

# The RhoBoat

## BROTHERS IN THE BONDS,

2007-2008 was a challenging time for Alpha Rho of Chi Psi to say the least. With the graduation of its hallowed Re-Founders and the "Thayer Curse" looming over us, we certainly had a lot to live up to.

Plagued by doubts and misfortunes early on, these past two semesters have been marked by continuous contemplation, a huge strengthening in the bonds of what began as a very young brotherhood, and above all, a recommitment to Alpha Rho's legacy.

In a show of soul-searching, Alpha Rho has revamped its recruitment and pledge education programs. Nine men were initiated in December (six of whom have now stepped up to leadership positions) and twelve in April. Nearly every single brother played their part in the Alpha's continued devotion to raise money for the ALS Society of Greater Philadelphia and the Embrace Kids Foundation of New Brunswick through Rutgers University Dance Marathon.

Flush with young blood and ideas while keeping positive traditions, Alpha Rho now moves to plan an ambitious Fall Semester. After a year marked by growing pains and rebuilding, we're off to a new start to honor the old one.

Yours In The Bonds,  
#1 Brendan J. Cassidy, '09

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NEW MEMBERS

## ALUMNI NOTES

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### 1940s

**John Kietzman** ('46) died on September 11, 2007.

**Newt Ale** ('48) is retired and living in Naples, FL, which precludes many visits to the Lodge, but still thinks it looks good, even after 120 years.

**Bill Biehler** ('48) lives in Sun City Palm Desert, CA, after retiring as Staff Services Manager of the California State Personnel Board. During WWII, he served in the 90<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division near Utah Beach. Upon returning to Rutgers, he joined Varsity Crew, and completed graduate study at UC/Berkeley, even living in the Lodge his first year there. He and his wife have four children and three grandchildren.

### 1950s

**Donald McKissock** ('55) died July 14, 2007.

**Robin Porter** ('55) writes "I am glad to hear what is happening at the 114 College Ave. I don't expect to be back this year, but will seek an opportunity."

### 1960s

**Robert White** ('63) died July 16, 2006 after a year's struggle with cancer. Bob was an expert on the operations of Florida condominium and homeowner associations, and was active in the community. He was a founding member of the Fort Myers, Community Association Institute and an advisor to the state's governing division for community associations. He is survived by his wife Judith, two children and two grandchildren.

## ALUMNI NOTES (CONT)

**Bill Carroll** ('67) is a Senior Lecturer in Marketing and Tourism at Cornell's School of Hotel Administration, teaching courses in economics, yield management, pricing and marketing distribution. He is also CEO of Marketing Economics, a consulting firm specializing in travel industry economic issues.

**Sandy Wolfe** ('68) reflected on Bones Lundberg's great support, mentorship and friendship to all Rhos. Some years ago, despite advanced age, Bones still had personal recollections of Sandy's time at the Lodge.

**1970s**

**Jeff Williams** ('72) spent a career in real estate after serving in the Air Force for 7 years, and currently works with Babson Capital Management, the investment subsidiary of MassMutual. He has two daughters and regularly regales his family with memories of the Lodge. Jeff proudly claims to be the photographer of the image of Betty Marlowe which hangs in the dining room and remembers her smiling face and warm welcome at breakfast each morning. He also revealed that he "owned the candy and soda machine in the Lodge and transferred it to start Betty's retirement fund."

**Bob Hartel** ('76) enjoyed seeing everyone at the Dart Tournament and occasionally gets to Rutgers for sports events. He works for EMC, lives in Madison and has two children, 17 and 15, both attending Morristown-Beard School.

## SOME CONSISTENCY, SOME CHANGE

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For many Brothers, active engagement 'On the Banks' ended at graduation. Whether that experience was 50, 20 or even 10 years ago, our memories freeze both Rutgers and the Lodge at that moment, and we believe that it continues, unchanged, to this day.

Many changes have occurred at Rutgers and within society that have redefined the fraternity experience for today's members, and changed the way Chi Psi operates. Although each Rhoman has seen

**Ray Liotta** ('76) is a partner at Maser Consulting, an office land development consulting firm. He and wife Mary have two sons, and Ray coaches in the Hillsborough Little League and CYO basketball.

**Joe Francica** ('78) is Editor in Chief and Vice Publisher of *Directions* Magazine, an online publication that is the premier news and resource guide for geospatial professions. He and wife Kathleen live in Huntsville, AL and have four sons, ranging from a PhD candidate to an 8<sup>th</sup> grader!

**Joe Jacangelo** ('78) works for MWH, a global provider of consulting, engineering, construction and management services in water, natural resources and infrastructure sectors, and also an adjunct faculty member at Johns Hopkins. His focus is controlling disease in water. Following Rutgers, he spent three years in Congo in the Peace Corps, and completed a PhD in Environmental Engineering from Johns Hopkins. He has two daughters, both approaching college age.

**1980s**

**Jesse Chow** ('87) conducts research for the Eisai Research Institute in MA, and has published many co-authored research articles.

**1990s**

**Joe Stables** ('98) writes "whenever I look at pictures of the Lodge it brings back many wonderful memories of my Brothers. I am grateful for the friendships I still enjoy with them."

some of these changes, we've consolidated them into a view of the Fraternity today.

Rutgers University has become the state university, growing to an undergraduate population of nearly 25,000 on the five New Brunswick campuses. Both men and women attend, and the University recently embarked on a plan to transform undergraduate education, consolidating all New Brunswick colleges into one School of Arts and Sciences, plus professional colleges. State tuition and fees are more than \$10,000 annually, and room/board adds an additional \$9,500. Because of the crowding, classes are scheduled across campuses until 10 pm, with a campus bus system. Membership is a financial commitment, with Alpha dues being nearly \$900/year.

## SOME CONSISTENCY, SOME CHANGE (CONT)

The fraternity community at Rutgers consists of 30 fraternities, 19 'traditional' groups, 5 historically African-American groups and 6 Asian-focused chapters. Average chapter size of the traditional chapters is about 35 men – less than 5% of the campus population. Many men at Rutgers don't consider joining a fraternity because they commute, don't like what fraternities offer, or don't feel they have the time; most of the Lodge's pledges are referred by members or alumni.

Broader society has changed as well. Starting in the 1980s, alcohol risk management became a concern, the drinking age was raised to 21, and fraternities faced stricter alcohol regulations. Today, open parties are not permitted, common containers (kegs, punch bowls, liters of alcohol) violate policy, and alcohol can no longer be purchased with fraternity funds. Fraternities and their officers are being held legally responsible for underage drinking at their events, so there is little leeway in the policies. The days of campus-wide blowouts at the Lodge are over, replaced with smaller parties with friends and events held at other venues.

Although hazing occurs in many organizations, it is often tied to fraternities. Because 44 states consider hazing a crime, fraternities have aggressively acted to curb the practice. Students no longer feel fraternity membership is worth being hazed, and value individualism more than a group (fraternity) identity. Pledge beanies, line-ups and digits no longer exist at Rho.

Rather than focusing on the negative images of fraternity, many changes have been positive. Fraternities have returned to focus on being values-based organizations, selling friendship, leadership, service

and academics as pillars of Greek Life. Students seem to be responding; more students are coming to college stating that: serving the community is important to them, close ties (and communication) with parents is valued, gaining practical leadership skills is a focus of their college experience...cultural changes that bode well for the Alpha Rho and Chi Psi.

When you return to Rho and the Lodge, please share the stories of your experience, but don't be surprised or disappointed if some of the stories are met with quizzical looks. While the campus and fraternity experience may have changed, the values and Brotherhood of Chi Psi remain the same.

## GRADUATING SENIORS

#3 Josh Denholtz, '09

### Paul Auriemma

Paul will continue at Rutgers, but will take Dormant Active status to focus on completing his PharmD degree. As a Brother, he was Scholarship Chairman, and participated on many intramural teams. Paul's sense of humor will be greatly missed - he "added a lot of humor - and kept the Brothers laughing." He will miss throwing the football in front of the Lodge.

### Michael Rudi Duncan

After graduation, Mike, a former Lodge Manager and Alumni Relations Chair, will be departing from Rutgers' finest address to work at Unilever. He will be joining the Customer Development division of Finance located in Englewood Cliffs, NJ. While attending Rutgers, he represented Chi Psi well by serving as President/Founder of Financial Management Association (FMA), Vice President of Rutgers Business Governing Association (RBGA), Director of Administration of Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC), and IFC Peer Review Senator of University College Council (UCC). His greatest joys of brotherhood are the relationships he built with the other fine gentlemen of Alpha Rho. He knows those bond will last a lifetime.

### Kyle Goldberg

Kyle, a former Social Chair and Homecoming Chair, hopes to be start working as a pharmacist within venture capitalism or for a biopharmaceutical hedge fund company. He also wants to get an MBA after graduating. He believes over the next five years the Alpha will grow and get only better. He enjoyed hanging out

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**GRADUATING SENIORS (CONT)**

with the brothers and staring at girls on the porch when the weather is nice. Kyle will be a dormant active brother next year.

**Brian Nils Knudsen**

Brian plans to work as a pharmacist in the retail or managed care setting. During his years at Rutgers, he held the 2nd Annual Chi Psi 500 and contributed in generating interest and support for Dance Marathon among the fraternity. He always enjoyed seeing new initiates developing into brothers and attending the formals each semester and knows Rho will continue to recruit good men. He also expects Rho to continue its hard effort in serving the community. Brian will be a dormant active brother in the upcoming semester.

**Chris Merryman**

*Former Intramurals chair, Chris plans on attending Graduate School of Education at Rutgers.* He enjoyed meeting other Chi Psi's from past Rho's and other alphas. Although he did not come around the lodge as often as he would have liked, he represented the fraternity well while doing his outside activities. He thinks in the future Rho will continue to flourish since nearly every brother has other important positions at Rutgers and can dip into elite pools of students. And he even believes we might have hole-less walls.

**Matthew Puzio**

Matt, a former Recruitment Chairman, Community Service Chairman, and #5, leaves his biggest legacy in the form of Chi Psi 500, the push-cart philanthropy event he initiated at Rho. Post-graduation, he will join New Jersey Natural Gas as an Engineer, and reside in the New Brunswick area. The Fraternity helped him by "giving the opportunity to gain the skills needed to plan and implement events and policies." He hopes that Rho doesn't 'settle' and turn into every other Fraternity at Rutgers.

**Jason Smith**

After graduating, Jason will be moving back to South Jersey and applying to nursing schools. However, just because he is moving, that does not mean he will break the Bonds that he shares with so many of our brothers. He believes that at any time anyone of us can call on another and we will be there for him, and we believe the same about him. In addition he thinks, in five years Rho can be even better than it is now as long as we remain on the same path. He believes that the undergrads have been set up to make Rho the best fraternity on campus.

**Sean R. Trulby**

Former #3, Sean plans on attending Graduate School at Rutgers University in pursuit of a Masters of Education. He believes the Alpha has definitely sculpted him into a more well rounded person becoming much less shy and more involved, both within and outside the Rutgers community, than he ever anticipated. He made many strong friendships with my fellow Rho Brothers and has contributed to their lives as much as they have contributed to his. He expects more of the great things that have happened over the past few years: Amazing community service and scholarship efforts coupled with a greater sense of friendship among Brothers. Sean says, "there is never a day that I regret my decision to become a Chi Psi. The Lodge has truly had a positive impact on my life and I look forward to seeing the future of Chi Psi."

**Benjamin Vinick**

Benji has contributed to the brotherhood with the many friendships he has formed. The fraternity has shown him that there still are individuals in this world that share his sense of morality and gentlemanliness in all things. He hopes to remain friends with the brothers of Alpha Rho and come visit his "home-away-from-home" from time to time. Benji is still currently looking a job in the Biomedical Engineering field.

**Ross Wagner**

Former #2 and Pledge Educator, Ross will be going into clinical rotations for pharmacy after graduation. Later he hopes to find a job in either hospital pharmacy or the pharmaceutical industry. He believes that in five year Rho will be a place of scholarship, community involvement and just a great place to make lifetime friendships. He looks back fondly on the Alpha saying that it helped him develop the necessary skills to survive as a pharmacy major and will give him a significant advantage in the job market. His fondest memories include sitting on the porch all day learning about the men he lived with and horseshoes.

**Sherif Zaiton**

Sherif, a Criminal Justice major, will attend the Somerset County Police Academy following graduation. A former #4, he spent hours keeping the books organized and clean, which in turn allowed [him] to develop important leadership skills needed for his future. He is confident that "current younger members will turn into excellent leaders that will keep the Alpha moving in the right direction," and counts among his best times "spending time with my best friends but doing it for a greater purpose."

## RHO DART TOURNAMENT

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Alpho Rho's 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Dart Tournament was a major success with an outrageous turn out. 47 teams showed up making this tournament the second largest the alpha has ever seen. The night started out with some great throws and some great tunes provided by Bill Norris.

The most notable games in the first round include a 6-0 victory by Jim Domiano and Tony Durso over Matt Kaplan and Pat Burke and Rob Chichester and Jim Clune's 45-0 shut out over Mike Gnerre and Greg Lotorto. Unfortunately for the Domiano/Durso, their streak ended when Bob Frenson and Bill Penn shut them out 31-0 in the following round.

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> round, Marc Greenberger and Mike Letzter powered to a 62-44 win over the Jack Gavin and Jack Ley. However, it was not over for the Jacks after that unsettling loss. They moved to the Loser's Bracket, won their first game there, then faced off against Ezio Castellani and Dave Fasanella for their second game. The Jacks went on to win that game 54-45 in 10 innings.

In the Winner's Bracket, the top 4 seeds proved to be dominant by advancing to the semifinals. In the first game, top seeded Dave Selk and Pete Castillo (who traveled from Virginia and Colorado, respectively, to be here) had a close game with 4<sup>th</sup> seeded Brian Denike and Norberto Ramos, but ultimately ended up winning 57-38.

In the second game, 3<sup>rd</sup> seeded and 3-time defending champs John Grogan and Dave Shanosky blew out 2<sup>nd</sup> seeded Charlie Ruegger and Dave Hopkins 53-29.

So the WB final was set to be Grogan/Shanosky vs. Selk/Castillo. Grogan/Shanosky blanked in 5 of the first 6 innings which helped Selk/Castillo to an easy 41-32 victory over the 3-time champs. This victory ensured Selk and Castillo a spot in the finals later that night.

Over in the Loser's Bracket, Denike/Ramos knocked out Gavin/Ley 49-28, and Ruegger/Hopkins beat Rob Carney and Andy Little 63-35, leaving just 4 teams.

Ruegger/Hopkins defeated Denike/Ramos 65-40 setting up the LB final of Grogan/Shanosky vs. Ruegger/Hopkins. Grogan/Shanosky jumped out to a big early lead 31-17 after 3, helped by Grogan's individual 9 in the 3<sup>rd</sup>. But by the 5<sup>th</sup>, Ruegger/Hopkins had taken a 37-36 lead. Ruegger/Hopkins finished

with a 73/59 victory knocking out the 3-time defending champs.

So the finals were set. Top seeded Dave Selk and Pete Castillo vs. 2<sup>nd</sup> seeded Charlie Ruegger and Dave Hopkins. The teams start the finals with a clean slate – best 2 out of 3 to win the title. Charlie/Hoppy, throwing first, began with a 6-0 lead after 1, 14-10 after 2, and 23-18 lead after 3, and a commanding 40-18 lead after 4 ½ innings. Then Selk and Castillo scored 23 points in 2 innings, which by all means is a very impressive comeback. After 8 Selk/Castillo were up 53-50. However, In the top of the 9<sup>th</sup>, Charlie/Hoppy threw a 7 to take the win 57-53 when Selk/Castillo threw only a two in the bottom of the 9<sup>th</sup>.

In game 2, Selk/Castillo, throwing first, trailed 8-5 after 1. Then Selk/Castillo blanked in 3 straight innings, enabling Charlie/Hoppy to take a 24-5 lead after 4. The lead was trimmed to 24-13 after 5, but then Selk/Castillo blanked in the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, giving Charlie/Hoppy a 30-13 lead after 7. A 6 in the top of the 8<sup>th</sup> vs. a blank in the bottom narrowed the gap to 30-19 going to the 9<sup>th</sup>. But Selk/Castillo blanked in the 9<sup>th</sup> effectively ending the Tourney. Charlie Ruegger and Dave Hopkins won the second game 30-19.

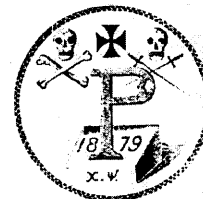
Congratulations to Charlie Ruegger and Dave Hopkins for winning their 3<sup>rd</sup> title and first since 2000.

Additional congratulations go out to Rob Carney, John Grogan, and Dave Selk, who each threw individual 9s in a single inning.

Some fun facts about the night include: The 5<sup>th</sup> seeded team finished 5<sup>th</sup>. The 4<sup>th</sup> seeded team finished 4<sup>th</sup>. The 3<sup>rd</sup> seeded team finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. And the top 2 seeds played in the finals. Congrats to whoever set these seeds. Also, Sam Tomarchio, who had quite the impressive night, set a record for longest number of years (15) between tournaments. But look for Sam's record to fall next year if he can convince his year 2 partner Kevin Hayes to make another appearance after 16 years. Also, The John Chacko/Sam Tomarchio team won 4 games on the night.

Many thanks to Mike Downey and Kevin Haynes who did a great job running this tourney.

With a near-full bracket, they kept the tourney running smoothly. Plus thanks to Marc Greenberger for getting the food and dues collection.



NEW INITIATES (SPRING 2008)

Mike Cavanagh	2010, SAS (Pre-Business)	Hillsborough, NJ
Dan Comito	2011, SAS	Midland Park, NJ
Michael Covin	2009, Rutgers (History)	Clifton, NJ
Michael Holenstein	2011, Engineering	Newton, NJ
Aaron Holtzman	2011, SAS (Pre-Business)	Linwood, NJ
Will Lawler	2009, SAS (undecided)	Hillsborough, NJ
Tomo Marinkovic	2010, Rutgers (Pre-Business)	Cliffside Park, NJ
Justin McCartney	2010, Rutgers	Browns Mills, NJ
Matt Mowers	2011, SAS	East Brunswick, NJ
Brian Rindenau	2010, Rutgers (Pre-Business)	Marlboro, NJ
Rory Shallis	2010, Rutgers	Browns Mills, NJ
Rick Zultner	2011, Engineering	Princeton, NJ

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