

YOU ARE CORDIALLY  
INVITED TO ATTEND

## Phi Delta Theta Parents Association Spring Meeting

Super Bulldog Weekend  
Saturday, April 17, 2010 • 10:30 a.m.

Phi Delta Theta Fraternity House • Mississippi State University

Cotton District Arts Festival *Activities throughout the day*

Baseball *MSU vs. Tennessee, 1 p.m.*

Maroon/White Spring Football Game *5 p.m.*

# The Phi Delta Blues News

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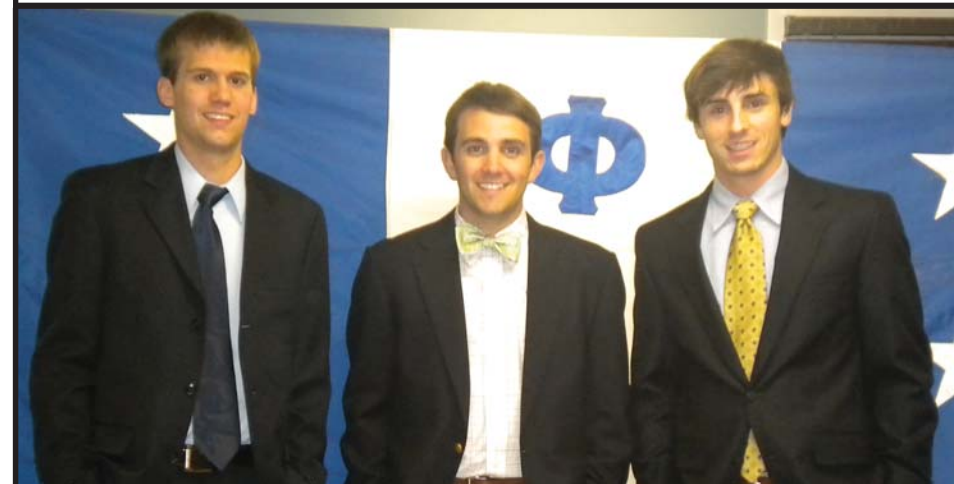
## Chapter Initiates 20 Fall Semester Pledges

Congratulations to Phi Delt's 20 new initiates. The following members of the 2009 fall pledge class were initiated on Thursday, January 14, 2010:

Murray Poole .....Germantown, Tenn.  
Joseph Cirilli .....Ridgeland, Miss.  
Chandler Carr .....Collierville, Tenn.  
Davis House ..... Jackson, Miss.

Max Schlesinger .....Collierville, Tenn.  
Will Ford .....Columbus, Miss.  
Nathan Pritchard .....Ridgeland, Miss.  
Wade Hummer .....Huntsville, Ala.  
Josh James .....Collierville, Tenn.  
Dave Spencer .....Collierville, Tenn.  
Hollis Smith .....Tupelo, Miss.  
Josh Stover .....Madison, Miss.

Nick Stuart ..... Jackson, Tenn.  
Jake Lewis .....Madison, Miss.  
Matt Nowell .....Madison, Miss.  
Colin Olsen .....Hampton Cove, Ala.  
Kurt Schneider .....Madison, Miss.  
Matt Corr .....Bay Saint Louis, Miss.  
Wallace Harvey .....Fairhope, Ala.  
Dylan Alldredge .....Gulfport, Miss.



## Three Spring Pledges Join Chapter

Joining Phi Delt as pledges this Spring are, from left, Andrew Simmons of Kennesaw, Ga., Casey Kreutziger of Cumming, Ga., and Michael Adams of Acworth, Ga. Welcome to these young men and their parents.

## Attention to Academics Pays Off Again

Hard work in the classroom generated impressive results for Phi Delta Theta last Fall with members finishing first in grades among 18 fraternities at Mississippi State.

The Mississippi Beta chapter, which regularly ranks in the top three in each academic category among fraternities and all large chapters, received first place in overall member GPA as well as first place in both active and pledge ranks.

Phi Delt's overall grade point average was 3.118. The active rank was 3.137, and the pledge rank was 3.035. These numbers eclipse the "All Men's Average" of 2.78, the "All Fraternity Average" of 2.872, the "University Average" of 2.87, and the "All Greek Average" of 3.05.

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THE PHI DELTA  
THETA FRATERNITY

# FROM THE PREZ

By Bob Brinton, Parents Association President

The Phi Deltas have had another successful year with many of the boys' active involvement in various clubs, sports, and activities on and off campus. Much of these young men's education will come from these activities during their short stay at MSU. As for the relationships established during their few years in the fraternity, they will become life long. Wherever they go, they will know they always have a friend in another Phi Delt.

If you have not recently visited the chapter's Web site, take time to see what the boys have been up to at [www.msuphi.com](http://www.msuphi.com). While visiting the site, if you have not already signed up to be a member of the Parents' Association, please do so.

You will be pleased to know that your Parents' Association is making quite a difference this year. From preparing the super shish-ka-bob meal during Fall Rush to funding equipment and sofas for an impressive theatre room, we are helping make improvements while assisting the boys in making the fraternity a little more appealing. A special thank you goes to Mom's Club co-chair, Pam Cirilli, who made a special trip to the Phi Delt house in November just to put up a beautiful Christmas tree for our boys to enjoy and another trip to take it down. The big project this Spring has been to purchase 75 metal chairs to replace broken and missing chairs so there are enough for the boys to all sit down for meals at the same time.

I hope that you will join us for our Spring meeting on April 17th, starting at 10:30 a.m. at the Phi Delt house. In addition to meeting new friends and reviving friendships with other parents, we will be voting on a slate of new officers to continue the Parents' Association's active involvement in the fraternity. It has been a pleasure to serve this past year as president, an opportunity that has allowed me to become more active in the inner-workings of the fraternity.

During our Spring meeting, replacements are needed for several Parents' Association officer positions. Vice president Steve Beussink will move up to replace me as president, Pam Cirilli will replace Susan Ingram as Mom's Club Chair, and secretary Checky Herrington will be rolling off. This will leave the positions of vice president, mom's club vice chair, and secretary open

and in need of filling. In a quick overview, the vice president is responsible for the printing and distribution to association members and ascends to president at end of president's tenure. The alumni board representative compiles all of the information and assists with the production and printing. The secretary is responsible for producing the association's newsletter each semester and for taking minutes at our meetings. The Mom's Club vice-chair assists the chair with activities and ascends to chair at the end of the chair's tenure. More information is located on the fraternity Web site.

Please step up and volunteer for one of these roles so we can keep the association strong. Call or e-mail me to volunteer your candidacy in either position. You may reach me at [uncwrestler75@yahoo.com](mailto:uncwrestler75@yahoo.com) or 662.566.5210.

During our April 17 meeting, we will also discuss the finances of the association as well as projects to be considered. Super Bulldog Weekend is chosen for our Spring meeting to allow parents the opportunity to fully participate in the MSU experience. A BBQ lunch provided by the fraternity will follow the association's meeting. MSU's Diamond Dogs host Tennessee at 1 p.m. followed by the annual Maroon & White game at 5 p.m. when Coach Dan Mullen will look to surpass the 2009 record-setting crowd at Davis Wade Stadium. The Cotton District Festival also will be in full swing in Starkville.

Hope to see everyone at the Spring meeting.

## DUES CLUES

Spring semester dues in the amount of \$50 are due. If you're not sure whether or not you paid for both semesters in the fall, please check with treasurer George Norfleet at [gfleet2@yahoo.com](mailto:gfleet2@yahoo.com). You may bring your payment to the April 17 meeting or mail them directly to George.

Please make checks payable to:  
Phi Delta Theta Parents' Association,  
c/o George Norfleet,  
5430 Red Fox Road, Jackson MS 39211

## 35 Phi Deltas Volunteer For Coast Habitat

Thirty-five members of MSU's Phi Delta Theta Fraternity spent part of their Christmas break providing volunteer labor for Habitat for Humanity in Bay St. Louis, Miss.

The annual service project, which began four years ago after Hurricane Katrina devastated the Mississippi Gulf Coast, includes soon-to-be initiates and several actives. Since 2007, more than 160 members have signed on to help the local Habitat organization operating in Hancock County.



"It's a big deal to us, being able to work with Habitat for Humanity," said Jonathan Barden, Phi Delt's public relations chairman. "We have members in our chapter from Gulfport, Bay St. Louis, and Ocean

Springs, all of which were areas hit hard by Hurricane Katrina, so it means a lot to us to be able to go back and help with the rebuilding efforts. It has been a very humbling experience for everyone involved, and we're very hopeful other organizations will continue to help out as well."

## Phi Deltas Say Parents Contribute in Special Ways

*Editor's note: In our last issue, we asked a few of our members for their fondest memories as Phi Delt parents. For this issue, we thought it would be fun to feature a few of our sons and their responses to the question — In what special ways have parents — yours or someone else's — contributed to your Phi Delt experience?*



"About the time I got to Mississippi State, my mom's mom and my dad's dad became ill, so my folks haven't been able to come up much. But other parents, like Brad Butler's, have included me in their family activities. I really appreciate that." Nick Smith (Enterprise, Miss.)



"My parents took advantage of our pledge class being on the Coast for the Habitat project by inviting the whole group over for fried fish and boiled shrimp — a special night for all of us, my folks included." Matt Corr (Bay St. Louis, Miss.)



"Both of my parents were Greeks in college so they encouraged my brother and me to do the same. They helped me realize that the relationships I'm making now will last way beyond four years of college." Paul Dotherow (Brandon, Miss.)



"My parents have encouraged me in many ways throughout my college career, and they've been here for rush, ball games and other activities. When they couldn't be here, I had another 40 or so parents to cheer me on. That's a great feeling." Worth Eubanks (Bells, Tenn.)



"As a co-op student in Huntsville, I was really welcomed by the Harbargers. They took me to church, fed me well and gave me a warm bed until my apartment was ready. It was a great experience even if it meant watching Dancing with the Stars." Daniel Herrington (Brandon, Miss.)



"Having my parents and others here helping out with activities means a lot to me. Rushes see something here that doesn't exist at other houses. They immediately know that parents care and that they are some good folks." Taylor Grantham (Madison, Miss.)



"My parents live in Virginia now, so I only see them about twice a year. My friend Jimmy Stringer's parents have all but adopted me. I spent Thanksgiving with them once and a whole week there last Christmas. They're like family." Tyler Flowers (Hillsville, Va.)



"I am always bringing Phi Deltas home with me. Whenever I introduce someone as my brother, it never fails — my parents are quick to welcome them and treat them as one of their own." Adams Woods (Brandon, Miss.)



"Bob Brinton, my Scout master from Tupelo, was one of the ones cooking shish-ka-bobs on Pref night during rush. I felt at home right away and he continues to check on me every time we're together. That's kind of cool." Nathan Nunnelee (Tupelo)

## Alumni Groups Support Chapter in Big Ways

Though many college students go their separate ways after college, Greek organizations usually form tighter bonds. Members of two Phi Delt alumni groups are going the extra mile to keep Phi Delt on top at MSU.

The Alumni Advisory Board provides guidance with regard to chapter management, events, alumni relations, rush and other functions. The seven-member board consists of chapter alums from different age groups and is chaired by John Genin, a 2001 graduate.

Meanwhile, the Mississippi Beta Housing Corporation manages the physical structure of the chapter house as well as the chapter's three employees (housemother, cook and custodian). The House Corp is made up of eight alums in addition to the chapter's president and house manager. The organization is chaired by Dan Whatley, a 2005 graduate.

Both groups meet on campus once each semester and maintain regular communication through email and scheduled conference calls.

"Phi Delt meant so much to us while we were students at MSU that it's a real privilege to pass along some of the things we've learned along the way," says John Genin, Alumni Advisory Board president. "We are very proud of the success and direction of the chapter and look forward to working even closer with members and their parents in the days ahead."

## Phi Delta Theta Elects 2010 Executive Officers

Congratulations to the following chapter members who have been elected and installed to executive positions.



PRESIDENT <b>Chad Dugard</b> son of Doug & Nancy Dugard of Germantown, Tenn.	VICE PRESIDENT <b>Brad Butler</b> son of Bill & Ada Butler of Memphis, Tenn.	SECRETARY <b>Gray McClatchy</b> son of Pat & Beverly McClatchy of Germantown, Tenn.	TREASURER <b>Daniel Ellis</b> son of Bobby & Debbie Ellis of Germantown, Tenn.	RUSH CHAIRMAN <b>Joe Beussink</b> son of Steven & Paula Beussink of Germantown, Tenn.
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RUSH CHAIRMAN <b>Patrick Miller</b> son of Gregory & Margaret Miller of Ocean Springs, Miss.	SOCIAL CHAIRMAN <b>Adam Woods</b> son of Jerry & Cindy Woods of Brandon, Miss.	PLEDGE MASTER <b>Holt Trenor</b> son of Tommy & Carol Ann Trenor of Germantown, Tenn.	HOUSE MANAGER <b>Cody Smith</b> son of Richard & Alma Smith of Greenville, Miss.
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