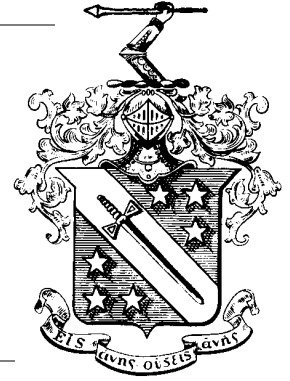


# the dutchman phi

NEW YORK BETA CHAPTER  
OF PHI DELTA THETA  
AT UNION COLLEGE



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## NY BETA PLANS FOR ITS FUTURE

NY Beta and the house corporation are working together to ensure the future of Phi Delta Theta at Union College. I am very pleased with the work and progress that the chapter has made this term. This year's rush program was very well put together, and all of the active members worked very hard at recruiting 11 new phikeias. As a reminder to everyone, Union has a fall-term sophomore rush. The number we garnered was much higher than we had anticipated and brings the number of brothers to 35—the largest we have had in the recent past. Also, the house is being kept in very good condition.

The active members are doing their part, and so is the house corporation. The biggest issue right now is Union's new housing plan. The board of trustees met on October 27. Sasaki and Associates, a consulting firm based in Boston, Massachusetts, reported on

the house system and gave preliminary reports on renovation of the dorms, social space, and dining. It was determined that Phi Delta Theta's house will not be used as a residence in the new system. However, it is still being considered for use by the college as a social space or for other possible uses. Once the board of trustees has made a decision, I will better be able to discuss the future of NY Beta's being on the 50-yard line of the football field.

NY Beta basically has to plan for two scenarios. The first is that Union decides to use the house within its new housing plan as a social space or otherwise. If this happens, Phi Delta Theta will be going into the housing lottery as described in the new housing plan. The second is that Union decides to do nothing with our house. If this happens, we have two options. The first is that we stay in the house until the end of the lease, August 12,

2012, without the guarantee of campus housing at the end of the lease. The college may still at some point, before the end of the lease, decide that it wants to use the house for another resource. If this happens, we will negotiate the terms at that point. The second option we have is to voluntarily opt to move out of the house and enter the housing lottery, which will guarantee us campus housing based on the new housing system.

I will let everyone know the future of the house as soon as the board of trustees makes a decision. Please feel free to get in touch with me if you have any questions or suggestions.

NY Beta is also trying to improve alumni relations by creating an alumni Web site, where alumni can get the latest on the chapter and other alumni. The site features an events calendar, the most current and past issues of *The Dutchman Phi*, alumni donation

honor roll, chapter awards, fraternity history (local and national), information and news, link to the chapter Web site, brother list with e-mail, alumni list with e-mail, and, coming soon, a members section. In the members section NY Beta alumni will be able to post information and news about their lives. Eventually alumni will be able to pay their dues online with a credit card. If you have any feedback or suggestions about the Web site, please let us know.

We are doing our part to make communication with alumni, the

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Brothers and their dates at a formal.

# TRAVELING WITH PHI DELTA THETAS...

## FINDING ONE'S WAY

My four years at Union College have provided me with several unique travel opportunities. In a previous issue of *The Dutchman Phi*, I included a picture of myself at a small village in Fiji, where I spent the fall of my junior year studying cultural anthropology. I have also studied water resource management in Australia, carbonate sedimentology in San Salvador, and most recently glaciology on the Juneau icefield in Alaska.

I am currently finishing a double major in anthropology and geology. Although neither major provides me with the academic inspiration that I had hoped to find during my university experience, both have instilled me with an insatiable love of travel and photography.

One of the most spectacular sights that my travels have offered me was the Gilkey Trench on the Juneau icefield. It is certainly the most spectacular sight that I have ever been fortunate enough to photograph.

Now that I near the end of my undergraduate career, I look forward to a life of opportunity and good fortune. I will view travel as my greatest motivation for future pursuits.

Yours in the Bond,  
Andrew N. Spitz, #1079

## NY BETA PLANS

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chapter, and the house corporation as easy as it can be, so please do your part and help support NY Beta. The chapter cannot and will not survive without the support of our alumni. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing some of you in the near future. My contact information is as follows: (mailing address) 121 Webster Ave., Suite #1L, Cambridge, MA 02141; (e-mail) phil@ingem-inc.com; (work phone) 617/354-3121 x230.

Yours in the Bond  
Philip Boyce '96  
Alumni President

## PHI DELTS SOJOURN OVERSEAS

I'd like to take the time to tell you the tales of three brothers who made a voyage to Scotland this past summer. Daniel "My Mummy's A Professor" Anderson '02, Benjamin "CS" Faino '03, and I enrolled in one of Union's many mini-term-abroad options last spring.

During the summer we were fortunate to participate in the first Scottish mini-term led by professors George and Karen Williams. The topic of study involved convergent technologies in the medical research field.

We attended many interesting and thought-provoking lectures given by some of Scotland's most prestigious

doctors and professors. In between all of the learning, Daniel, Ben, and I soaked in the culture and saw many of Scotland's picturesque sights. Our mini-term concluded with a final dinner reception with many of the lecturers we had met.

We then flew home shortly after—only to start classes the next day at Union. In addition to all of the fun we had, Daniel, Ben, and I had a hefty 30-page paper to write on convergent technologies. We would have preferred to leave that in Scotland.

Frank Filiciotto, #1101



*Our house still stands proudly.*

### THE DUTCHMAN PHI

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**'00 DONOR UPDATE '01**

Our belated thanks to:

Michael Nelson Jr. '97  
John Wisniewski '83

whose gifts were recorded after our '00-'01 Honor Roll went to press.

## SERVING OTHERS

In an effort to make a difference in our community, on October 14, 2001, 11 men from the Beta Chapter of Phi Delta Theta worked diligently from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at a local Jewish community center carnival. This year's carnival was the first of its kind, and it is hoped that it will be held annually.

The brothers participated in such tasks as collecting and dispersing raffle tickets, handing out balloons, selling popcorn and cotton candy, and running some of the amusement rides like bouncy-bounces. Lastly, some of them dressed up as Spot the dog and Winnie the Pooh to amuse the young children attending the carnival.

These men displayed much of what Phi Delt represents: leadership, adaptability, and friendliness. After the carnival was over they were presented a certificate of gratitude from the organizers of the program, who said that such help would be extremely appreciated again in the future.

## OUR PHIKEIAS

Never has a group of 11 men forged such a phikeia class at the Beta Chapter as has this fall's group. These men have displayed a wide array of knowledge, understanding, respect, and discipline toward their brethren and their community.

After learning the ropes, they began to strengthen their bonds with one another. The secluded and intimate time they spent together has been of the utmost importance. Through valuable events, including community service and extracurricular activities, these men have illustrated their

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## PHI DELTS SEE OPPORTUNITIES

I would like to introduce myself as the current president of the New York Beta Chapter of Phi Delta Theta. I am a junior majoring in computer science.

As many of you know, Union College is going through many educational and social changes. With the decision to relocate social space around campus, as well as put into place a new housing system, many Greek houses will be relocating around the campus. I would like to assure you that these changes will not take a negative toll on our chapter here at Union. Our current members are extremely

motivated to make sure that our strong tradition here at Union doesn't fade.

We are working with the school and other Greeks to ensure that the tradition of not only Phi Delta Theta but the entire Greek community on campus continues its strong and beneficial presence on this campus. We are excited about the opportunity to be a part of this process here at Union and to make sure that these changes will add a new chapter to our storied history.

Robert Frank, #1096  
President

## BROTHERS RENOVATE THE HOUSE, FROM THE BASEMENT UP

Phi Delta Theta members and pledges have been working together over the past term to revamp the entire house, from the basement up. After many hours of hard labor and care, the basement is once again in good shape to be used as an active social space. A new coat of paint, a good scrubbing, and some small removals and additions have done wonders for a too-often-neglected portion of the house. The stairs have been repaired and cleaned from the basement all the way to the third floor. A new finish or coat of paint and the replacement/repair of the banisters have made a vast improvement in the aesthetics of the house.

These recent changes, in conjunction with those major first-floor repairs over the past two years, have resulted in a slightly brighter shine in

our house. New fixtures and lighting have been installed throughout the first few floors, giving the interior a more open and inviting feeling. The first- and second-floor bathrooms have been repainted, repaired, cleaned, re-cleaned, and cleaned again, improving one of those features of the house that has always been in a somewhat notorious state of disrepair.

Another major improvement worthy of mention is the improved Internet connection in the house. As students in an increasingly Internet-driven society, the accessibility of a good Internet connection becomes less of a privilege and more of a necessity. The new connection has brought us up to speed with both the campus and other local fraternities, for which we are eternally grateful.

## PHI DELTS LEAD UNION'S ULTIMATE FRISBEE TEAM

The Union College Ultimate Frisbee team had a successful fall season this year. Phi Delta Theta members John S. Kelly, Matthew Lallier, and Joe Nudi III returned for a third season to provide depth and experience to what has been a fledgling sport at Union. Phikeias Bryce Levin, Matthew Seckler, and John Cooley also returned for their second year of disc.

This season the Phi Delta Theta men did the majority of the freshman recruiting, and the results were phenomenal. Nearly 40 first-timers came out for pick-up games on a regular basis during the

first week.

Two weeks later, the teams traveled to Montreal for Unleashed and Untrained V, hosted by McGill University. A great time was had by all as captain Joe Nudi led the team to a second-place B-bracket finish in a highly competitive fall tournament of 26 teams. Matt Seckler and Bryce Levin showed that their knowledge of the game and their practice over the past year had paid off as they shut down the opponents' offense and amazed them on defense.

Recently, the ultimate team traveled to Rochester for our yearly attendance of the

Danse Macabre, a Halloween, costume-themed tournament. Matthew Lallier put on a stellar performance with solid passes and amazing displays of athleticism. Matt Seckler shrugged off sleep to attend the tournament despite less than three hours of sleep and performed miracles in the end zones, bringing down point after point for Union.

The Phi Delta Theta-dominated Union College ultimate team continues to grow in strength and ability as we prepare for national competition in the spring season. Wish us luck.

## OUR ALUMNI REPORT THEIR NEWS

Keep in touch with MELVILLE S. HAWLEY '29 at 2502 Breckenridge Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

JESSE A. MOULD '40 welcomes correspondence at P.O. Box 445, Village Lane, Orient, NY 11957.

"I was recently elected president of the High Noon Optimist Club of St. Petersburg, Florida," pens ROBERT E. ACKER '44 (3012 51st St. S., Gulfport, FL 33707). "As a club, we are active in supporting youth activity in our area."

Write RICHARD L. BUCHANAN '45 at 12271 Coit Rd., Apt. #1404, Dallas, TX 75251. He notes that his wife, Jeanette, died in 1997 and that he has moved into an independent living complex, which he is really enjoying. "I tired of maintaining our former home."

Drop a line to GORDON K. GARLICK '49 at 14 Herald Dr., Queensbury, NY 12804.

Reach PETER R. TIERNEY '55 at 135 Apple Lane, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510; pptierney@aol.com.

## OUR PHIKEIAS

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ability to rise to the occasion and become most outstanding citizens in the Union community.

The phikeias, all of different ages and cultural backgrounds, have brought more to the table than any class before. As the phikeia educator, I have enjoyed guiding them and have seen much maturation. Their meetings are run with the highest degree of courtesy and decorum, and their performance on exams has been unparalleled.

They are learning to work expeditiously and effectively. The brothers and the phikeia have also developed bonds with each other. They enjoy the company of one another and sometimes even help one another in their studies. In short, the Dutchmen Phis will continue to flourish and thrive as these phikeias take hold of the future of Phi Delta Theta.

Dan Anderson, #1086

Send best wishes to ROBERT A. HOFFMAN '60 at 534 Parkside Dr., Jericho, NY 11753.

"Two years ago I formed a partnership with fellow Phi Terry Bradigan (Allagheny '70) to form Hanover Road Dental Health, PA, a general dental practice," reports KENNETH W. OLSEN '65 (16 Ferson Rd., Hanover, NH 03755; olsenken@aol.com).

DAVID W. WORRELL '68 is associate general counsel with Church & Dwight Company, Inc., and resides at 111 Mona Court, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003 (e-mail: warreda@churchdwright.com).

Keep in touch with SCOTT D. GLASS '76 at 1700 Alcott Manor Lane, Knoxville, TN 37922; or via e-mail: sougscot@aol.com. He and Sharon have three children: Michael (4), Thomas (4), and Katie (2).

Send best wishes to MARK F. CHADURJIAN '80 at 35 Corduroy Rd., Essex Junction, VT 05452; or via e-mail at mchadvt@aol.com.

PETER C. CONWAY '80 works for Microsoft as senior director of Windows server marketing and lives at 3316 203rd Place NE, Sammamish, WA 98074; (e-mail: pconway@hotmail.com).

Write CHRISTOPHER HOWD '83 at 20701 NE 8th St., Sammamish, WA 98074; cahowd@microsoft.com.

Keep in touch with JOHN A. WISNIEWSKI '83 at 1 Hillside Court, Scotia, NY 12302; jwisniewski@siapros.com.

A mechanical engineering manager with Opex Corporation, MICHAEL E. YORK '85 writes, "My wife, Kim, and I visited the house on May 11. We were up north for RPI graduation, where I received an MS in management on May 12. While at Union, I received help from brother ROB FRANK '03, house vice president, in helping me surprise my wife for our anniversary. Rob delivered flowers and a bottle of champagne to Jackson's Garden, where a campus chaplain renewed our wedding vows under the Wedding Tree. Kim was floored. Thanks, brother Rob." When he wrote, Michael

was hoping to see STEVE LEWIS '86, JOHN CASALE '83, STEVE KOSCS '83, CHRIS SULLIVAN '84, and TONY HEYMAN '86 at Steve Lewis's house in June for their annual taco and tequila get-together. Reach Michael and Kim at 106 Devon Rd., Cinnaminson, NJ 08077; myork@opex.com.

Reports MICHAEL T. KLINGLE-SMITH '90, "I recently opened a restaurant/bar, Boyztown Restaurant, in a joint partnership with former New York Beta chef Dave Bailey. We are located in the Atlantic Ocean resort of Cherry Grove, Long Island, about an hour from New York City. We welcome all Phis to come and visit. So far we have seen PETE VALERIO '90 and DARIN D'AGOSTINO '88." Mike lives at 69 E. 2nd St., #4C, New York, NY 10036 (e-mail: kling4@hotmail.com).

Our alumni president, PHILIP BOYCE '96 reports a new address of 91 Brookside Ave., #2, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130 (e-mail: phil@ingem-inc.com).

Drop a line to MICHAEL A. NELSON JR. '97 at PSC 103, Box 3755, APO AE 09603; mnelson@gmail.com.

Reach DANIEL A. LEWIS '98 at 3080 S. Glebe Rd., Arlington, VA 22206; dalewis33@yahoo.com.

## DECEASED

We regret to report the following deaths:

T. POWERS CLINTON '33  
PAUL D. DAVIS '27  
JOHN D. HILL '46  
JOHN C. MURPHY '31  
DONALD ROBERTS '40  
DONALD F. WALLACE '32

It is with deepest sympathy that we report the death of John C. Murphy '31, bond number 257. It is always difficult when a chapter loses one of its older alumni. We would like to thank John for remembering NY Beta. John was very gracious and must have remembered and cherished the time he spent as a brother to remember us in his will. We received a partial distribution of his estate in the amount of \$3,000. It is times like these that make all alumni think back to the strong impact being a brother of New York Beta has had on our lives.