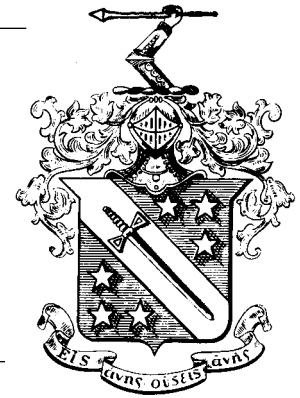


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NEW YORK BETA CHAPTER
OF PHI DELTA THETA
AT UNION COLLEGE



SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK

WINTER 2000-2001

Phi Delt Still Going Strong Despite Changes At Union

But New Alumni Chair Stresses The Need For Support From Alumni

An open letter to the brothers of New York Beta:

I am writing to you as the new alumni chair of our beloved New York Beta Chapter of Phi Delta Theta. I hope everyone had a happy holiday and a good start to the new year.

First, I want to congratulate the alumni. Through your continuing support after matriculation at Union, Phi Delta Theta has been alive and well at Union College for 118 years, and it is still going strong! However, we are now at a point where the chapter needs your help. In the past few months, the chapter has been subject to bureaucratic decisions that could have a dire effect on its strong tradition and history at Union.

As most of you know, the National Phi Delta Theta Fraternity is now alcohol free. While this is an important step toward making fraternities safer and cutting down on student binge drinking, it presents a challenge during the Phikeia rush process. Many perspectives are unsure whether they want to be involved in a fraternity where they can't have parties where alcohol is served. Current brothers know that the fraternity stands for friendship, sound learning, and moral rectitude, and we must show perspective Phikeias that our fraternity is head and shoulders above the other Greeks at Union, with or without alcohol.

To do this, during the shortened rush period, we must take advantage of our house and our location. It helps us greatly that we have a house (unlike most Greeks who live in sectioned-off dorms)

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and that we live next to the football field.

While we have made improvements at the house, such as a beautiful new floor in the living room, there are certain things that the house needs. These include better plumbing, a decent Internet connection, new felt for the pool table, and repairs for certain kitchen appliances. The ability to fix these problems hinges on the financial backing of our alumni.

The more important issue that plagues our chapter is Union's U2K plan. The college has been committed to a plan that, in part, revitalizes the social scene at the school through outlets other than Greeks. In addition to shortening the pledging period and not allowing freshmen to rush or pledge, the Union administration has told us that there is a good possibility that we will not be allowed to keep our house after our lease is up. Although we are hoping that the decision is overturned, we have to prepare for the worst. We have already formed a committee to look for a new house, preferably one located near campus. We fear that living off campus will hinder our chances of attracting large pledge classes in the future.

After brothing in 20 members of the class of 2003 between last spring and fall, our chapter has a solid foundation of brothers, young and old, on which we can build. Our goal is to add another 20

Phikeias this fall, and to do that, we need your help. Phi Delta Theta is a commitment for life; as current brothers, we all try to work hard to improve and better our house. As alumni, we ask you to help the house in any way you can. Since the start of our fiscal year in October 2000, we have generated roughly \$2,000 in alumni donations. Our hope is to have more than \$10,000 by the end of the fiscal year. This money will go toward fixing up the house for however long we will be living there and helping with rush events that will help us attract a large Phikeia class. For those who have donated money already, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Let us work together as brothers of the fine fraternity of Phi Delta Theta to continue our legacy here at Union.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact me by mail at Box 2314, Union College, Schenectady, NY, 12308, or by phone at 518/388-5987.

Yours in the Bond,
Jeffrey Silver, #1102



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Phis Bring In 4 Sophomores

This fall term the brothers of Phi Delta Theta were proud to initiate four new brothers into the fraternity. In keeping with Union's new policy, all four of the new brothers are sophomores. The brothers—Josh Bock, John Kelly, Josh Maynard, and John Vandervort—enjoyed the newly shortened pledge period.

"It was much less stressful to have the shortened pledge period. I found the pledge period to be a fun and bonding experience with the brothers," said brother Bock. The new brothers—which bring the house up to Bond number 1115—have already become influential members of Phi Delt. They are excited to attract as many brothers next year and have begun to seek out young men worthy to take their positions as Pikeias.

Murray "Christopher" Johnson

Current Brothers Uphold Athletic Tradition

Phi Delta Theta has had a long history of excellence in sports competition, and the current brothers are continuing this tradition. In alumni sports, brother Murray Johnson '03 is the goalie for Union's varsity soccer team, brother John Vandervort '03 is on the varsity swim team, and both Frank Filiciano and Matthew Lollier are on the varsity track team.

In club sports, we have four brothers who are charter members of Union's ultimate Frisbee team. They include Joe Nudi '02, John Kelly '03, Ross Mallory '03, and Matt Lollier '03. In addition, Dan Anderson '02 plays club hockey.

New Officers Take Over Reins

The brothers of New York Beta held their annual elections to choose officers. Replacing Court Clinch '02 as president will be Jeffrey Hamilton Newhouse '03. Filling other posts are sophomore Robert Frank as vice president, former Treasurer Dan Anderson '02 as secretary, and Dan Centi '03 as treasurer. The brotherhood agrees that this is an excellent foursome to lead it this year.

Jeff Newhouse, a political science major, was thrilled to be elected president. "It was an honor just to be nominated," said Jeff, "But to win—wow—this is totally cool. What an amazing gesture on behalf of my brothers. I will try to lead the New York Beta Chapter as best I can." (Note: In the first two weeks of his administration, Jeff's hair went completely gray).

Jeff Hoffman

OFFICERS
New York Beta
Chapter
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Jeffrey Newhouse '03
President

Robert Frank '03
Vice president

Dan Centi '03
Treasurer

Dan Anderson '02
Secretary

Living Room Floor Refinished This Fall

In an effort to make the house more attractive, the brothers took on some renovations this fall. The brotherhood refinished the living room floor, which involved completely sanding the floors and adding multiple coats of polyurethane. During a fall work weekend, the brothers installed a new bench system in the poolroom and painted the main hallway. Other repairs involved fixing cracks in the walls and replacing broken ceiling tiles. Future plans include refurbishing common rooms, which means purchasing new furniture, a new entertainment center, and other accessories. By working together on renovations, the brothers of Phi Delta Theta strengthened their bond and improved the house for current and future Phi Delt.

Oscar "Dirty" Suarez

Experiencing Life In Fiji

Andy Spitz '01 works with the tribe he lived with during his term abroad last year. Andy spent the term in Fiji.



Moving?
Be sure to send us your new address!

Snowbirds Receive Warm Welcome At Florida Beta

NY Betas Bond And Exchange Ideas With Phi Brothers At Rollins College

One of the most remarkable things about being a Phi Delta Theta brother is that there are thousands of other college students throughout the country who also share the bond. Over the Christmas break, sophomore Jeff Silver, sophomore Robert Frank, and I visited Rollins College in Orlando, Florida, to meet the brothers of the Florida Beta Chapter. As we drove onto the beautiful Rollins campus in 75-degree weather, we first took notice of the beautiful beaches that lead to the Gulf of Mexico. It immediately hit us that we would soon be braving the snow and negative-degree temperatures of Schenectady, and we wondered why we hadn't attended a Florida university, too.

Our Florida Beta brothers were warm and hospitable, giving us a tour of their house and the campus. We were lucky enough to be at Rollins on the night of a rush event for the chapter, so we attempted to woo freshmen into the grandeur of Phi Delta Theta. We hope that we succeeded. We spent the night socializing with the 35 brothers of the chapter and had a wonderful time. We spoke of bond numbers, different rush and pledge techniques, and compared the bright spots and the problems within our chapters. It was gratifying to know that in just a few hours, we could meet Phis who live thousands of miles away and come away with friends we will keep in contact with for some time.

We hope this will be one of many road trips that our chapter takes to keep in contact with brothers from around the country. Our next trip will be to McGill University in Montreal, Canada.

Benjamin Richard Male IV



Sophomores Ben Male, Rob Frank, and Jeff Silver make a stop at Disney World in Orlando, Florida, while visiting Phi Delta Theta chapters in the sunshine state.



Some of the sights one of the back lots at MGM Studios in Orlando.

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<http://www.vu.union.edu/~phidelt>

Alumni Send Us Their News

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Retired physician GEORGE T. C. WAY '39 spends his summers in Westport, New York, and the rest of the year at 6323 SE Farmington Place, Stuart, FL 34997.

"Bobbie and I returned April 27, 2000, from a round-the-world cruise," reports RICHARD W. LENT '44. Although their fellow passengers were interesting, after four months at sea they were glad to get back to the U.S. Drop them a line at 440 Muirfield Dr., Lake Worth, FL 33462.

A systems review manager for NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, WILLIAM F. MACK '58 can be reached at 3105 Tremont Ave., Cheverly, MD 20785 (m322@erols.com).

The president and COO of M&L Wholesale Inc., MICHAEL J. MONTE-SI '67 can be reached at mlwhl@gate.net or at 3200 N. Ocean Dr., Apt. 206, Hollywood, FL 33019.

Congratulations to MICHAEL E. YORK '85 and his bride, Kimberly, who were married in May 2000. On hand for the celebration were brothers ROGER RIPPEL '86, STEVE LEWIS '86, TONY HEYMAN '86, JEFF CHODACK '86, and JOHN CASALE '83—all of whom Michael hopes to see again when he celebrates his graduation from RPI in spring 2001. Our address for the newlyweds is 106 Devon Rd., Cinnaminson, NJ 08077 (myork@dellnet.com).

On June 3, 2000, WILLIAM H. SHIELDS '90 wed fellow graduate student Iva Petrova. Send best wishes to them at 523 Bainbridge Dr., #48, East Lansing, MI 48823 (shield13@msu.edu). Will was planning to conduct research in Haiti this past summer and hopes to graduate from Michigan State University with a master's in agricultural economics this December.

Contact FRANK J. ROAN II '91 at 6609 Lost Horizon Dr., Austin, TX 78759.

Please note this new address for JEREMY H. MOORE '90 of 65 White Tail Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850.

"I will be a staff internal medicine physician at 121st General Hospital in Seoul, Korea, from August 2000 to June 2001," wrote DAVID SACHAR '92 in July. Before leaving for the Far East, David saw ANDREW SEEWALD '91 in New York City and JEFFREY VOGEL '92 at his new home in Bethesda, Maryland. Mail can be sent to David at 2002 Petersfield Place, Olney, MD 20832.

We have a new address for PHILIP BOYCE '96 of 492 Massachusetts Ave., #61, Boston, MA 02118. His e-mail address is boyce1032@aol.com.

MICHAEL NELSON '97 lives at 7701 W. Saint John Rd., #2096, Glendale, AZ 85308.

Stay in touch with ROBERT DAVIS '98 at 344 E. Eighth St., Apt. 3, South Boston, MA 02127.

DANIEL A. LEWIS '98 resides at 3080 S. Glebe Rd., Arlington, VA 22206 and can be reached by e-mail at dalewis33@yahoo.com.

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DECEASED

We regret to report the death of WILLIAM L. RYNASKO '37 on August 23, 2000.

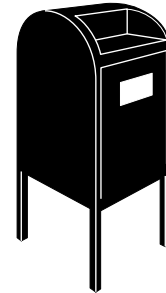
1999-2000 Honor Roll Update

Contributions from the following alumni were not processed until after the summer honor roll was published:

William F. Mack '58
Louis Tremante III '88

To them we offer our belated thanks for their generous donations.

Send In Your Newsform



The success of this newsletter depends, in part, on the participation of our alumni. Please take a moment to fill out your newsform and return it to the address on this page. Include your latest news, news of brothers with whom you've kept in touch, and maybe also one or two of your fondest memories of New York Beta or thoughts on what Phi Delt means to you. We'll look forward to sharing your news in the next issue of *The Dutchman Phi*.

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