Welcome the Phi Class! By Leah Hewett, Initiate Advisor

The Phi's are being taken under their wing by some of the finest brothers in Beta Delta:

Initiate
Chad Benton – Josh Edmonds
Sara Gettles – Paige Fisher
Candice Palmer – Jason Wong
Thu Le – Dixie Stephens
Jennifer Bowden – Christina Davis
Sheba Robinson – Tekilla Montgomery
Sarah Gilbert – Mercedes Forrest
Portia Overton – Molly Glasgow
Amy Gould – Kristina Krupp
Josh Harris – Richie Efird
Kimberly Balsamello – Matt Munse
David Jones – Stacy Williams
Wes Blaylock – Leigh Samuel
Melissa Yuckel – Nicole Southards
Ligaya Roque – Dawn Strachan

Big brothers were presented with new "big brother packets" that had tons and tons of gift ideas and info about their new littles!!!

The info nights of Rush, headed by Kristina Krupp, showed a huge turn-out, as well did the events, which consisted of a pizza social, games night, midnight bowling, and a bologna run. Rush lasted from September 8-13 with interviews on September 14, which resulted in the 15 initiates.

Pinning was then held on September 16, with the Initiate Retreat being held at Jordan Lake on September 19-21.

Inductions were held on November 23rd, 2003.

Brothers Shack Up By Dawn Strachan, Leadership Committee co-Head

As the first leadership event we had a rocky start, but everything worked out in the end and we definitely learned from what happened. Shack-a-Thon was an awesome experience, although it tried to stress me out. The day approached and we didn’t have any wood the morning of so I had to go buy some. Can’t say it was fun to take the leadership money and have to buy something that should have been donated but you do what you have to do, and there are now no worries about future years, so things work out for the best. My favorite part about Shack-a-Thon, besides being able to see brothers on campus at any point during the week, was actually the Sunday that we built it. I was in Home Depot with Jason buying wood and needed to find someone to drive the truck we had to rent when, what do you know, brother Paige to the rescue. Later that day Paige needed a truck to take back the pig cooker, and Marty...

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**Brothers “Bare It All” By Andra Berte, President**

Well another Founder’s Weekend has come and gone, and the memories (or non-memories for some) will be tucked away in a corner of our minds. This year, the Alpha Rho/Beta Delta Founder’s weekend was held in Blacksburg, Virginia. The theme being “Come Bare it All”, in other words Mardi Gras. Almost 60 Beta Delta brothers, alumni, and initiates packed their formal wear and party wear into cars and headed north for the weekend of November 7-9.

Friday began with many of the Beta Delta crew, along with some Alpha Beta and Alpha Rho brothers, heading to Sharky’s to toast to another great year with a super mug or two...or three............or four. After a little socializing, it was time to shake it like a Polaroid picture at the party held at a nearby Fraternity house. A beer pong tournament upstairs plus a DJ downstairs equaled one awesome night of fun. Beads were given and taken and the brothers danced the night away.

Saturday morning began with the annual Mike Perry 5K Marathon. Beta Delta brothers and initiates once again came out in high numbers to support the Alpha Rho chapter. After all that exercise, many brothers found their way to the local IHOP or Cracker Barrel to enjoy a good meal before heading to Roanoke for the Saturday night semi-formal.

**Alpha Kappa Hayride By Matt Wood, Ribbit Editor**

On Friday, October 17, a bunch of us met at Reynolds Stadium and headed to that place over on the hill. The goal: to go have some fun fraternizing with some brothers from other chapters (namely Alpha Kappa and Alpha Chi).

It was a dark and rainy night, perfect for a spooky evening, when we pulled up to Norman’s Stables (after getting a little lost) to have a good ole time.

In no time, a bunch of us had piled into the trailers stacked with hay and were on our way in the dark forest... which turned into a wide open field and wasn’t all that scary. But it didn’t matter, because with brothers and drinks aplenty, along with show-tunes and chants, a fun time was to be had by all.

Back at the barn, a DJ had the music going, a huge bonfire was burning, and the party was in full swing. With hotdogs, s’mores, and hot chocolate in bountiful supply, everyone was getting to know one another. As well, the barrels of “milk” were well on their way to depletion. Alumna Tesha Lucas showed us the right way to dance, and the rest of the evening, consisting mostly of dancing and hanging out by the fire, is history.

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The party had already started as we rolled into the Days Inn parking lot. With sumo-wrestling suits set up outside and brothers roaming around the hotel, the party atmosphere was already in full-swing. The afternoon progressed with many brothers drinking a lot of “milk” and eventually putting on their semi-formal attire for that evening’s banquet.

Dinner was a success, as was the banquet, which began with a small welcome from our hosts for the evening: Josh Edmonds (BD) and Sam Wright (AP). Presidents Andra Berte (BD) and Afton Dawson (AP) then spoke about some fond memories, and then it was time for the slide shows. With some technical difficulties between the Beta Delta and Alpha Rho slide shows, Matt Kain (Beta Delta) had a few minutes to spare to recite his famous “Buck 45” joke (if you haven’t heard it you REALLY need to). After the wonderful slide shows, it was time for some reminiscing with the alumni as Pete Gingrich (AP) and Tesha Lucas (BD) spoke. Spirit Awards were presented to Rachel Mitnick (AP) and Andra Berte (BD) and then it was time for dancing!!

With an hour to spare before the music started, everybody headed back to their rooms to change or possibly drink some more “milk”. The evening was a total success with the brothers dancing the night away.

Sunday morning revealed a hotel full of exhausted brothers, initiates, and alumni. As everybody packed their cars to head for home, we all said our goodbyes to our new and old friends from the weekend.
Rafting the Nantahala  By Andra Berte, President

Sixteen Beta Delta brothers decided to kick off the semester with a daring adventure into the mountains of North Carolina. The weekend started off with a long road trip to Turkey Creek Campground, our home for the weekend.

Arriving late in the evening provided us with a bit of a challenge as we struggled to set up our tents in hopes of keeping away the wild animals. In true Beta Delta style, we tended to ignore the “quiet hours” rule at the campground and got several not-so-pleasant visits from the night manager within the first hours of our trip. Our first night in the wilderness ended with some s’mores over a roaring campfire and a slightly uncomfortable night of sleep on the hard ground.

Many of the brothers woke early in the morning and headed to the showers—you didn’t think we would actually stay somewhere without some of the comforts of home did you? The brothers relaxed that morning after breakfast by playing some volleyball and a few rounds of Cranium. Around noon, we loaded up on some carbohydrates to prepare us for the highlight of the weekend: a whitewater rafting trip down the Nantahala River.

Few of the brothers had been rafting before, so many nervous brothers piled into cars for the short trip down the road to the Nantahala Outdoor Center. After arriving, we registered and were fitted with our life jackets while we waited for our guides. We watched a short video on the proper positions to keep if you should happen to fall out of the boat. While many of us found this less than reassuring, the guides hurried us onward to grab an oar and head for the bus.

Since our trip was considered “guide-assisted” several boats on the trip were going to be without a guide. Our very own Josh Edmonds immediately volunteered for this duty, while my own raft made sure there was to be a guide. At last we reached the point in the river where it was time to launch our raft. In the end, both of the Beta Delta rafts ended up being without a guide, but we made it through with the support of our brothers aboard. Josh and Richie led us fearlessly down the river while we playfully splashed other rafts, while yelling the Beta Delta chant and NC State fight song.

The trip was relatively uneventful (if you don’t count the lady who almost drowned, and getting stuck on rocks in the middle of the rapids), and the brothers were brought closer together for the experience. After a long day in the cold river, we returned to the campground for dinner and another peaceful night’s sleep before heading home to Raleigh on Sunday morning.

Alumni Pig Pickin’  By Paige Fisher, Alumni Committee Head

Nothing compares to dropping a frigid 120lb pig on your brother at 6 am... except for the food and fun that follow!!

The morning of September 27 was optimistic and hazy, despite the creepy guys in pink pants that surrounded our prime tailgating spot. Stacy, our fabulous VP, and Alumna Tesha Lucas, along with some of my friends showed up early to set up the tent and make a BoJangles run.

As the morning’s first cans of “milk” were being opened, the brothers and alumni began to show. And what’s the best way to beat the heat sitting by a giant grill on a 90° F day, you ask? Why, quenching your thirst with lots of “milk”!

Despite the crazy heat, the event was a success, and I would like to thank all of the alumni and brothers that attended. And to top it off, we beat the Tarholes. Go Pack!! Let’s hope to make annual tailgating a way to honor our alumni.

Pass the “milk” and get me a hushpuppy.

Join the Beta Delta Brothers on Saturday, December 6, for Caroling and a Holiday Bash!

Contact Marty Jensen (Leadership Co-Chair, mejense2@unity.ncsu.edu) or Wyatt Tall (Fellowship Chair, wotall@unity.ncsu.edu) for more information.
We're on the Web!
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What's New?
Do you have an update? Has your address changed? Got-ten Married? New Job? If anything is new, share it with all the alumni by contacting the address to the upper left.

Philanthropy Events By Marty Jensen, Leadership Committee co-Head

The Turkey Bowl is our fundraiser for Haven House this semester. The idea was to get people in the brickyard to pay to bowl with a frozen turkey. The idea was just crazy enough to work; in the end, we raised over $220 for Haven House.

It took place from 10 to 3 on November 13 -14 in the brickyard on NC State's campus. Many brothers partook in the festivities, braving the wind and cold to throw the turkeys and hand out t-shirts!

The cost was $2 per round of bowling (2 bowls) and your name depending on how well you bowl will go into a raffle for prizes. The rules for Turkey Bowling are be just like regular bowling, ex-cept that the bowler will bowl a frozen turkey into 2 liter soda bottles. There will be big prizes for getting a strike, medium-sized prizes for a spare, and small prizes for everything else. These prizes included gift certificates for Best Buy and Blockbuster rentals.

Also, Cleopatra from Haven House has expressed to us how thankful she is for our help in the past and near future. She is excited about the Turkey Bowl, and she wants so much to do something for us in return. She has formulated an opportunity for Haven House to return the favor to us. Cleopatra invited us to be the Honored Guests at the Haven House Thanksgiving dinner on November 15. We had the privilege to eat with the children, their families, and the volunteer mentors. It gave us a wonderful chance to meet and get to know on a more personal level who exactly who we are helping. Plus, Cleopatra and the volunteers took care of all the planning and food involved so all we had to do was show up.