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Delta Sparkle Shines Brightly – Thanks To All Of You!

I'm going to open up and be honest here, dear *Alpha Beta Data* readers. As I sat to write this article I wasn't really sure what *exactly* I was going to write about. I thought to myself, I could write about all the new officers taking over their positions, but then I thought that might be dull. I considered writing about the sisters of our lovely new pledge class who have raised the Delta Sparkle to a whole new level, but that didn't seem quite right either; my words could never do them justice. So I sat, and I thought, contemplating what exactly made Tri-Delta so special to me so that I could share it all with you. Then it dawned on me, you, the readers, are what makes Tri-Delta so

wonderful and significant to me.

Alpha Beta and her sisters have become my home and my family here at Cornell. I think of what my life would be like here if I had not joined Tri-Delta, and I realize that I would be missing something huge. Though it may sound cliché, my sisters have given me shoulders to cry on, ears to whisper secrets into, arms to hug, clothes to borrow, and notes to help me study. We are lucky that these same girls that I have trusted to support me in my life are also the people taking office and seeing our vision come to life in the chapter. Our vision for Tri-Delta is a unified chapter of women who respect themselves and the greater

community as a whole. We have grown and matured as a chapter; we learn from the situations we encounter throughout life and share what we know. We have had the opportunity to reflect upon what it means to be a Tri-Delta sister and how we want to be perceived on campus. We have learned from our mistakes, and we are moving toward the future with hope and optimism. I am proud to be president of an incredible chapter; I want to thank you for making Tri-Delta a place that I will continue to call *our* home.

Marta Novoa '07
Chapter President



Tri-Delts at Chapter Toasting with that day's drinks from recruitment.

REUNION June 10 -12 2005

Meet us at the house
on Saturday, June 11,
from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
for OPEN HOUSE !



Recruitment 2005 Was Successful And Fun

Formal recruitment proved to be a huge success this year. Not only did recruitment end with Tri-Delta getting a great new pledge class but it also resulted in a more close-knit house. The long hours (sometimes very late into the night) spent together during the week united the sophomore, junior, and senior classes. It gave girls that live in the house a chance to spend time with girls that live elsewhere. I have made memories with the older girls that I can pass on to their littles and future sisters to remind them of the generations that have been here before.

As a sophomore, the most distinguishing feature of recruitment for me, and I might assume most of my pledge class, was the skit. The skit allowed us to present our personalities to the new girls, while helping us to get to know each other's ins and outs as a pledge class. Almost every member of the sopho-

more pledge class came up to school a week early to work on the skit and, in the end, came out with something everyone in the chapter and the

from sisters' past skits. This meant that we were able to make this year's skit our own while keeping ritual involved as well.

This year formal recruitment was a different experience for me because it was my first time going through it from the inside. The days were long and at times it was trying but it was also a very rewarding experience. Everyone put all their effort into the recruitment process and really cared about the girls that ended up in our house. Guided by the tireless efforts of Mary-Ellen Cravens and Rose Zefferino, recruitment could not have gone more smoothly. Our new pledge class is filled with bright, fun, diverse girls, and we are extremely proud of each and every one of them. As a house we push ourselves to be

the best and so we get the best!

Marisa Fershing '07



Our skit featured Erica Fisher '07 and Gabrielle Lehu '06.

sorority could be proud of. We put unique Tri-Delta words to new songs like *Free Ride* and *Tipsy* and respected our traditions by using a song

Get Psyched!

Enthusiasm pulsed through the air and ideas bounced off the walls as Alpha Beta's incoming officers were about to create a new passion for Tri-Delta. From the day of the New Officer Retreat to the present, a buzz of excitement has been flowing out of the 2004-'05 Officer Council and carrying itself to the rest of the chapter. "Get Psyched" was the phrase of choice for the meeting, and those words embedded themselves in the minds of the Tri-Delta women at Cornell University. Since the moment my fellow officers and I took office, we realized the ability and confidence we have for making this chapter the best that it can be. The Cornell University campus was about to witness the revived enthusiasm of Tri-Delta; we walked the halls of our academic buildings with pride, our t-shirts displaying "TRI DELTA" on the front and "GET PSYCHED" on the back.

Recruitment displayed our chapter's dedication, quest for improve-

ment, and anticipation for the bright new year. The freshman girls, invited into our house during recruitment week, spoke of the warmth, closeness and, especially, the energy they felt every time they entered the Tri-Delta doors from the bitter cold. Our newest pledge class exemplifies our "get psyched" enthusiasm. The new girls, along with the sisters of the chapter, showed their dedication and newfound spirit by ordering and wearing all the Tri-Delta apparel and accessories they could get their hands on. (The new tote bags are on the way!) The 2005 pledge class showed more Tri-Delta love by making and delivering Valentine's Day cards from our chapter to all the Greek chapters at Cornell. It is through endeavors such as making Valentines or actively wearing our letters on campus that we display the energy and excitement building in our chapter, and this is just the beginning of all the amazing things we have planned for this year. The morale

of the house is high and continuing to climb to greater heights; never underestimating the talent and spirit Tri-Delta women carry, we'll impress you every time.

Lauren Lohman '07

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Stay Connected With Our Alumnae, You Will Be One Soon!

Tri-Delta has been a life-changing experience for me and, I trust, for most of us. Tri-Delta means many things. It is a physical house, friendships, and a link to a community of people all over the world. I was sitting in a meeting the other day and the speaker said that the group of people sitting with me would always be connected through a bond of our common interest, unlike sororities and fraternities that end after college. I sat there annoyed and yet questioned that thought: as I will not lose the friends that are my best friends, why will I have to lose a bond brought together by my sisters that has been so great

these four years at Cornell?

As alumnae chair, I challenge Tri-Deltas to not have our sisterhood be a fleeting moment in our lives. Why live just through past memories of our challenges, adventures, and fun with our sisters, when we can have even more? If some of these women touched our lives in ways that made us genuinely smile from the heart, it could only make our lives better to re-associate ourselves with something positive like renewed friendships.

This semester, I am having all the new pledges write letters to the girls in their lineage who have recently graduated. I think it is significant to realize

how every year our house becomes a support system for another group of astounding girls. Acknowledging that capability is important. They will hopefully create a link between generations of Tri-Deltas.

Through this newsletter, the initiation of nationwide tea parties, memories, and pictures, please stay in contact with people that have impacted your life. Tri-Delta as a community has been the catalyst for many great things and we should individually carry it further through those traditions in our own personal lives.

Gabrielle Lehu '06

Tri-Delt Philanthropy Spins For Hope

There were 25 girls sweating and gritting their teeth, imagining that they were cycling up a mountain as music blasted and an instructor yelled out commands. Those girls were enduring a rigorous cycling class to raise money for the Ithaca Breast Cancer Alliance. Our first philanthropy of the semester was Spin for Hope, one of many events our girls look forward to as we enter each new year.

Whether our philanthropic activities are raising our endorphins through physical exercise or testing our creativity in other areas, we always show great enthusiasm in working so hard for a good cause. Spin for Hope allowed our new pledges (who were initiated in early March) to join our side in collecting an impressive amount of money and participating in a cause for which we can all be proud.

For the remainder of the school year our chapter plans on taking part in many other events around campus and the Ithaca community. One of the main goals we have is raising money and awareness for St. Jude's Children's Hospital, our national philanthropy. From March 7-10 we participated in Pi Kappa Phi's "Best Jug on Campus" contest. As defending champions, Tri-Delta was seeking to retain our title. For the contest we decorate two large water jugs for display on campus. The sorority that

collects the most money in each jar is given half of all donations collected to give to its national charity. Winning means more money donated to St. Jude's. Go Tri-Delta!

Tri-Delta is also planning a large philanthropy event, one that we hope will be very successful. We plan to organize a golf tournament, in cooperation with a campus fra-

ternity, for early next fall. Although it will be a lot of work for our chapter, this could be a great way to raise money for St. Jude's, as well as to promote their name around the community. We look forward to seeing what the upcoming year has to offer!

Sara Bankert '07



Tri-Delts smile at an alumnae Tea Party held at one of the sister's apartments in NYC.



ALUMNAE WRITE

DORIS (Fenton) KLOCKNER '43 and her husband, Joseph, are keeping the Tri-Delta spirit alive, having recently enjoyed dinner with SUZANNAH (Krehbiel) HORGER '43 in Florida, where Suzannah lives year round and the Klockners spend six months of each year. By now they're probably back in Connecticut: 35-14 Castheview Dr., Chester, CT 06412.

Make note of a new address for MARY (Klauder) TABET '43: 2260 Wintercreek Way, SE, Salem, OR 97306.

We send condolences to JEANNE (Powell) O'DONNELL '47 on the death of her husband, Jack, last August. "I met him at Cornell. He was sent there in Navy-V12 from Princeton." She continues, "As a result of macular degeneration, I am now legally blind. Thanks to my CCTV, I can still read and write. It's frustrating not to be able to drive, but thanks to good friends, I am still able to get out and attend DDD alumnae meetings, play bridge, etc." Write Jeanne at 4976 Clubhouse Circle, Boulder, CO 80301; jeannepod@msn.com.

Here's the latest from SALLY (Williamson) WILLIAMS '51: "I'm in my second year as president of the Greenbelt Conservancy, working in partnership with the NYC Parks Department to support and maintain 2,800 acres of forests and park areas in the center of Staten Island. I have been involved with the acquisition and protection of this area for over 40 years, so this is a labor of love." Sally also serves on the board of the College of Staten Island Foundation, an institution founded by her and ARLIE (Williamson) ANDERSON's ('47) father in 1956. "Yet another labor of love. What could be better?" (133 Slosson Ave., Staten Island, NY 10314)

"Enjoyed being at the house and meeting some of the actives when we were at Cornell for Reunion last June," writes ETHELYN (Murray) ALLISON '54. Lyn makes her home at 12941 Conto de las Olas, Del Mar, CA 92014.

When she wrote in January, ELIZABETH (Milliken) KLIM '55 was looking forward to her 50th reunion in June. A self-employed artist, Libby is enjoying the proximity of her new art studio, a 10-minute walk from home. (25 Antasawamock Rd., Mattapoisett, MA 02739; bklim@comcast.net)

Reporting a new address is ELLEN (Kniffin) BERTONE '67: 337 Waterman Rd., E. Dummerston, VT 05346. Reach Ellen by e-mail at ekbertone@aol.com.

"I've been living in Los Alamos for over 30 years," writes CAROLYN A. MANGENG '70, "and I've been working at Los Alamos National Laboratory for 28 years. Love the Southwest." Her husband has retired from the lab and now has an anti-counterfeiting business. Their two sons are both in college. "I've gotten out of touch with Alpha Beta and enjoy *Alpha Beta Data* immensely!" she adds. Drop Carolyn a note at 365 Brinston Place, Los Alamos, NM 87544.

CHRISTINE DAVIS CHASE '73 writes, "I managed to pass go and collect my twice-in-a-lifetime pay raise and full professor title last year." Husband Josh continues as a tax manager with a CPA firm and is a part-time tree farmer. In the past couple of years, they've enjoyed visits with SHERRY HAMILL-HUFF '73 and ALICE PAYTON '74. Contact Christine at 3703 SW 82nd St., Gainesville, FL 32608, or jchase20@cox.net.

"I just switched jobs in January and cut my commute from an hour to 15 minutes," announces TERRY (Schuster) PETRACCA '76. Terry is now vice president of compensation and benefits for Experian. "We're trying to get daughter Gina, a junior, to look at Cornell, but it's tough to get Californians to leave the state! Son Joey just got his black belt in tae kwon do." Contact Terry at 1947 Sierra Raton Rd., Irvine, CA 92603, or petracca@sbcglobal.net.

"Thanks for sending the newsletter—I enjoy it!" writes ELIZABETH (Higgs) NEWTON '80, who's working full time as a software consultant in health care.

"Daughter Sasha (7) is fun and funny. We're been remodeling our house for the past few years and are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel." Elizabeth lives at 954 Reliez Station Rd., Lafayette, CA 94549.

JULIE B. O'HARA '83 reports a new address: 567 Glen Eagles Court, Inverness, IL 60067.

FELICIA A. ZEKAUSKAS '84 has moved to 588 Summit Ave., Hackensack, NJ 07601. She is still writing and illustrating books with her husband, Peter Maloney, but now has two children, Christian (5) and Ian (8 months). Send e-mail to zincdesign@aol.com.

Congrats to LEORA (Rosen) GREENE '87 on the birth of her third son, Adam, in February. "His big brothers, Aaron (5) and Michael (3), are very excited and love being the big brothers. I am hoping to stay home from work through the summer to enjoy time with the boys." (10413 Hebard St., Kensington, MD 20895; leoragreene@verizon.net)

Reports HOPE MEHLMAN '87: "We love Birmingham, Alabama, and have decided to stay. In 2004, I was elected to the partnership at my law firm, Adams and Reese, LLP. My practice primarily concentrates on financial institutions law—banking, business, and intellectual property law." Reach her at 3014 Weatherton Circle, Birmingham, AL 35223; hope.mehlman@arlaw.com.

We received the following update from ALISON R. MINTON '88: "LESLIE FEIFER '89 and I attended an Alpha Beta tea on January 9. We enjoyed meeting other Cornell Alpha Betas, including one undergrad, who live in the NYC area. This was the first official "Alpha Beta only" tea (that we know of) in NYC, and we all decided to try to make it an annual event." Alison's living at 333 E. 56th St., #11B, New York, NY 10022. E-mail reaches her at arm33@cornell.edu.

Now a practicing surgeon at Mt. Kisco Hospital, MARIA R. BLASIAK
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PENCE '88 has a new address: 12 Twin Lakes Dr., Bedford, NY 10506; (e-mail to mariapence@yahoo.com).

EILEEN R. McPEAKE '90 writes: "It's over! We've moved to the suburbs. After some 15 years living in some city, somewhere, my husband, Julio Dolorico, and I bought a house." They're now busy doing some remodeling—"plus running around after our two-year-old, Caitlin." Their new address is 15 Aspinwall Court, Orinda, CA 94563. Send e-mail to emcpeake@comcast.net.

"I'm home with my three sons," reports LAURA B. (Hubbert) DICARLO '91. "We love visitors, so feel free! Spring and fall are beautiful in Mississippi, but avoid summer unless you love heat and humidity!" (Send mail to 7 DR 140, Oxford, MS 38655; e-mail to lhdicarlo@yahoo.com.)

Having made the move from Philadelphia a couple years ago, JENNIFER (Saylor) HAMLET '94 and her husband are enjoying life in San Diego (8247 Santaluz Village Green N., San Diego, CA 92127). Jen graduated from vet school at UPenn in 2000 and has been practicing small animal medicine for the past five years. You can keep in touch with Jennifer via e-mail at drjenhamlet@yahoo.com.

LISA A. KESWICK '94 has a new address: 34 Sargent Ave., #2, Providence, RI 02906; send e-mail to lkeswick@hotmail.com.

VLADA GLORIA FURMANOVA '95 has moved to 7960-K Leighlinbridge Way, Dublin, OH 43016; send e-mail to vlada_gloria@yahoo.com.

"The last few years have flown by," writes STEPHANIE (Campbell) KOSIER '95. After getting married in July 2001, she and her husband had a house built and moved in in January 2003. In May 2004, they welcomed a baby girl, Mattingly Ruth. "She's been the love of my life ever since. However, in October 2004, we found out that Matti needed open heart surgery, which

she underwent in November. She came through with flying colors, and we've been told her heart function has improved. We're keeping our fingers crossed!" Check in with Stephanie via e-mail at mittens21@msn.com or "snail" at 4414 Skyline Dr., Schenectady, NY 12306.

KRISTIN M. WALKER '95 is now working as manager of financial analysis and management for Classic Residence by Hyatt in Chicago. The privately held company owns and operates upscale retirement communities throughout the U.S. Kristin lives at 706 W. Barry Ave., #2B, Chicago, IL 60657.

As the VP membership of the Los Angeles Westside Alumnae Group, ANDREA K. FOSTER '96 is once again involved in Tri-Delta recruitment. Other Alpha Beta alumnae in the L.A. group include MARJORIE (Dehey) DALEO '93, NANCY (Gellatly) LEICHTER '93, and KERRY EDELSTEIN '97. An associate with PKF Consulting in Los Angeles, Andrea makes her home at 13543 Moorpark St., #8, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423. You can keep in touch by e-mail at fashinn@hotmail.com.

EDITH S. MARSHALL '96 is now working with UC Davis's Center for Animal Disease Modeling and Surveillance. Edie can be reached at her new home address: 3000 Lillard Dr., #286, Davis, CA 95616, or send e-mail to jetsetvet@hotmail.com.

MELAINA (Heimendinger) RABURN '97 reports that she and her family moved to Columbus, Ohio, last fall. "We're all about family life in the 'burbs and having a great time with our 18-month-old daughter, Hayden." She writes that she'd love to hear from friends; contact her at 7649 Wayside Ave., Delaware, OH 43015 or send e-mail to mhraburn@gmail.com.

Clinical psychologist ALANNA (Gelbwasser) UPDEGRAFF '97 works with children and families as part of a group private practice and at Akron Children's Hospital. She and her husband have moved from California to

4797 Waterford Circle, Stow, OH 44224. You can send Alanna e-mail at agelbw@yaho.com.

Congratulations to AMY E. PETERSON '98, who (if all went according to plan) should by now be a newlywed. She and James DeMent got engaged last year and were planning a March 2005 wedding in Boston. "We moved to San Francisco in October and have been loving the mild winter weather. We both continue to work at Akamai Technologies, though I'll be leaving in March and looking for a new job." Find out more by writing her at 4134 25th St., San Francisco, CA 94114, or send e-mail to aep3@cornell.edu.

Another alumna with a new address is GABRIELLA SFILIGOI '98: 1019 Arthur St., Davis, CA 95616. She's working at the UC Davis Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital. Send e-mail to gabbydvm@yahoo.com.

MIRIAM D. POST '99 recently moved to Boston to start her residency in anatomic pathology at Mass General Hospital. She enjoyed a visit from JULIE WELLS '98 early this year "to enjoy the (brief) good weather." Reach Miriam at 280 Newbury St., #2, Boston, MA 02116; miriamdpost@yahoo.com.

"I've joined the Manhattan Tri-Delta crew," announces ELIZABETH A. CIESLUK '00. She's working for a wine and spirits distributor, selling wine to NYC restaurants and hotels. "Let me know if you're in town and want to catch up for a drink!" (442 Third Ave., #15, New York, NY 10016; eciesluk@yahoo.com)

Having graduated from Boston College Law School in May 2004, MARIA ISABEL S. GUERRERO '00 moved to New York City and is working as a U.S. District Court law clerk. Her new address is 338 E. 83rd St., Apt. 4C, New York, NY 10028. If you're sending e-mail, write to msg15@cornell.edu.

A registered dietitian, AMANDA C. CLARK '01 is now living at 1243 Pine
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St., #12, San Francisco, CA 94109; send e-mail to riss128@hotmail.com.

“After two NFL Texans seasons, two 21-day Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo events, and one Super Bowl, I checked out of the hospitality world of Aramark,” announces KELLY LEAH MACDOUGAL '02. She's now the marketing director for the Hanover Co., a residential real estate firm. Leah keeps busy with bike race training, tennis, and basketball. “If you're in Houston, please get in touch—there are loads of alums here!” (1901 Post Oak Blvd., #1109, Houston, TX 7705; klm21@cornell.edu)

ELIZABETH L. “BETSY” OLNEY '02 is teaching U.S. history and coaching basketball and tennis at the Hyde School in Bath, Maine. Keep in touch with her at 616 High St., Bath, ME 04530, or bolney22@hotmail.com.

Now in her second year of law school at Fordham Law, JACQUELINE M. DORN '03 is planning to work in labor and employment law after graduating. Write her at 145 Tanton Hill Rd., Ridgefield, CT 06877.

A corporate executive board analyst, CAROLYN R. SIEFFERT '04 has a new address: 900 N. Stuart St., #1206, Arlington, VA 22203. Send e-mail to carolyn.sieffert@gmail.com.

“Life is not as exciting without 100 sisters nearby and planned social events throughout the week,” writes JENNIFER L. VANETT '04, a medical trial administrator for Shire Development, Inc., a pharmaceutical company. “I do a bit of traveling for my job, so I would love the chance to see other Tri-Deltas. I didn't realize how much I appreciated the sorority until after I graduated. I hope everyone is doing well, and I miss you all!” Reach her at home at 803

Dresher Way, Wayne, PA 19087; jlvannett@aol.com.

DECEASED

We regret to report the death of the following alumnae:

RUTH (Hill) LANE '36
in December 2004

DORIS (Whitehill) GUELICH '39

MARY CLARE (Pfeiffer)
VANDERPLOEG '45
on July 4, 2003

ELIZABETH (Warner) DAVIDSEN '55

MOLLIE E. TURNER '57
on July 27, 2004



Tri-Delt sisters proudly display their gingerbread houses. Front Row, l. to r., Monica Ganley '07, Sara Gerstein '06, Megan Malone '06, Miggy Mason '06, Nikki Jaffe '06, and Megan Lembo '06. Second Row, Dana Cohen '07, Leah Wilson '07, Lauren Lohman '07, Gabrielle Lehu '06, Michelle Diamond '07, and Sara Bankert '07. Last Row: Genna Horvath '07, Mary Ellen Cravens '05, and Bronwen Childs '07.