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ROBERT COATES, Nu '08 (Virginia)  
RICHARD MATULEWICZ,  
Kappa '07 (Tufts)  
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Lambda Deuteron '03 (Toronto)  
JONATHAN WILCON,  
Alpha '08 (Union)

# Brother, Can You Spare a ...?

We need your help. Not for a rush function, pledge party or initiation ceremony, we need your Voluntary Graduate Dues.

Why do we ask alumni to pay Voluntary Graduate Dues?

Our Educational Foundation has awarded over half a million dollars in scholarships since 1944. The Foundation has provided loans over the years to most of our house corporations to make urgently needed repairs. Charges have received grants for a host of projects, for example:

- to renovate a library
- to provide network computing or high speed Internet to all the brothers' rooms
- to sponsor campus educational projects and community service events.

The Educational Foundation helps to finance creation of new charges and to rebuild weak or inactive ones. The Foundation also subsidizes the *Shield*, Pledge Handbooks, and educational sessions at convention for alumni and undergraduates.

Voluntary Graduate Dues from alumni are the Foundation's most important source of operating income. The concept behind

VG Dues is simple. Alumni support insures that our fraternity has a future. Without your support, we could not meet the needs of our undergraduate brothers.

We are increasing the number of *Shield* issues from two to three annually in the hope that greater exposure to the good works of our undergraduates and alumni will motivate others to join the roster of donors to our annual campaign. In the winter *Shield* we will list donors by name. We hope to include yours.

We call on you again to renew the bonds of friendship and brotherhood to help us perpetuate the rewards of fraternity life for a new generation of undergraduate Theta Deltas. The 2006 annual campaign ends in a few months. We want to see your name in the next issue of the *Shield*.

Your dues are tax deductible. You can pay electronically by going to [www.tdx.org](http://www.tdx.org) and selecting VGDues from column on the left or simply mail a check to

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Dear Brother Fitzgerald,

My first recollection of Norm was on his visitation to Epsilon in the spring of '41. It was homecoming week. VMI was to be our victim. We had one of the best football teams in the country that year, and Norm had painted a bench white and we used it on our float to hold a wash tub - much to his chagrin!

By '42 we had vacated the house as the alumni didn't think, with the few of us left, we could manage it, so the college was kind to house us all in a section of Tyler Hall, when Norm visited. I think by then I was "Ad Hoc" President and Treasurer and Norm stayed at the Williamsburg Lodge and I would join him for dinner and we would "walk about" Williamsburg at night, memorable experience in those days, now a commercial extravaganza! I recall we did visit one of the alumni to make a final plea to keep the house but they were going to turn it over to Brother Williams to run as an "Inn".

After the war I was stationed at NYC waiting to be discharged from the Navy and I visited Norm at the Central Office, and there was a problem locating Epsilon's charter, which I was sure I had sent him. And "surprise," he found it.

Now, Mac Diggs. After the war the family got into sailing and we belonged to the "Sodus Bay Yacht" club. One day I walked down on the dock, and met a young lady "hooking" a dragon on a rug for a beautiful Bermuda 30 ketch at the dock and the gentleman aboard had a face I recognized but couldn't place. She saw my predicament so she inquired if I might be a member of TDX, as I might have seen his picture on the cover of "The Shield" as the 39th President.

Then the family took up skiing and visited Holiday Valley quite regularly, just south of Olean where Mac and Nora, I think that was his wife's name, she was lovely, so they would invite us to stay overnight, and wine and dine us at their club . . . . The last contact with "Mac" was when TDX had its annual meeting in Williamsburg. I was then living in Florida, and sure enough "Mac" was there. I wrote him how sorry I was I didn't attend and he replied that Nora had passed away and he had traded his Bermuda 30 in for a Motor Home. And that pretty much covers my memory of the "Good Old Days."

In the bonds,

ROBERT D. CHAPMAN, Epsilon '44 (William and Mary)



# A Resource for Your Charge

The Educational Foundation is not a bank, but thanks to the generous support of alumni over the years we have steadily built an endowment that has provided library grants to our Charges, scholarships to our undergraduate members, and in many cases mortgage loans for House Corporations used to fund the renovation and repair of their houses. Those Charges that have benefited from the endowments of our Founders Corporation and Educational Foundation include Berkeley, Michigan State, Tufts, UCLA, Wisconsin and many others. Gifts and bequests to our Foundation are key to the Fraternity's continued success and survival. Consider making a lasting, significant gift or bequest to our general endowment or if you prefer to a restricted fund to benefit your own Charge.

## The Meaning of Theta Delta Chi

*In a letter to some of our alumni in the classes of 1935-45, we asked them to share their memories about life in TDX before the Second World War. Several letters were published in the Spring 2006 issue. More responses follow.*

Dear Brother Geoff,

Here is a belated response to your letter of March 7 and I am pleased to enclose my payment of my VG Dues.

Within the past 3 years I have moved down here to San Diego County from my former residence in Whittier Los Angeles County. While in my former residence I recall some efforts with a degree of success to participate in TDX luncheon club—meeting perhaps once a month or more.

I would like to explore the possibility of organizing such a group of Theta Delts in this county. I am reasonably certain that you must have a listing of Theta Delts here who would be interested in such an endeavor.

In the bonds-  
Bill Lassleben, Delta Deuteron '44 (Berkeley)

## Theta Delta Chi Giving Recognition Levels

*Theta Delta Chi is pleased to honor alumni who loyally support the Educational Foundation with membership in the following cumulative giving clubs:*

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## Westward Ho

This coming year holds great excitement for Theta Delta Chi as we embark on the long overdue establishment of the Epsilon Triton Colony. After meeting with Lara Klinkner, head of Greek Life at ASU, in early July, it was clear that Arizona State is as eager to welcome back Epsilon Triton as we are. She overwhelmingly pledged her support and assistance to make the transition back to campus a smooth one. We have even secured guaranteed on campus housing for a group of any size.

In addition, we have a number of interested young men, which puts us a couple steps ahead in breathing new life into what should be one of Theta Delta Chi's premier charges. In addition, the number of genuine and passionate alumni which I have already met since beginning work on this project has me very excited to spend six weeks in Tempe meeting Epsilon Triton alumni and bringing this Colony up to Charge status. The path for re-colonization looks optimistic so some of Epsilon Triton's best years may still lie ahead.

Efforts are also well underway to revitalize Sigma Deuteron (Wisconsin), with plans to return to Psi Deuteron (UCLA) in 2008.

ERIC KELLEY, Sigma Triton '04, *Junior Charge Consultant*

Dear Geoff,

My main memories of fraternity life at Dartmouth during the years of 1940-1943 are most pleasant. Our house was very fortunate in that we received from the father of Ollie Quale, Omi Deut '42, much new furniture after a Democratic convention. As a result our house was in very good condition compared with what I have seen in recent years. As house manager I saw to it that it was kept that way.

We enjoyed Saturday night parties with very good singing and in fact won the inter-fraternity "Hum" singing Brahms "Lullaby". Because of the war we had summers in Hanover and our house had a flat portion of roof where we had summer furniture and umbrellas. It was really nice up there.

At "Green Key" we had chaperones living in the house with our dates. WE in turn had to find a place to stay elsewhere. Because of gas rationing we stayed in Hanover most of the time and really got to know each other. After serving in the Marine Corps I again returned to Dartmouth to finish my graduate work at Tuck School. Once again I had many happy hours residing in the Theta Delta Chi house. Many of my closest Dartmouth friends are mostly Theta Delt.

I am grateful for my years spent in the Theta Delta Chi house. They were among the happiest days of my life.

Sincerely,

Carlton P. Frost IV, Omicron Deuteron '44 (Dartmouth)

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald,

I was recruited into the Chi Charge as a freshman at the University of Rochester in 1940. That's 65+ years ago, wow! And this must be said about that. During all these years since, and I've been professionally all over the world, that acceptance has always been a matter of pride to me. I'm a fraternity man: a Theta Delt.

But of course campus life was different in the 1940's. There were no coed dorms, and the women's dorms were strictly off limits to men. Very few students had cars—you really stood out if you had a car, instant popularity. However our public transportation was good. Fraternities competed with each other as they no doubt still do: in the Fall, swimming laps in the pool at the gym: every evening freshmen reported so many laps before supper, 20 (not good), 40 (good), 50 or better got a brief nod of approval. We had one fellow freshman, Gordon Morrison, who was a free-style champion in high school in Chicago—100 laps no sweat for him, so that helped against our principal athletic rivals, the Psi Upsilon; also in baseball and basketball.

There was scholarship rivalry too. We had two Phi Beta Kappas in the senior class, several coming along, and my own class of 1944 had two Phi Betes, Bill Baum and Charlie Bergerson. If you grades slipped a little, or weren't good to begin with, you heard about it from an upperclassman, and you kept hearing about it. The Alpha Beta Phi's were our chief scholarship rivals—usually a little better, actually.

Time passes, standards gradually change; people look at things in a different way now in 2006 than then in 1940 and in 1943, when I left the Theta Delt house where I lived, to begin Aviation Cadet training in the Arm Air Forces. But I think we were better off then. We had firm supervision of the underclassmen by the upperclassmen. There were rules. No liquor in the House. No women on the second floor. Drugs weren't an issue then; drinking and drunks just weren't treated, although going to the bars on Saturday night was O.K. Regarding the "recreational drugs", I can say definitely that had we learned that one of our Theta Delt's used drugs, he would have been regarded with "fear and loathing". Was all this old-fashioned, too tough, unenforceable? Not then. Was it good? I think so . . . .

Best wishes to Theta Delta Chi for the next 65 years!

In the bonds,

ERIC LINHOF, Chi '44 (Rochester)

# LETTER

## *from the Field*

*Fledgling Charge Consultant Eric Kelley, Sigma Triton '04 (Penn State) reflects on what Theta Delta Chi did for him and how he is returning Minerva's favors.*

If you think it's hard to say goodbye to college after four years, trying saying goodbye after six. This semester is the first time I have not been in State College for the first day of classes and the first football game since the fall of 2000. I haven't even begun to accept the sadness I will feel when I hear about all the fun my Charge brothers will be having as they build the Homecoming float. Or the mid-afternoon gatherings in the hallways, the random discussions that kept us awake until four in the morning, formals, road-trips, grilling out on our third floor sundeck.

Luckily I made the most of my time as an undergraduate. After I complete my thesis this semester, I will graduate with four Bachelor's degrees and one Master's degree. I served as House President, Pledge Educator, and four terms as Recruitment Chairmen. I was an Inter-fraternity Council Executive Board Member and runner-up for Mr. Fraternity 2005. Not too shabby for a wayward freshman who was thinking about dropping out of school until the brothers of the fraternity he had decided to join gave him a reason to stick around (and made him attend classes).

I still think back to when my big brother in the Fraternity asked me to promise him I would graduate when I am working on my thesis as it will be the last thing I need to do to fulfill that six year old promise. I'm sure it is apparent how important Theta Delta Chi has become to me, just as I'm sure it is important to all of you. The decision to join became a pivotal moment in my life and this was one of the biggest reasons I decided to dedicate a couple years of my life to serving the Old Lady as a Charge Consultant.

I left Boston the third week in August for a three month road trip. While about six weeks will be spent working to re-colonize Epsilon Triton at Arizona State, I will work with about eight different charges before returning home. Former Charge Consultant and Xi Deuteron alumnus Ryan Aggergaard and I made the 3000

miles meander from Boston to Tempe making numerous stops along the way. Of note, we stopped by Bowling Green University to spend an evening with former Charge Consultant and Grand Lodge Graduate Secretary Adam McCready (Chi Deuteron) as well as to stop by Wrigley Field. Eventually after about four days of driving we arrived in Tempe where Lambda Deuteron's Jacob Dababneh graciously opened his home to us.

My first week in Tempe was spent acclimating myself with Arizona State University as well as getting to know some of the Epsilon Triton alumni such as Geoff Gildner, Mike Normann, and Jeff Marsh. On August 29th, I flew from Phoenix to Madison, Wisconsin to help the Sigma Deuteron brothers plan how to make their Charge the strongest it could be. After two weeks of successful recruitment events, thoughtful action planning and the sort of impromptu Charge improvement conversation that could only occur between brothers, I found myself on my last day there watching the Wisconsin-Western Illinois game with Brian Larsen, Aaron Munson, and Alex Zaslasky

realizing that I felt like I was at home with my Sigma Triton brothers even though I was five states away with the Sigma Deuts.

It's an amazing feeling that I've had in these last few weeks. In a country that used to seem endless to a lifetime east-coaster, things have felt a little bit smaller, and the brotherhood a little bit closer. The more guys I meet, the easier it is to see what brings us all together each year at convention, that intangible quality that makes us each Theta Delts.

In recruiting the new Epsilon Triton brethren, I find myself exciting to find them. There are Theta Delts everywhere, those individuals who reflect our values, who enrich our lives, and who benefit our organizations; we just need to find them. I have so much faith that Theta Delta Chi will continue its upward ascension as one of North America's greatest fraternities because everyday I meet a new Theta Delt who reminds me that brotherhood knows no bounds. Penn State and my memories there will always be special



*Charge Consultant Eric Kelley (L.) congratulates Nu Charge (UVA) President Brian Kohn '07 as he receives the Philanthropy and Service Award on behalf of Nu at the 159th Convention, August 5, 2006.*

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# Letter from the Field...

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to me, but now more than ever I realize that the saying, "Not four years, for life" truly embodies what it means to be part of our fraternity.

I will be traveling shortly to visit some of our southern Charges and look forward to seeing some of the guys I met at Convention in August: Mu Triton's Erik Swensen, Nu Triton's Emerson Blais and John Haug, Rho Triton's Emerson Blais and Micah Hinson, Nu's Brian Cohn, Jason Tucker-Schwartz, and Trevor Seret, Chi Deuteron's Mike Tundermann and Akeem Samuels, and Epsilon's

Andrew Welch, Andrew Hale, and Kyle West. And then finally, the opportunity to return to Penn State and the Sigma Tritons for the first time as an alumnus and meet those new brothers that have recently found Theta Delta Chi like I once did.

Today, a young college man will feel lost in the world, tomorrow he will be a leader in Theta Delta Chi. Even though my Charge will be functioning and recruiting without me in its immediate ranks for the first time in six years, I know that when I find myself back in State College in late October, I will

also find myself face to face with the newest generation of Theta Deltis. Even though I will not know them personally at first, I will know them as brothers, as though I had known them all my life. Moreover, I know that each of them will be better because they have found the Old Lady and that she will be better because she has found them.

When I first left Penn State in July to move to Boston, I thought that I was leaving my brothers behind, but rather my brotherhood has grown, and once again, that has made all the difference in my life.

## 159th Convention

# Roster of the 159th Convention

### Alpha Union

Robert LoParo '87  
Ben Sadler '07  
Marc Tohme '07  
Eugene Parloff '07

### Beta Cornell

Roy Hammond '08  
Spiros Maillis '09

### Beta Deuteron Iowa State

Tim Nevins '06  
Daniel Dvorak '08

### Gamma Triton Michigan State

John Geisler '83  
Justin Burrows '07  
Nate Giddings '08

### Delta Deuteron UC Berkeley

Andrew Calhoun '06  
Todd Russell '06

### Epsilon William and Mary

Andrew Welch '07  
Kyle Patrick West '07  
Andrew Hale '09

### Zeta Brown

Adam Keck '09  
Shane Kelley '09

### Eta Deuteron Stanford

Peter Elliot '07  
Benjamin Stillman '07

### Theta Deuteron MIT

Albert Mena '09  
Sam Phillips '09

### Iota Deuteron Williams

Boine Johnson '53  
William McClung '66

### Iota Triton U Mass Dartmouth

Frank Pearson '08  
Patrick Raymond '08

### Kappa Tufts

Ken Nimblett '69  
Thomas Breitingter '71  
Scott Kniaz '06

### Kappa Deuteron Illinois

Vaughn Brennan '57  
Jamie Phillips '91

### Kappa Triton Northwestern

Phil Curley '76

### Lambda Deuteron Toronto

Jacob Dababneh '03  
Jeff Blake '06  
Donnie Campbell '07

### Mu Triton Greensboro

Erik Swenson '06

### Nu Virginia

Trevor Seret '07  
Brian Kohn '08  
Jason Tucker-Schwartz '08

### Nu Triton Virginia Tech

Jeff Horton '90  
Justin Shirk '00  
Jonathan Haug '08

### Xi Hobart

Geoff Fitzgerald '67

### Xi Deuteron U of Washington

Larry Sarchin '77  
Dan Keefe '91  
Jerome Arnold '00  
Ryan Aggergaard '03  
Karlson Yu '08  
Jordan Forbes '09

### Omicron Deuteron Dartmouth

Sean Foster '08  
Robert Kasel '08

### Rho Triton Virginia Commonwealth

Ira Dunn '88  
Micah Hinson '07  
Bryce Blais '08

### Sigma Deuteron Wisconsin

Craig Nolen '07  
Erik Davidson '07

### Sigma Triton Penn State

Ronald Pretulak '68  
Eric Kelley '04  
Will Rossen '05  
Michael Bender '07

### Upsilon Deuteron Wabash

Kyle O'Keefe '08  
James Leuck '09

### Phi Lafayette

Spencer Manthorpe '58

### Chi Rochester

Peter Niche '78  
James Vicario '07  
Greg Emerson '07

### Chi Deuteron George Washington

Adam McCready '02  
Akeem Samuels '06  
Michael Tunderman '08

### Psi Deuteron UCLA

Stewart Gondo '80  
Kevin Davila '01

*The logos screened in the background are taken from an 1867 Catalogue of the Fraternity.*

# Kappa at Tufts

## Celebrating 150 Uninterrupted Years

On May 20th, brothers young and old, along with family and friends, gathered to celebrate the sesquicentennial of the Kappa Charge at Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts, just north of Boston. The celebration began at the Charge House at 123 Packard Avenue, where a faithful crowd of Thetes met to enjoy hors d'oeuvres and libations before filtering onto the patio to hear a rousing welcome from Brother **Kenneth Nimblett '69**, President of the Kappa Corporation.

Following Brother Nimblett's address, Brother **David Lincoln '52** recounted highlights from Kappa's 150 years on the hill, awing the audience with the Charge's stellar legacy at Tufts. Fittingly, Brother Lincoln was followed at the podium by a Kappa man with quite the legacy, Brigadier General **Rudolph Peksens**, Ret. USAF, '66. With many undergraduate brothers listening closely, Brother Peksens, spoke about the importance of leadership, vision and values in the success of the Charge into the future.

On such an important occasion, the audience was also addressed by a representative of the Grand Lodge, Bro. **Adam McCready**, Chi Deuteron '02 (George Washington). Bro. McCready noted Kappa's contributions to the fraternity at-large throughout its tenure as Theta Delta Chi's longest continuously active Charge, and his hope that Kappa continues its role as an active supporter of the fraternity on an international level.

Arriving in the nick of time from other Commencement affairs, former Charge President Bro. **Tim Rotolo '06** addressed the audience on behalf of the sesquicentennial class. Bro. Rotolo thanked the attending alumni for their support, and addressed the dedication and commitment of the graduating seniors. Following Bro. Rotolo, the crowd was again addressed by Bro. Nimblett, who presented a surprised Bro. **Warren E. Carley '32** with the inaugural **Guy C. Pierce Distinguished Alumnus**



*Kappa Corp President Ken Nimblett '69 congratulating Warren Carley '32*

**Service Award** for being a prominent member of Kappa and the Tufts community for over 75 years.

After Bro. Carley's remarks, Bro. **Rick Walsh '76** addressed the crowd. Bro. Walsh commented on the significance of this Charge milestone, reviewing historical events in world and American history that have occurred since the Charge's founding in 1856. After a spirited rendition of the "Doxology", brothers and guests found their way back into the Charge house to continue the celebration.

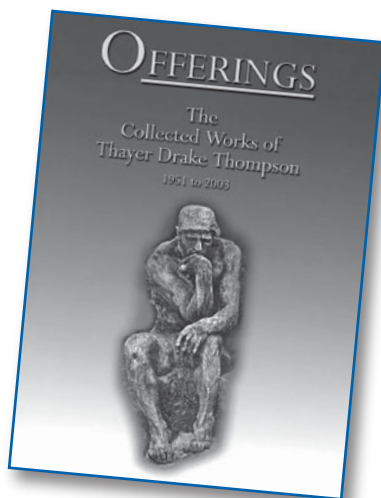
The festivities were by no means over, as the brothers found their way, some more easily than

others, to Marino's, an Italian Restaurant in Cambridge. After an excellent dinner, the ceremonies continued, as the Kappa Corporation honored its 150th-year graduating seniors for their dedication to the Charge as undergraduates.

Following the presentation of gifts to the senior men, Charge President **Richard Matulewicz '07** spoke on behalf of the undergraduates. He then thanked two surprised Bros. Lincoln '52 and McCready, Chi Deut '02, for their untiring support to the Charge in recent years. **Marc McDonald**, a contractor who has invested many selfless hours into 123 Packard, was also honored on this occasion for his support of Kappa. After the "Toast to the Omega" and the singing of the "Doxology", the brothers parted, but all look forward to celebrating future Charge milestones.

## Theta Delt in Print

Ted Thompson, Sigma Deut '60 (Wisconsin) has published a volume of his writings: *Offerings* and kindly donated a copy to the CFO's collection of Theta Delt publications.



## Alumni Notes

**Chris Dobbins**, Delta Deuteron '94 (Berkeley) won a seat on the Oakland, CA School Board in the June 2006 election. Oakland has approximately 410,000 residents and the Board has seven members.

**Darren Fortney**, Sigma Deuteron '90 (Wisconsin), completed *Ironman Wisconsin* on September 10, 2006. He beat his own estimates, and completed the race in 12 hours, 2 minutes in rain and cold. This comprised of a 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike race, and a 26.2 mile marathon. In addition to that feat, Darren (with the help of fellow Sigma Deuts) raised nearly \$19,000 for the University of Wisconsin Comprehensive Cancer Center the UW Mindfulness Program.

**Ben Harburg**, Kappa '06 (Tufts), received a Fulbright Scholarship, and will be studying in Germany in the '06-'07 academic year.

*Are you noteworthy? Notify the Shield at [shield@tdx.org](mailto:shield@tdx.org).*

## Omega Correction

John G. Anderson, Xi Deuteron '83 was incorrectly listed as Omega in the Spring 2006 *Shield*. The deceased brother was John R. Anderson, Xi Deuteron '85. *The Shield* apologizes for the error.

## Missing Brothers Department

Go to [www.tdx.org](http://www.tdx.org) and check out the list of "Address Unknowns" for your Charge and the delegations (e.g., 1980-84; 1995-2000; etc.) you know. If you have an address for one of these lost sheep, send it—and any other contact information you think appropriate—to [cfo@tdx.org](mailto:cfo@tdx.org). Thanks for helping us stay connected.

## Theta Delt Quiz

## Omega Roster

### Alpha

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### Beta

*Cornell*  
Col. Richard J. Lindo '40

### Beta Deuteron

*Iowa State*  
Elbridge R. Moody '45

### Gamma Deuteron

*Michigan*  
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### Delta Deuteron

*Berkeley*  
Paul E. Baender, PhD '49  
Karl M. Benz '49

### Epsilon

*William and Mary*  
Vernon R. Andrews '49

### Zeta

*Brown*  
Donn H. Worth '53

### Eta

*Bowdoin*  
Artine Artinian '31  
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*Amherst*  
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R. Thomas Williams '50  
Andrew Gardner '02

In 1892 Tau Deuteron at Minnesota was the first Charge of Theta Delta Chi to be founded west of the Mississippi River. Future years would see further westward expansion with the establishment of several more Charges. Those that remain active today are Beta Deuteron (Iowa State University), Xi Deuteron (University of Washington), Delta Deuteron (University of California, Berkeley), and Eta Deuteron (Stanford University).

Currently Charge Consultant Eric Kelley is working hard to establish a colony at the inactive Epsilon Triton Charge of Arizona State University. Psi Deuteron at UCLA is expected to be re-colonized in 2008.





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