

UPCOMING EVENTS

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May 31, 2008

Rush Banquet
January 26, 2008

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THE CHI DELT

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Reunion Weekend at Lodge Brought Many Brothers from Class of 1977 and 1992 – Make Plans to Join us in 2008

**Chi Chapter remains one of the Strongest Fraternities
at Kenyon Due to Alumni Loyalty**

By Jeff Moritz '86

Greetings brothers from your alumni association! We had a good turnout at the Lodge for Reunion Weekend last June. There were a number of Brothers from the Class of 1977 and 1992. We will once again be hosting an Open House over Reunion Weekend (May 31, 2008). I would encourage everyone to come out to the Lodge. Friends and family are always welcome to join us.

Several alums have contacted me indicating they have been confused as to the various Honor Rolls we have published either online or in our mailings. To set the record straight, the Chi Chapter Alumni Association conducts an Annual Fund which pays for newsletters, maintaining our website and mailing list, as well as supporting the operating expenses of the Lodge. Taxes, insurance and utilities for the Lodge totaled over \$11,000 last year! A complete breakdown of the Alumni Association's income and expenses for the year ended September 30, 2007 is shown in the accompanying table. As the name implies, we send out a letter once a year asking for your contributions to this Annual Fund and publish the Honor Roll of donors in this letter and on our website, **www.chidelts.com**.

In addition, we are currently conducting a capital campaign, *Securing our Tradition*. This campaign began in the fall of 2006 and is being chaired by **Bob "Doc" Burns '74**, Chapter Advisor Emeritus. The funds from this campaign will go towards renovating the Lodge as well as providing a permanent endowment for the support of the Lodge. For the latest update on the campaign see the Capital

Campaign Update article in this newsletter and the Campaign Honor Roll on the enclosed insert.

Chi Chapter continues to be one of the strongest and most respected fraternities at Kenyon. This is due, in large part, to the loyalty of its alumni. Thank you, your support allows Chi Chapter to remain an integral part of the Kenyon Experience.

Chi Chapter Alumni Association

Year Ended September 30, 2007

Income:

Alumni Annual Fund	\$9,003
Undergraduate Lodge Dues	920
Room Rents	9,860

Expenses:

Open House	\$355
Newsletter	2,628
Lodge Repairs	528
Property Taxes	2,085
Property Insurance	2,810
Utilities	6,723
Miscellaneous	75

**Does not include donations to
Capital Campaign.*

CHAPTER REPORT

Doc Burns Outstanding Chi Delt Award is Presented to Jon Lawrence '09

By Bob "Doc" Burns '74, Chapter Advisor Emeritus

First of all, I want to thank you all for supporting our Capital Campaign. The latest update and honor roll appears in this edition of *The Chi Delt*. If your name does not appear, I am certain you must feel left out. So while it is still fresh in your mind, please send in your pledge. If you need more information or want to help get other Brothers to pledge, you can reach me at rburns1600@aol.com or 740-427-3761.

I attended the first Chapter meeting of the school year. We are getting bigger, and it reminded me of the years in the 70's. On August 28, I presented **Jon Lawrence '09** with the Doc Burns Outstanding Chi Delt

Award. **Ben Douglass '98** can take credit for this award. Back when he was our President, he suggested I do such a thing. At the time I thought there was no more room for awards, and it has taken me ten years to realize there was a void. The award includes a plaque and a check equal to one year of chapter dues. This, by the way, is now \$750. Surprised? Remember when dues were less than a hundred dollars?

Thanks again for all your loyal support, and keep those letters and updates coming in to *The Chi Delt*, and to our website, www.chidelts.com.



James Reid '08, Chapter President, congratulates Jon Lawrence. Jon is known as "Bigger" because we already had a Big John Bence '08.

Community Service, Chapter Service and Greek Week Participation have kept the Chi Chapter on the Move

Brotherhood Retreat Focused on Ritual, Planning and Building Camaraderie

By John Bence '08

Despite the fact that the current academic semester only began a few weeks ago, Chi Chapter has already begun its participation in various community and brotherhood events. The second week of September, the members of Chi Chapter continued their tradition of brotherhood by holding an afternoon retreat at the home of Chapter Advisor **Drew McFarland**. We spent the afternoon not only hiking through trails and cooking on the

grill, but also practicing the Ritual, planning Chapter events for the year, and building camaraderie and solidarity.

The third week in September, Chi Chapter took part in campus-wide Greek Week activities. On top of placing third in the pie-eating competition (due to the determination of Brother **Brian D'Orazio '08**), the Delts also competed in a water-pong tournament, scavenger hunt, banner judging competition,

and an academic trivia contest. Each member of Chi Chapter additionally performed community service during the week including cleaning up campus and helping at the Mount Vernon Humane Society.

Finally, on September 29, the Chapter held "Love Your Lodge" day. This event is becoming a tradition with the Chapter. During the day over 20 Delt Brothers split up duties which included cleaning up trash around the outside of the lodge, painting walls, and generally fixing minor problems on the interior. Our biggest project entailed rebuilding the path down to the side door. The Chapter lined the path with logs and laid gravel provided by the Alumni Association. After the hard work, we went out on the deck and grilled some burgers and had some drinks. Not only did this give Chi Chapter a chance to repair and clean our meeting place, but it also contributed greatly to our brotherhood.



Chapter Spirits are Soaring and Brotherhood is Strengthening

By Drew McFarland, Chapter Advisor (Bethany DTD)'83

I am glad to report that the spirits of the Chapter are high at the moment and feelings of brotherhood better than in several years.

I also believe that with the current sophomore Brothers, we are seeing

another one of those shifts in personality between generations. How major it is, I do not know, but it seems to be positive. In some ways, I am even seeing traits in the men now that I equate with Delts I have met from the classes of the 1950s. Obviously, it is an entirely different world,

but characteristics certainly do repeat themselves.

Regardless of your era or theirs, there is a lot to be proud of at Chi, and I hope each of you is able to make it back to Gambier to see their progress.

Reception held in Washington, D.C. to honor Chapter Advisor Emeritus Bob "Doc" Burns '74

Securing Additional Pledges to Capital Campaign was Big Highlight of the Evening

On June 21, Chi Chapter Alumni gathered at Gordon Biersch Brewery in Washington D.C. to honor Chapter Advisor Emeritus "Doc" Burns. The event was hosted by Paul Schmid '04 and Chris Pisano '85. Washington is home to a large contingency of Kenyon Deltas. Over 20 Chi Deltas were in attendance representing class years 1981 to 2007. Doc Burns was Chapter Advisor for over 20 years and continues to be active with the Chapter. He and his wife, Jeannette, split their time between Gambier and their home in San Diego. Doc Burns attends almost every Chapter meeting when he is in Gambier and is the Chairman of the capital campaign for the Lodge, *Securing Our Tradition*. The highlight of the evening was securing pledges totaling \$15,000 to the campaign from alumni in attendance.



Co-host Paul Schmid '04 with honoree Doc Burns '74 and his wife, Jeannette.



Bryon Manna '05, Kevin Ward '06, Nate Rosenberg '04, John Wyss '03, and guest.



Pat Kozak '04 with co-hosts Chris Pisano '85 and Paul Schmid '04.

ANNUAL FUND

Help Us Kick Off New Giving Year!

Help us kick off the new giving year that started on September 1, 2007 by making a donation to the annual fund. You can donate by calling our toll-free hotline (800-975-6699) or by visiting our website at www.chidelts.com. The annual fund supports:

1. Our newsletter, "The Chi Delt."
2. Our alumni website, www.chidelts.com, which keeps us up-to-date on Chi Chapter news and enables us to interact with each other online through message boards, alumni updates, a searchable directory and more.
3. Other letters, postcards, and print and web communications.
4. Alumni events, such as homecoming.
5. Management of our alumni database, which provides accurate contact information for all of our brothers so that we can stay in touch and reconnect with each other.

Alumni Q&A with Chris Shedd '83

Conducted by James Reid '08

Brother Chris Shedd '83 resides in Wellesley, MA with his wife, Beth, and their two daughters, Katie and Emily. As an undergraduate, Chris was a mathematics and psychology double major which has helped him in his career in mortgage banking. Being a broker, allows him to crunch numbers and help people.

Why did you join?

At the time, the chapter had a lot of swimmers and I got to know them well at practice. Additionally, we had a huge pledge class of 29 and I joined because I had a pack of friends who were going through the process as well.

What is your favorite memory from your undergraduate experience as a Chi Delt?

The beer slide in Middle Leonard was my favorite memory. I also have fond memories of planning parties and being able to party and enjoy college with my friends.

Has the fraternity had any influence on your post-undergraduate experience?

The fraternity gave me a strong sense of brotherhood and a strong connection with several people. I lived with one of my roommates, a Chi Delt, after graduation for a few years in LA.

Do you have any advice for Chi actives?

The most important thing to do is enjoy your time and experience at Kenyon as a Delt. Stay in touch and keep those strong connections you make through brotherhood.

Do you have any hobbies?

I like to play tennis, jog, and coach my kids' sports teams. I enjoy being an active member in my daughters' lives. It's extremely important to me to play an active role in their lives.

**Full length interview is available online at www.chidelts.com.*

CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Your Capital Campaign Support is Still Critical to Achieve Lodge Improvements and Endowment

Anticipating Your Support, Window Replacements are Scheduled to be Installed in November

We currently have pledges for approximately \$260,000, many of which will be paid over a five year period. While this amount is below the initial goal we set when we first started the campaign, we believe that with another \$50,000 we will have enough funds to make all of the improvements outlined in the brochure sent to all Chi Alumni last year as well as provide a meaningful permanent endowment.

Take a look at the Honor Roll of donors to the capital campaign located on the insert. If your name is not included please ask yourself, why not? Do you not agree that the Lodge is an integral part of the Chapter? Is it not worthy of your financial support? Do you not think that the Lodge needs to be improved? Please make a pledge to the campaign so that

we can put your name on that Honor Roll. There is plenty of room left in the Founders Society! Maybe an even better way to show your enthusiasm, call your

"...show your enthusiasm, call your classmates and, together, make a class gift to the Campaign."

classmates and, together, make a class gift to the Campaign. To make a pledge or for more information, please contact **Doc Burns** at rburns1600@aol.com or 740-427-3761.

In anticipation of hitting our \$310,000 milestone, we have begun putting together

a budget for the improvements to the Lodge. This effort is being led by our Building Committee Chair **Byron Horn '86**. Our first step will be to replace all of the windows on the top floor as well as replace one of the sliding glass doors leading to the back deck. The current casement windows are almost 40 years old and several are unable to be shut completely. New double-hung windows will provide significant energy savings and reduced heating bills during the winter. We expect to have the new windows installed in November. The total cost of these new windows is over \$10,000. If you are interested in organizing the renovations with Byron you can reach him at bhorn@thompsonhine.com or 216-566-7992.



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June's Lodge Reunion Weekend, strong sense of brotherhood, and Lodge improvements on the way... get details inside!

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