



# The Knight Errant

## Delta Chi

Spring 2003  
Clemson University



### Housing Corporation Making Progress

Last year at the Alumni Banquet, we set out on a mission to get the chapter a house. We set many goals, some of which we are behind on, and some of which we are way ahead. I would like to say that we have not made as much progress as I had hoped, but we are definitely on the right track. There are many alumni in Charlotte and around the country that are helping us reach the goal of owning our own chapter house. After many years of talk and high hopes, the Clemson chapter of Delta Chi finally has a housing corporation. Last fall, Mark Taylor filed the



papers officially incorporating the Delta Chi Housing Corporation. This allows us to aggressively seek a new home as soon as possible.

This is very important, since beginning in the Fall, the university is placing all fraternities off campus while they renovate the fraternity quad. There has been a lot

of activity in the last several weeks regarding the search for a chapter house. Rick Bender, my father, has agreed to donate a house to the chapter, which will be the fraternity house for many years to come. This house is located on a large piece of land between Clemson and Central. With this acquisition, we will be able to put all of our funds toward renovations and upgrades. The house does need a lot of work, but this can be done relatively inexpensively and quickly.

At the present time, the housing corporation is working on getting a non-profit status with the IRS.

**Alpha Gamma Class:**

#### Inside this issue:

<i>Honor Roll</i>	2
<i>Matthew Cox Continued</i>	2
<i>Housing Corporation Continued</i>	2
<i>State of the Chapter</i>	3
<i>Chapter Officers</i>	3
<i>Homecoming Date</i>	3

### Matthew Cox Remembered

Matthew Alan Cox was a very good friend. He was born in Kentucky on April 5, 1973 and moved around with his military family before settling in Greenville, SC, where he went to high school. He graduated Saint Mary's Catholic School in Greenville in 1993 and began studying at Clemson that fall. He went through fraternity rush in the spring of 1993 as a second semester sophomore.

Matt completed his pledge semester and was initiated into the bond in August 1993. He moved onto the fraternity hall where he lived for two years. He served as "F" (Sergeant-at-Arms) during his first year as a brother. He eventually moved off-

campus to 200 Kelly Road and graduated in December 1995.

Matt moved to Atlanta after a solo car trip across the country and a 2-week trip to Europe, and began a career in sales at Aero-tek. He changed jobs a number of times before deciding that the corporate world was not for him. He quit his job and moved to Denver, CO, in July 2001 to pursue a career as a writer.

He lived off of his savings and retirement income in Denver while writing short stories and working on various longer projects. **Continued on page 2.**

#### Announcements

If you have an announcement please e-mail Eric Zimmerman at zeric@clemson.edu.

Chad Malkus, Delta Class married to Steffanie Leiker in May and expecting a child in June

Patrick Summerour, Nu Class, Married to Dana Rutherford on June 33, 2002

Congrats to Stefan Roosa and his wife Anna Catherine for the birth of a new baby boy Kyle

## Alumni, Friends and Family Honor Roll:

A special thanks goes out to those who have donated time, money and service. As we break ground for a chapter house and the relationship between undergrads, alumni, friends and family increases, we would like to recognize the following for going above and beyond the call of duty:

**Rick Bender, Alumni Initiate**

**John H. Jamieson, Founding Father**

On January 11, 2003 Delta Chi at Clemson initiated its newest members into "The Brotherhood of a Lifetime." Congratulations to: Scott Chambers, Rochester NY, PGM. Brian Clark, Worcester MA, PGM. Drew Clark, Columbus OH, Philosophy. Nick Coonce, Arlington VA, ME. Bryan Dubay, Charleston SC, Undeclared. Chris Gardner, Perrysburg OH, PGM. Brendan Hanrahan,

Lilburn GA, Engineering. Anthony Mascolo, Staten Island NY, Business. Alex Minkoff, Haddenfield NJ, Trade. David Postlewaite, Burke VA, Computer I.S. Eric Remster, Fort Wayne IN, Chemistry. Danny Smith, Lawrenceville GA, Acct. Aaron Webb, Herndon VA, Sanscript.



Following the recommen-

### Cox continued

dation of a literary agent, he left Denver to live alone on the coast of South Carolina in the spring of 2002 until the time of his death. He was preparing to ask his girlfriend, Amy, to marry him. He was working as a substitute teacher and tending bar at a country club. On the night of December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002, Matt lost control of his motorcycle and struck a utility pole, killing him instantly.

Matt once told me that you could never have too many friends. The fact that he truly believed this could be felt at his funeral, where people from all corners of his life were moved to sadness. He was easy to talk to and his friendly, likable manner made you comfortable to be around him. Matt was passionate about music. He listened to all

genres and played multiple instruments. He was at his happiest watching live music, and many of us have deep memories of times shared in this way with Matt.

Matt and I spent a lot of time together and I feel that I got to know him well. Over the last few months since his sudden death, I have talked to many people about Matt. I've had the chance to reminisce with old friends about good times we shared with him, and I've attempted to explain to those who didn't know Matt why it was so great to be his friend. If there is anything that can make this loss easier, I've learned that it is the opportunity to talk about someone you cared about with others, whether they knew him or not.



### Chapter Website

Matt Bergstein has been working extremely hard to put together an undergrad chapter website which can be viewed at: [www.clemson.edu/~deltax](http://www.clemson.edu/~deltax) This website will be constantly updated with pictures, news, philanthropy information, rush information

and many other aspects of the chapter. Feel free to view the website and give feedback to Matt at: [Mbergst@clemson.edu](mailto:Mbergst@clemson.edu) Don't forget to use the alumni website as well. [www.deltachiclemson.com](http://www.deltachiclemson.com)

### Housing Corp. Ctd.

This allows alumni to donate money and receive a tax break. We are also working on by-laws, housing renovations, and account management. I would like to thank Mark Taylor, Brian Tripp, Sean Paone, Bill Barnes, Jacob Higginbotham, and Stewart Smallwood for all their help in this process. Like

their help in this process. Like I stated before, we are at the beginning of the process, but a lot of progress has already been made. Please feel free to contact Stewart or myself if you have any questions or would like to help.

In the Bond,  
Eric Bender

## State of the Chapter - Stewart Smallwood

It has never been a better time to be a brother of the Clemson Chapter of the Delta Chi Fraternity. From the excellent participation of many Alumni to the fraternal education of the Alpha Delta Associate Member Class, the fraternity seems to be growing in every aspect of fraternal life. Currently the opportunities for change have been excellent. A few incidents occurred during this past initiation week that have forced the chapter to look at its' operations in a finer scope. The chapter has been working diligently to find ways to change its everyday operations to make them more efficient and more valuable to the "Lifetime" commitment of what is Delta Chi.

The first step in this process of change is the altering of the bylaws to fit the times. New bylaws are created each year to help with the structure of the chapter. Unfortunately, so many laws have been written without the realization that they are contradicted or already stated in other portions of the bylaws, the very organization of the bylaws has declined. To respond to this deterioration, a motivated bylaws committee has been set up and has been working for a few weeks on rearranging the bylaws to where they are clarified.

The second aspect of change in the fraternity is the housing situation. As many already know, May 13<sup>th</sup> will be the last day any brothers will step into the halls of the Clemson Chapter. The hall will be renovated over the next two to three years. The \$23 million project is expected to give the fraternities a plethora of new capabilities to run efficient chapters. This includes a kitchen, study room, lounge,

leadership suite and bigger rooms for brothers. While the renovation takes place, our chapter has the opportunity to focus on the Housing Corporation, which is still under a year old. Alumni Initiate, Rick Bender, has given a house for chapter use that may serve as the chapter house pending on plans that are still in the works by the Housing Corporation.

The third aspect of change is creating financial stability. In this past year along with Enron and WorldCom, the Clemson Chapter of the Delta Chi Fraternity has been experiencing its share of accounting problems as well. The new "D," **Erik Johnson**, has done an excellent job with what he has been given (which was \$80 cash, and \$6686 in liabilities from period before his term). He has been finding ways to use this money as efficient as possible. This has also sparked many great ideas of how we can change the way we raise funds and dues for the future.

There are many great things going on in the chapter. The intramural soccer team made it to the semifinals. The chapter philanthropy this semester is a soccer tournament that is being developed for all Greek organizations by our chair, **Matt Bergstein**. The chapter is also currently in the process of finding a new faculty advisor. There are many ways to get involved with chapter operations right now, and there is no better time with all that we have going on. If any brothers would like to get involved, please write my email address, smallws@clemson.edu or to the "E," **Eric Zimmerman** at zeric@clemson.edu.

### Chapter Officers

#### "A"

Stewart Smallwood  
Psi Class  
Amherst, NH  
Financial Management  
smallws@clemson.edu

#### "B"

Steve Dickson, AA Class  
Flanders, NJ  
Business  
sdickso@clemson.edu

#### "C"

Scott Day, Psi Class  
Reston, VA  
Sociology  
days@clemson.edu

#### "D"

Erik Johnson, AA Class  
Vienna, VA  
Business  
erikj@clemson.edu

#### "E"

Eric Zimmerman Psi Class  
Hanover, PA  
Financial Management  
zeric@clemson.edu

#### "F"

Josh Vetter, AA Class  
Levittown, PA  
Secondary Ed.  
chadv@clemson.edu



"The more a chapter is run like a business, the more it feels like a fraternity"

- Ray Glabreth

**The Homecoming game will be played on October 11, 2003, versus Virginia. Details on the game will be coming early this summer.**

Official Newsletter for the Brothers,  
Friends and Family of the Clemson Chapter  
of the Delta Chi Fraternity

“ The Brotherhood of a Lifetime ”

# The Knight Errant

---

The Knight Errant  
Delta Chi Fraternity  
Drawer D University Station  
Clemson, SC 29632